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2. Where they stand on our issues.
3. Who you feel we need to back
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I feel that who we elect for the upcoming years can make a difference, not only for our motorcycling community, but for Missourians in general. GET INVOLVED.

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Legislative News...

Preparations for the 2008 legislative session are well on their way. We have a new Government Relations Specialist: Steven R. Carroll a member of local 9.

Steve was elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 and served until 1994. At that time he started Steven R Carroll's Associates; a Government Relations, Legislative Consulate and Law Firm. Steve has brought some fresh ideals and a little different slant on how to get our bills through the legislative process.

To contact Steve call 1-573-761-5952 at his office in Jefferson City.

Representative Dusenberg has pre-filed our helmet modification bill, the number is HB1393.

Senator Ridgeway has been traveling and being with her family lately. So, we have only been able to talk with her top aid.

At this time we are not sure where we stand.

Comparative fault is in the works to find sponsors and many of them have been on holiday. Hopefully this next week will bring many changes.

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Local Born On Dates

Listed below are the dates that I have for the Locals 'Born On' dates. These are the dates that the Locals were sanctioned and became active.

(If there is an incorrect date listed, please let me know!)

Thanks, Rebel

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Local 02 - Blue Springs / May 1982
Local 03 - Clinton County / Mar. 1999
Local 05 - S. KC / June 1981
Local 06 - St. Joseph / Mar. 1982
Local 07 - Lebanon / Jan. 1983
Local 08 - Chillicothe / Mar. 1986
Local 09 - Hannibal / Dec. 1989
Local 10 - Jefferson City / Mar. 1987
Local 11 - Joplin / Feb. 1984
Local 12 - Glasgow / Apr. 1994
Local 13 - Mexico / Jan. 1987
Local 14 - Independence / Sept. 1989
Local 15 - Branson / June 1991
Local 16 - Cape Girardeau / Dec. 1984
Local 18 - Springfield / Feb. 1990
Local 19 - Kirksville / Oct. 1985
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Local News

Local 1 - Lee's Summit

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. V.F.W. (3rd & Douglas) Lee's Summit, MO.
Contact: President - Larry 816-690-8822 or Local1@FORR.net

Hello all!!! Local 1 had a great meeting this month; the attendance was up. The main order of business that we talked about this month in the meeting was: the elections we had a couple of adds and a couple of subtracts. But looks like we have the positions filled and we should be good to go for next year *(See Below for Election Results)*.

Chappy *(aka Mark Chapman)* has said we will be getting a group together to ride down and attend the Bootheel Boogaloo; it is June 6-8 and a group of us will be riding down together having a great time and coming back. Keep your eyes on next months newsletter entry for more details.

I know we are all chomping at the bit to get back on the road but there is a light at the end of the tunnel!!!! Local 1 also wanted to pay there respects to Frank Russo, he died New Years Eve he was a great person; fellow rider and Owner of Russo's Pizza and Pub.

President – Larry Scott | Vice-President – Tracy Gore | Secretary – Michelle O'Connor
Treasurer – Rebecca Bartlett | CC Rep – Tim O'Connor | Dist/Leg – John McCloud
Product Line – Mark Chapman | Newsletter – Larry Scott

Thanks for your time and I look forward to a year of fun, riding and keeping you all informed of our local news. ***Larry Scott***

Local 2 - Eastern Jackson County

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant in Oak Grove, MO.
Contact: 816-228-2656

Local 2 is welcoming in the New Year with new officers for 2008.

President - Larry Franks | V.P. - Chris Kuene | District - Georgia Feldon
Treasurer - Dean Howe | CC Rep. - Linda Parrish

After the Dec. meeting & elections a pot luck dinner was held. Good food & good company.
We also had our Dec. Auction. Lots of good stuff to bid on. Dean did a lot of Christmas shopping without the hustle of the crowds. Next meeting will be held @ Moo Choo BBQ in Oak Grove. The 3rd Sunday of the month. Saying good-bye for this year, Hope to see ya next year. ***Linda Parrish***

Local 3 - Tri-County

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 741, 200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO
Contact: Doug Edmisten 816-516-5869

Hello everyone and Local 3 members. As some of you noticed there hasn't been a newsletter lately. We did our nominations in November and votes in December for the 2008 officers, so I was waiting for the results.

I would like to start by saying, I, Cassie, the Local 3 Newsletter, Treasurer, District Rep. and District 1 Secretary between the last 4 years , has enjoyed my offices. I have learned a lot about Freedom of Road Riders. I have also met some very interesting people and friends. At our December meeting, I resigned from all offices BEFORE we did our voting on the 2008 officers. For those of you that weren't at the meeting, I resigned for health and personal reasons. I DID NOT LEAVE LOCAL 3, just resigned from offices. The last 4 years has been a pleasure to be able to help Freedom of Road Riders and Local 3 increase membership. I wish the 2008 officers LOTS OF LUCK.

The 2008 officers are:

President: Doug Edmisten | Vice President: Shari Cullimore | Secretary: Marilee Carman
Treasurer: Shari Cullimore | CC Rep: John Carman | District Rep: John Carman
Sergeant of Arms: Wilbur Webber | Product Line: Lisa Webber | Newsletter: Lisa Webber
Historian: Phil Cullimore | Webmaster: Jay Santucci

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!!!! Ride safe, ***Cassie***



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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

Happy 2008!!

The spring season of Rallies and Bike Shows are just around the corner folks. I know we all would like to see a huge turnout for our Bike Show in May! With as many people as we have in Local 5 we can get a whole lot accomplished if we work together. If your not coming to the meetings, please try and join us once a month and then some. With everyone's involvement with the passing out of flyers and pulling in sponsors we could again double our numbers for the Show. This year we added a tattoo contest and categories to the Show. We are wanting to draw as many folks from around as we can to come out and party with us. I am hoping we can go as groups to other locals Bike Shows and show our support for our organization. If you don't have any of our flyers just give me a call and I will make sure you get what you need.
We would like to thank Mike at Print Graphix from Local 1 for printing up our flyers! They look great.

Doug Norris is our new Sgt at Arms. Good luck with that job buddy.

Please keep Jan's son Johnny in your prayers. He is not doing well at all. They are starting a fund for him. I will be putting some info about that in the upcoming newsletters.

Patches for Bonnie Rice and Sandy Bates will be in soon. Angel is keeping us informed on when they will be in.
I would like to apologize for a mistake in the last newsletter. We would like to welcome Jeremy and Michelle, not Jim and Michelle. Sorry about that Jeremy! And thanks for all your involvement in our Bike Show this year. We are happy to have you both in our local. I can tell you guys will be active in FORR. You like to have a good time!!!

Again I want to say how much we all would like to see everyone at the meetings this year. I am hoping to get a good group shot of everyone with their bikes some time this spring. Be safe and we will see each other very soon!!

Kim 356-4333 or 665-6358

Local 6 - St. Joseph

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. Las Palmas Restaurant on North Bell Hwy. (next to K-Mart) in St. Joseph, Mo.
Contact: 816-617-6316 or 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks, It's a new year for Local 6 with Dan Harmon and helper Joyce Canfield doing your newsletter. At the December meeting there was an election of the new officers for 2008. President is Jim Cross; Vice President is Cecil Coffey, Treasurer Dan Harmon, Secretary Cecil Coffey, CC Rep Nick Swope Sr.

I'd like to remind everyone that the monthly meeting is the third Sunday of the month at Las Palmas Restaurant on the North Belt, near North Belt Kmart in St. Joseph, MO. We have some good turnouts for the monthly meetings because this is where you voice your say and learn what is happening with Freedom of the Road Riders and motorcycle safety matters.

The new officers will be letting you know about upcoming events real soon. We will be looking at the next meeting for people to help work and plan the activities committee. Anyone who wants to help, please come forward. If you want to help but can't make the meeting please call Jim Cross at 816-667-5579 or Cecil Coffey at 816-324-5332. They will keep your name and phone number and will call you.

Bud Rials, Dotty Polland, and Gene Boeh also known as Guywire left 12/29/07 for a two week vacation in Biloxi Mississippi. They are trailering the bikes down and when they get into good weather, whether Dottie knows it or not, she will be driving the pickup and pulling the trailer. Bud is the proud owner of a new Harley Davidson Road King with 450 miles on the bike. They plan on doing some serious riding while down in the southern states where the weather is warm. Bud goes there every New Years Eve where he has about 60 family members.

Nick and June Swope just returned from a two week vacation to Sacramento CA. They took a nice trip to see June's oldest son. They flew out and back and had a nice time while out there.

J.T. also known as John Taylor on 12/27/07 flew out of KCI Airport to Chattanooga TN. He flew down to spend some time with friends and will be gone about two weeks. He should have a good time and I hope he drinks a cold one for me.

I just received the new membership list and I'm going over the memberships and we have several people who are up for renewal, I hope you know who you are. In the next newsletter I'll have the names of the people who need to renew. We have had several new members and I want to thank them for joining and want to welcome them to Local 6 and FORR.

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I would like to thank everyone that helped and everyone that came on our annual toy run to The Noyes Home in St. Joseph, MO. I especially want to thank my lady chauffer Joyce.

Happy Trails, til we meet again. Ride Safe, ***Dan Harmon***

Local 7 - Lebanon

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's Contact: 417-286-3845

Greeting all from Local #7. Not a lot to report, it's been a cold December with few good riding days. I did see Don get his new bike out Christmas Day. Don says its easier to push the start button on his new bike than kick start his old bike, but do you get warmed up for your ride? Jerry went to local #28 New Years Eve Party. He said it was a good time. I was going to go but I couldn't get out of my warm recliner which is why I didn't make it to the Polar Bear ride the next day either. But I made up for it by riding the next day when it was 14 degrees to pick up a new bike from the Motorcycle shop for the Queen and I.

I received a card from Local #28's former V.P. Benny who is stationed in Korea. Hopefully Benny will be back in Missouri riding soon. Well it's a new year and it won't be long till the weather gets nicer. Local #7 will be having their freeze yer buns run in March and there is talk of a motorcycle rodeo coming up later in the year, so get ready and let the good times roll.

Geezer

Local 8 - Chillicothe

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Diner, 1 p.m. *(call for info - location varies)*
Contact: 660-646-7296

Greetings Local 8!! I hope you all are having an excellent New Year! Mine is going good so far, but it's only 5 days into it!!!

Our meeting isn't until tomorrow, so I don't have a lot of news to tell you. I do want to start the New Year our welcoming our new members: Heather McGregor, David McGregor, Laura Lisby, Chris Cunningham, Jamie Baker and Norman Newbury. Thanks to those who renewed: Bob Ely, Glenda Ely, Mauricia Bears, Gary Bears, Misty Shady, Leo Wooden, Jeanette McBee, Donnie Miller, Bessie Sawyer, Dennis Gladbach, Tim Ogle, Louise Reasoner, Bob Reasoner, Larry Buzzard, Ed Johnston, and Jerry Noble.

We had a nice turnout for our member appreciation dinner. It was a nice night of catching up and visiting with old and new members. Thanks to everyone who made it out, thanks to Bryan and Sandy for taking care of the meat and Dennis and Kathi for taking care of the music.

Cabin Fever is just around the corner, February 9, 2008. It will be held at Longshots and Carl has booked Harvesting Jane as the band. There will be a $5 charge at the door. Best Western is offering discounted room rates again this year, just mention FORR when making reservations. I hope you all can make it!

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Our capital crusader dates for this year are: February 13, March 12, April 29 (Mike Sloan Memorial M.A.Y. Rally) and May 14. Please make an effort to attend at least one of these dates. For more details contact Gordon Becton. Our proclamation ride will be on April 26. More details for this will be coming later.

A Spring Fling committee is forming already and Bryan and Gary are anxious for new ideas, if you're interested in helping or have some new ideas come to our meeting or contact them. The bigger the event gets, the more help we need!!

As the weather gets nicer and you uncover your bikes and blow the dust off of them, be sure to check other important things like fluids, TIRE PRESSURE and general mechanism of the bike. Watch the roads for sand at the

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intersections. Remember the people driving in cages forget about motorcycles during the winter months so be extra cautious and attentive to other drivers. BE SAFE!!
As I've stated before, if you do not get regular emails from me and you would like to email me at gely603@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list! Watch our website for updated local information at www.forr8.net. If you have any other questions or something you would like to see included in your local newsletter please let me know.
Until next time ~ Keep Smilin!! ***Glenda***

Local 9 - Hannibal

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Elks Lodge, 411 Broadway, in Hannibal, Mo.
Contact: 217-222-5782 or 704 Ashely Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301

Hi there from Local 9 Hannibal! Hope this letter finds everone Healthy, Wealthy & Wiser than last year. *(Please call me & let me know how you did it !)*
Things are pretty quite around Hannibal this time of year. Were going to take advantage of this spare time, and try and figure out how to outdo last years fund-raisers. Had a pretty good year! We've got work to do. Have good members to help each other out WE WILL GET ER DONE ! Congrats to all new Offficers voted in for 2008!
REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS EVERY ONE COUNTS!
Joyce McArthur joyce0257@yahoo.com

Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr.
Contact: 573-635-7964

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Moose Lodge #905, 5056 Douglas Fir Road. Joplin, Mo.
Contact: 417-781-1784 OR www.FORR11.org

Hi ya'all from Southwest Missouri. I know I missed the submission for last month so I am a little behind, first up I would like to give the new officers of Local 11 a big welcome, and thank those who stepped down officers are now:
Mark Capps- Local Chairman... Les Sanders- Vice-Chairman... Membership and Local Secretary Kaime Johnson.... Treasurer- Larry Hale.... CC Rep - Rick Brabant.. Legislative-- Don Maki... Safety- Doug Laney Sr.... Product Line- Tressie Hooker...Newsletter- Mark Capps (ME)... Sgt Arms- Rocky Artym and Josh Herman.... Events- Ron Neely... Historian- Rick Johnson. Special thanks going to Mike Edmonson, Tony Alton, and Dave Piertizak for past service, couldn't of got where we are now without the help of our members, Thanks Guys
Ok next up, New members please welcome to Local 11.... (Drum roll)... Rocky and Connie Artym.... Dale and Traci Daniels... Josh Herman... Eric O'Moore.. and Dave and Tiffany Glad to have you as Part of the Local 11 team... Renewals Just as important... Les Sanders, Sonya Mix, Rick and Janese Johnson, Kaime Johnson, and Rick Brabant.
Ok getting a few things starting to roll down here, looking forward to Leather and Lace, Bike Show for local 11 starting to get the plans going, will be soon, look for the flyers. getting the bikes finished up for the new year, details, details, details... always seem to miss a few. choppers 4 children will be down in this area soon, cowskins spring rally, wouldn't wanna miss that one, I know there will be a St. patty's party for the local so keep your ears out for that soon.
If you are not coming around for the meetings, or the events you have no idea how much you really are missing. We have started photo albums for those who think "we do nothing" we ride, we play and we work together. That is what makes us local 11, no matter where we are. Just ask local 18, we have fun at their leather and lace. And to think its still winter then, just wait til summer rolls in, we are rolling right along with it.
Local 11 isn't the same it used to be.... remember a family who plays together, stays together. Til next time, polish that chrome, cause when the wind is right... We are gone. ***Mark (Sparky) Capps Local Chair and Newsletter.***

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LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Fishbeak Saloon on Main in Glasgow, Mo. Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodtman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

Greetings again from all your brothers and sisters in Glasgow. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and that Santa was good to them. I must have not been a very good boy because there was no Ultra Classic under the tree but I did get some other neat stuff. Happy belated New Year to everyone, too.

Attendance was down a bit due to the weather at our December meeting with 18 members and 1 guest attending. Thanks to all who made it in spite of the weather. Bert and Jessica were gone to Houston for Christmas at Jessica's parents so Randy chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32. Since the November meeting had been the Christmas party with no business done, the October minutes were read and approved. There was no treasury report but Bert later called me and said we had an ending balance of $3,329.15.

Randy reported that local 19's annual auction and dance was coming up on January 19th and it was always a good time and an excellent party. Local 19 has been a strong supporter of local 12 and we need to reciprocate by attending their events.

Dave gave the C.C. report. In the interest of saving space in the newsletter, I will refer our members back to the C.C. minutes in the January newsletter. We had one member, Kevin Hogan, who worked the Homecoming and has a free t-shirt coming. Kevin, if you are reading this, we need to know your size. Contact Randy or me and we will get this taken care of.

Local 12 is now up to 92 members; remember that if we get to 100, we get an additional vote on the C.C. I think this is an outstanding membership size for a small town.

Local 12 was one of the top locals in selling motorcycle giveaway tickets. We sold $3,900 worth and received $300 back from the state.

John reported on some of the proposed regulations for motorcycles that are being discussed. Among these is a proposal to outlaw doing any modifications on your bike, you would only be able to use stock parts. Another (and this is incredible BS) would take all bikes over 15 years old off the road. We have a lot more issues than helmet laws at stake here, folks. Speaking of which, the helmet law bill has been pre-filed. John's phone # is 660-886-3537 if you need to contact him.

One way we can help prevent these BS regulations is to join organizations that fight them and one of the most important is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). MRF is a national organization that maintains an office and a full time lobbyist in Washington, DC and monitors m/c laws and regulations and lobbies in favor of us. They do an excellent job, they just need more help.

We should all be supporting MRF by becoming members. You can find out more by contacting them at MRF, P.O. Box 1808, Washington, D.C. 20013 or by going on-line at www.mrf.org or e-mailing membership@mrf.org. Their phone number is 202-546-0983. The cost of a one year individual membership is $25 and a joint membership is $40. You will receive a very informative bi-monthly newsletter and can have your name put on a list for e-mail updates on current m/c issues.

Tony Noll thanks everyone in the local for all they had done for Brenda during her recent hospitalization. We all send our best wishes and prayers out to Brenda.

In old business, things are coming along well for Steve McQueen Days to be held March 29th in Slater. There will be no general admission charge, but will be one for the bike show to help cover the cost of trophies. Other events will include a slow race, cone race, wienie bite, and there will be a burnout pit. Local 12 will provide insurance for the event. Trophy will cost $300, insurance will be $100. There will be no cars allowed on Front St. for three blocks. There will be a building with overnight parking available for motorcycles Friday night. We need to promote this event, it could turn out to be really good for us.

Under new business, the June Glasgow bridge closing was discussed and what we should do for an alternate meeting place. Smokey had contacted Fat Boyz in Boonville and the owner is very interested in having us. Gary Schaefer contacted Dirty Sally's in Brunswick and they would also like to have us. This will be discussed again in subsequent meetings.

Josh Clemens announced that he and his fiancé Jacki England will be getting married on February 9th and they would like to invite all the members of local 12 to attend. Josh and Jackie have been very good members of local 12 and we should all try to attend, it will be a good time for all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. Tanya Lampton won the incentive drawing of $45. If you have any news you would like in the newsletter, contact me at 660-784-2231 or at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com. Until next month...Be free, ***Smokey***

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Local 13 - Mexico

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.
Contact: 573-581-7152 or 573-581-7677

I hope everyone had happy holidays! It's a new year and we have new officers which are the following:

President – Scott Fennewald
Vice President – Roger Gaston
Secretary – Roxane Gaston
Treasurer – Sue Gaston
CC Rep & Legislative – Scott Fennewald
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Newsletter – Stephanie Fennewald

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Party despite the weather. The roads were a little slick, just ask Doug Clawson. Maybe next year he will use the road to get there instead of cutting through the ditch. It was great to see Cutter and hear he is doing well.

The officers are currently planning the events for 2008. Anyone interested in planning a run or event, please contact Scott or Roger. The meetings for this year will be the same time and place, 3rd Sunday at the Mexico Moose Lodge.

We also want to keep Julie Humphrey in our prayers and are glad to hear that she is recovering very well.

Scott would like to thank everyone for the great support of our Local in 2007 and wants to make 2008 even better!

Please call Scott Fennewald at 573-581-7677, Roger Gaston at 573-685-2369 if any questions about the Local or events, or for membership information contact Sue Gaston at 573-685-2369.

Until next month...

Stephanie

Local 14 - Independence

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.
VFW Post 3976
on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Local 15 - Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Quality Inn
3269 Shepherd Hills Expressway
Branson, Mo.
Contact: 417-334-0775

Lets start out the 2nd month of 2008 with a big hello and how is everyone doing? As you can see from the schedule below things are starting to pick up a little bit.

Local 18 is hosting a Valentines Dance – Leather and Lace – on February 9th in Nixa at Summers on the River. I have attended this in the past and it is always a good time for all. They will provide a band and dress as you wish but please remember those in Leather and Lace will have a chance to win the best dressed trophy. I have spoke to a bunch of people that are planning on



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attending and we would like to see everyone there.

The weather will start providing us a chance to ride here and there and this is very apparent as you hear the roar of engines and the crackle of pipes all around on rider friendly days. Please be careful and be aware that those in cars are not used to us and may not be in motorcycle mode yet. Pay close attention to the other fellow and be patient as they have to be trained again. I have just started writing the letter again and I am please on some of the feed back I have received along with some of the ideas as to what you would like to hear about as readers. I encourage all to bring me ideas and information and I will do my best to incorporate it all into the news letters.

Our friends from Arkansas are having their annual Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show in Little Rock on February 16th and 17th this is a great show to attend and everyone is more than welcome.

In April there is a statewide poker run, April 6th; all locals are encouraged to post a ride for this day. No reason not to, the insurance is paid for all already. Whether it is a weekend afternoon ride or just a get together we all want to be part of it so let us know.

Feb 5th – BS Meeting, location to be announced at the January Business Meeting
Feb 9th – Leather and Lace Dance in Nixa at Summers on the River
Feb 16th & 17th- ABATE of Arkansas, Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show in Little Rock, AR
Feb 18th – Business Meeting at 7:00pm at Jesters, downtown Hollister
*** April 6th – State Wide Poker Run- All locals encouraged to post a ride.

Ride on and Ride Safe – ***Dennis Pick, Jr. "Rodeo"***

Local 16 - Cape Girardeau

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)
Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265



Welcome to the New Year of 2008. I hope that this year brings with it many more good times spent with family, friends, and places for everyone. Welcome all of the new members that have joined up with us in the last several months. I look forward to the ideas that you may have.

First of all want to say sorry that the newsletter was not in the Jan. Freedom Press. By the time I thought about it, it was the day after the deadline.

The Christmas Dance and Toy Run went very well, considering that there were so many other dances and parties going on that night. We collected lots of toys, food items and moneys that where given out to those in need. Best that I could figure there must have been around 4 truckloads. Thank you to everyone that made this year a success. The dance was a lot of fun and the band did an excellent job.

If the Freedom Press gets into the mail early enough, make plans for the Jan 25th meeting at Bill's in Biehle. The meeting will start about 7pm. There should be lots of information to be informed of, decisions to be made and also election of officers.

Don't forget about our annual Broomstick Pool Tournament that will be held at Muuf's in Chester, IL. It will be held this year on Feb. 23rd. Meeting will be at 1pm and we will have the 1st break of the tournament at 3pm. If you have never played pool with a broomstick, come out and give it a try. It is always a good time of year to get out of the cabin and meet up with everyone. Also we need to figure out where we are going to have the April Fool's Dance. Come out to the Jan. meeting and help us decide. Hope to see many of you at the meetings and also the pool tournament. ***Dudely***

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Local 18 - Springfield

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Los Portales. 1036 W. Sunshine.
Contact: 417-863-9577 or 417-443-9002

I want to apologize for not getting an article in last month's newsletter. I had another senior moment *(becoming a common occurrence)* in my rush to meet the dead line I didn't attach my article to the e-mail I sent.

The 20th annual Leather & Lace is happening February 9th at Summer's at the River. You can dance to live music by Big Rumor, dine with selections from the full menu and enjoy the spirits of your choice from the full bar. A silent auction and giveaway door prizes will also be part of the festivities. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Admission is only $8.00.

I want to congratulate Terry Malpass of Albertson, NC on his successful court case. On November 26, 2007, Terry Malpass went to court in Kinston NC for a helmet citation. Unlike most NC helmet citations which are dismissed routinely by the DA, with no trial, NC v Malpass actually went to trial, and WON. Terry was kind enough to allow us all to benefit from the brief he used. Check it out at www.boltusa.org .

I'm still waiting for my first ticket. I've now logged over 1250 Free miles with only "protective head gear" *(doo rag and or stocking hat)* but not a helmet.

The Springfield Toy Run had to be moved this year because the Springfield Police refused to provide traffic control for free. They wanted each officer to be paid $28 an hour for 4 hours. I've heard the cost would have been between $2000 and $4000. The Police will only provide free traffic control for city sponsored events.

Thanks to the MO Highway Patrol and the Strafford Police for making this a safe ride this year. *ZZ*

Local 19 -Kirksville

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 6:30p.m. Shrine Club
Contact: President, Chuck Parks 660-766-2374 or Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Hello all. This last meeting was a short and sweet one. I just want to get everyone caught up on our election and what's been going on. In no certain order here's how it turned out. President - Chuck Parks. Vice President - Russ Pruett. Secretary-Treasurer - Sally Schwaner. CC Rep - Susie King. Legeslative Rep - Barry Sanders. Safety - Shelia Pruett with Sharon Snider assistant. Newsletter - Kelly Schwaner. Road Captain - Corena Lawrence. Sergeant at Arms - Jon Rader. Webmaster - Steve King. PR - Larry Olson and last but not least Product Line - Carleen Smith. District Rep - Charles Cannaday. Congrats to all the officers this year.

The dates for our 2008 Safety courses are set. Contact Shelia Pruett for details. They are also listed on our website FORR19.com. Congrats to one of our own elected to a state office. Steve King is new Webmaster for the state website. Good job Steve!!

By the time you all receive this our auction will have taken place. I'm sure it was a success. We sort of had the Freeze Your Buns Run this year. We had one person show up to ride in the cold, cold weather. They rode a total of 11 miles. At least there is one brave soul out there. The rest of us had a fun time visiting. Local meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 6:30 at the Shrine. Come out and show support for the local and above all else be there to know what's going on and voice an opinion.

Sally Rally Committee has a meeting at 4:30 the same Saturday as the local meeting. We could really use some help with this people!!! The Sally Rally is always a fun time had by all. Any help given is greatly appreciated. Jon Rader is having a Rader's Cabin Fever/Biker's Ball at the Moose Lodge in Kirksville on February 23rd. Dinner is at 6:00 and Dance is at 8:00. $6 a head, $10 per couple. Come out and have a great time. It should be a blast.

Well that's all for now.

Be safe all. ***Kelly***

Local 20 - Dexter

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m. Eagle's Club on Hwy 25.
Contact: 573-293-4754

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Local 21 - Eldon

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post below Bagnell Dam. 573-365-5118
Contact: Lane at 573-392-5636

Local 25 - St. Peters

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032

Local 26 - Maryville

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

FEB 19 2008--Meeting Carry-in Dinner at Movie Magic, 216 W 3rd St, Maryville MO Bring 2 dishes, your family, your friends, pot-luck at its best. Also be on the lookout for any new destinations for our 2008 Eat N Rides. Bring info to this meeting.

March 18 2008--Meeting Carry-in Dinner at Movie Magic, 216 W 3rd St. Maryville, MO Bring 2 Dishes, Your Family, your friends, pot-luck at its best.

This will be my last newsletter. Taking over will be Jeanine Montgomery. I'll let her announce all the new officers in the March newsletter. As always you can reach me at Kathsmagic@hotmail.com, I also have IM on at work and the cell phone is 660-582-1742.

Kathy

Local 27 - Sac-Osage

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Trail Inn Tavern, 185 NW E Hwy. Roscoe, Mo.
Contact: VP Ray Burns 417-646-2811 or Secy/Treas. Bobbi Mayer 417-646-8962

Local 28 - Waynesville

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: 573-774-5454 or 573-337-0088

The December meeting sealed the end of a great year, one in which we became the largest local in the state with 356 members. At the December meeting we had 73 members and one guest present with three new members signing up at that night.

January brings new hope for a new year and many changes and Local 28 has both in store for 2008. The December meeting included the elections of officer's positions as we congratulated the newly elected and thanked those exiting offices for the excellent leadership they have provided us in 2007.

Our 2008 officer's cabinet consists of: President – Steve Lincoln, Vice – President – Ana Lozano, Secretary – Gayle Lincoln, Treasurer – Becky Dunne, C. C. Representative – Tim Minarik, Membership Secretary – Anita Hudgens, Safety Officer – Scott Arnold, Product Line – Shena Flick, and Newsletter – Connie Feighery.

During President Darrel Wray's last meeting there was much holiday joy to spread as the final tallies were related concerning Local 28's Annual Toy Drive, Canned Food Drive and our Adopt a Family program. The cash donations exceeded expectations and Local 28 was able to donate over $1200 in cash to the Pulaski County Good Samaritan Resource Center to purchase toys for needy families in Pulaski County, this does not include the amount of actual toys and canned food and turkeys given to the Good Samaritan. The Adopt a Family program by the Community Action Committee was able to collect $525 for our family to provide essential home items and also a motorized wheel chair was donated by Local 28's friends in

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Wisconsin to an individual in dire need of one. Also, Rob's steer donation made freezers full for those in need of hearty food this winter. Local 28 deserves to give ourselves a pat on the back for these acts of kindness and bringing a little holiday cheer to those who may otherwise not have any. A huge thank you to those who rode that extra mile and participated in the toy run, stood outside Wal-Mart in the cold and collected or donated many of these items to help others this past holiday season.

Mark you calendars, Local 28 along with the Pulaski County Shriners has an exciting event coming up February 9, it's the annual Valentine's Day Dance. As always there is no cover/admission and for entertainment, there will be two comedians performing live. If these guys are as funny as the members who saw them perform at the F.E.W. Seminar say they are, we are in for a real treat and a rollicking good time.

A new year brings new beginnings and this year will be a new road for Local 28. Our goal is to grow as a local, no only in membership but participation. Our president is asking all of us to get involved in our activities and bringing in new members. Hear and act on President Steve Lincoln's request of half of us bringing in a new member and the others to please get out and get involved and participate in our local's activities.

As the new newsletter gal, I've got much to learn, and will gladly take any pointers. Before I began writing a member said I needed to tell a joke and keep things light-hearted. Here's your joke Don: What did the snail say when it hitched a ride on the turtle? "Slow down!"

Remember winter maintenance on your bikes, our first spring ride is just around the corner, May 10, is the spring poker run. Until next month, ***Connie***

Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.
Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Don Jackson 816-452-3019 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!
PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: BIRTHDAY AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.

PAST: Local 29 has over 100 members and we are still growing. Welcome all new members! There was 1 guest (Raul Lopez), and 20 members in attendance at the December Business Meeting. Thank you all for attending! MEETING HILIGHTS: Congratulations to Local 29 members Randy Atkison, Ken & Nancy DeMoss, Jim Duyck, Don Jackson, Nancy Martin, Bob Neal, and NeQuelle Wolfgeher...Local 29 will pay their 2008 Membership dues as a reward for attending all 12 monthly meetings for the 2007 year. Thank you's go out to Ann Dodson, Ben & Sam DeFord, Ken & Nancy DeMoss, Jim Duyck, Russell Felts, Mike & Suzie James, and NeQuelle Wolfgeher for their participation with the 2007 Salvation Army Christmas Party. A membership incentive of $30 would have gone to Steve Williams had he been present to win (January's incentive will be $10). Randy Atkison won the attendance incentive of $13...Congratulations, Randy! Probably the most notable things to mention from December's meeting are the Officer Election results and that Ann "Short Stuff" Dodson was the recipient of the 2007 Officer of the Year Award presented by Jim Duyck, President of Local 29, in recognition of her longevity and dedication to Local 29 and Freedom of Road Riders.

Your 2008 Local 29 Officers are:

President: Jim "The Judge" Duyck	Safety Officer: Russell Felts
Vice President: Brent DeFord	Product Line Officer: Ronda Felts
Recording Secretary: NeQuelle Wolfgeher	Newsletter Editor: NeQuelle Wolfgeher
Membership Secretary: Bob "Honest Bob" Neal	WebMistress: NeQuelle Wolfgeher
Treasurer: Bob "Honest Bob" Neal	Events Coordinator: Brent DeFord
CC Representative: Ann "Short Stuff" Dodson	Historian: Nancy DeMoss
D4 Representative: Jim "The Judge" Duyck	Stg-at-Arms: Ken "Rescue" DeMoss

PRESENT: February Membership Expiration Reminders go out to Tim Gates, Joe Lloyd, Sheila Neal, John Newberry II, Deloris & Gary Paterson, Stephen Phillips, Brian Poston, Patrick Roudebush, Scott Saucier, Norman Schlossenberg, Chad Speiser, Gary Spoor. If you have already submitted you're renewal, Super! If not...Step on it! I'd like to acknowledge all the February Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too, including (but not limited to) Suzie James (2/1), Nancy Martin (2/6), Russell Felts (2/14), Bob Neal (2/25), and Liz Doolittle (2/27) ...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: The L29 Kearney Bike Show Meeting on the 8th, at the VFW Post 5717 in Kearney (7pm), starts out the month.

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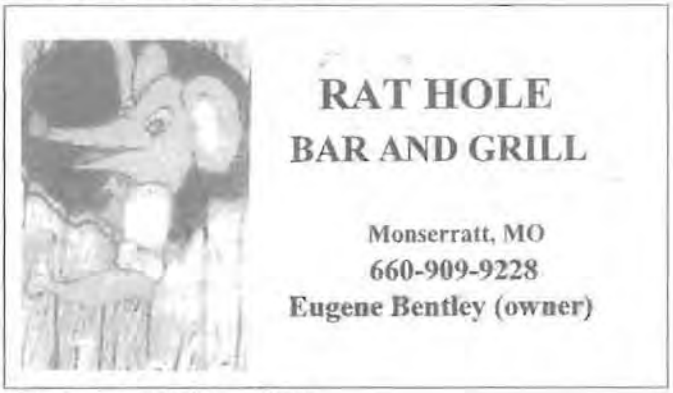
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L29 is hosting their Bowl-A-Rama, a 9 pin tap tournament, on the 10th. Sign-in from 10am-11am, bowling at 11:30am (AMF Northland Lanes on Vivion). Attend District 4's meeting on the 12th at the Pizza Shoppe in Lee's Summit (6:30pm). FORR's first scheduled Capitol Crusader's Day is on the 13th of the month. Local 29's Business Meeting is on the 17th, from 1pm-3pm at VFW Post 4050 in NKC. And join us for dinner at Ryan's Steak House in Independence on the 20th at 7pm.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forrlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings, where the Rides Rule and the Riders Reign!

"Talk to ya" next month, ***NeQuelle***

Local 30 - Nixa

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Locations varies - call for more info)
Contact: for more info contact Pops at moore1031@global.net

Hey everyone, can't believe it's February already. We have a new member this month, Doug Anderson. Hope to see you at some future functions Doug, good to have you.

I have few things I need to mention this month. We are going to have our ride this year for Ozark's Food Harvest, Food For Thought program. This is a program designed to give less fortunate children in our area an afterschool snack and/or dinner.

We will be having our ride on March, 30th meeting at Wal-Mart in Nixa. We will have more information on that as it is announced.

Also we have decided to have a garage sale to benefit the building cost of our pavilion in Buckhorn. The date on that will be Saturday, April 5th bright and early. The location will be the Nixa Bus Barn at Kathryn and Gregg Rd. Any donations will be excepted as long as they are quality items. Also any help with this event would be great.

Again, this is to raise money for our pavillion in Buckhorn. We will use this to not only designate our camping area for the rallies but also give some sort of shelter while we are there. A lot of us went to the Homecoming rally on labor day weekend and had a great time, I encourage everyone to take part in this. You will appreciate it!

We still haven't designated a permanent meeting place, but have changed our time and day. We will now be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Until then you all have a great month, RIDE HARD, RIDE SAFE!

Hardcore

Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Phelps Co. Choppers 201 E. 6th Street. Rolla, Mo.
Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 & Debra John 573-762-3803

Hey Gang, Christmas & all that food....GONE!

New Years Eve & all that celebrating.....GONE!

Yes, we had our December meeting & Christmas Party combo & we had a great time & ate a lot.

Also `08 is off & running. Now its time to get in gear & make this a great year.

We`re still getting new members, that is a good start & I know we are going to have some great rides this year. What more could we ask for? Help! Help! Help! Yes, we are going to need lots of help for the Freedom Rally. We have a lot of jobs to fill this year. We will need your help.

Come on guys & gals to our next meeting, we`ve had a pretty good turn-out but, we have some new members we would like you to meet.

I don`t have a lot to report on this month.

So, till next time this is ***"Kickstand"*** saying "Happy Valentines Day, ride every chance you get & be safe!"

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WANTED: People to help the Legislative Coordinator. If you have any free time any at all there could be a spot for you. Let me know what you can do and I will find a slot to fit your skills. Contact me at **www.legislative@forr.net or 1-800-488-3677**

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Local 32 - Bootheel

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. The Vikings I, 1104 Independence Ave., Kennett, Mo.
Contact: 573-695-1785

It's almost Spring, and Local 32 has been active throughout the winter with meetings and activities with our neighboring motorcycle groups.

We've been around for almost fourteen years, and we've made a lot of friends, and by our presence we have put a friendly face on the cause of motorcyclists rights.

We will have our Local 32 spring run in March, and we are beginning to make plans for the Boogaloo. Come to the run, visit our web site (l32.bravehost.com) and attend our meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Bring a friend.

ACE

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.
For newsletter input Contact: Allen 660-826-3517

Local 34 - Poplar Bluff

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. W Club on Hwy W in Poplar Bluff
Contact: 573-785-5701 *(Day)* or 573-998-2237 *(Night)*

Greetings all ! As I write this, I realize it won't be published till February.

I'm sitting here on New Years Eve thinking about the year past. We've had our usual ups and downs. Old friends have gone on to other things, new friends have joined us. The only thing that ever stays the same, is the constant change. Our member participation is way down, so we have opted to do something different this year.

Rather than a bunch of charity runs, this year we decided to have more Fun Runs. The one major complaint we've heard over and over is that we don't just get together and ride just for the heck of it.

Ok complainers, I challenge you ! We will begin having a monthly FUN RIDE soon as the weather warms up. Say about April?

A fun ride costs only your gas money and maybe the cost of lunch or dinner, depending on what time of day we do this. The object of this, for our local anyway, is to generate some interest in what we are all about. Hopefully we will have a bunch of tag-a-longs, that will see we are really a nice bunch of people.

I will be sending out "invitations" when the weather is better. In the meantime, those of you that aren't showing up for the monthly meeting, you are missing out on a lot of fun!! Our 'dinner' meetings are really working out well. We even manage to get some business taken care of !

For those of you that can't seem to remember where, when and what we are doing; meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month, at 2pm, at the Hwy W Club on Hwy W in Poplar Bluff. Come on by and join the fun and feasting !!!

The one charity run we are definitely not cancelling is the Sierra/Osage Easter Benefit. This year it will be on March 22, 2008. I'm hoping we can redeem ourselves after last years debacle. Our local will provide the baskets for the kids as always. We need donations for the plastic eggs and candy to put in them. Also remember to bring a little something for a teenager, ages 13-17. Do-rags are always popular as are stuffed animals (believe it or not!!).

Remember these are not your typical kids, they have been neglected and ignored most all their lives.

I'm sure I've over run my alloted space so I'll sign off for now.

Keep it safe gang!!!! ***Duck-K***

leathersby fish@windstream.net
days 1-573-996-2229
eve: 1-573-857-2406

Local News

Local 35 - Golden Valley

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Tebo Lodge & Bar on PP Hwy in Leesville, Mo.
Contact: Bob 660-694-3589 or Travis 660-492-0910

Happy New Year

Not much going on as I'm setting here writing this on the 5th of January. So far this winter sucks, but today is ok.

New officers for local 35 are;

Pres. Bob Hawkins	Vice Pres. Ken Sabine
Sec. Tammy Jones	Treas. Linda Hawkins
CC Rep. Lisa Stone	Membership Linda Hawkins

These people were elected by acclamation as they had no opposition and there was no meeting in December because of the weather. We still have a few offices to fill and will have them filled in January.

The New Years Day ride sucked because of the temperature. But we did have six people attend, of course they came in cages.

I have a new E-mail address after 12 years.
rjhawkins@embarqmail.com

Bob Hawkins

Local 40 - Bethany

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m.
(Location varies)
Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

I received this letter and was asked to put it in the newsletter. To all the members of FORR local 40 and 41 and to the CMA.....we cannot say thank you enough for your generous help during my illness and surgery...you are all truly wonderful friends....It means more to us than we can express and has helped us so much....God bless all of you and have a wonderful year....thank you so much once again....you are forever in our hearts....sincerely the Snow family.

I want to thank you for these kind words and glad you are getting along so well. Whitewalls says you'll be up doing housework in no time!

Our Christmas party was well attended and a good time. Their was a lot of good food and door prizes. We had the best entertainment that money can't buy. Thanks to Gary for doing karaoke and to the fool that dressed up like a women (an evil woman at that). You never know what I might do and remember you elected me president.

I am so tired of this snow. Working on the street dept. I've had my share of it. I am so ready for riding season I had to watch Easy Rider to get rid of cabin fever.

2008 is going to be the best year yet for our local. I hope you all feel the same way. Doesn't hurt to stay positive. Well If anyone wants to go for a ride give me a call and I'll wish you well or I might just go with you.



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Local News

Rumor has it that Robert Russell is getting a new ride this year. So remember we talk too much, love to seldom, hate to often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life, we've added years to life, but not life to years.

So next time you wave at me please use all your fingers.

PEACE and LOVE ***STEMS***

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.
(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information)
Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037

Hello Local # 41.

Hope everyone had a safe an wonderful holiday season. Hopefully the local will be off to a great year! We do have new officers to start the new year, The previous Officers want to Thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication to FORR. We have had a very good year, thanks to all for making our jobs easy and fun!

New officers as follows:

Chairman Dave Frazer	Sec. Angie Gallus	new Asst Sec Sherry Frazer (or visa versa depending on who has more time!)
Treasure Kevin Bruns	Safety Bob Thompson	SSG of Arms Ronnie Bird
CC Rep Steve Gallus	Alt Rep Bob Thompson	Dist rep Sherry Frazer
Alt Rep Mike Knab	Historian Ken Whiteman	

So come to a meeting and say hello!

We have changed our meetings to the first Sat of the month at 7pm, keeping the meeting 1 hr, so it will not be late. For now it will remain at Breadeax Pizza, in a few months we can start ride in meetings again! We did not get any post cards sent out due to Holidays but did include the Jan meeting in the letter to all, hopefully we will have several there! We will try this for awhile and hopefully it will work out better.

For those who did not know we did lose member Bill Estep, they discovered Cancer a few months ago and he was gone Dec 21st I believe. So if you get a chance give Pipera a call or drop her a card to let her know that she and her family is in our thoughts and prayers. Bill will be missed by all of us! He had been our Chairman for several years, and did an excellent job! Pipera did say it was very quick and he was with his family, where he wanted to be. You are in our thoughts and Prayers Pipera!! If you need anything any one of us is a phone call away.

I think that is enough for this month!

Until next time Ride safe and Free! ***Angie***

Local 42 - Franklin County

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.
Contact: President - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Hi – Local 42.

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and your 2008 Year is off to a great start.

Our December meeting was held on December 19, 2007 and was called to order at 6:45 pm. We had 11 members, and 1 guest present. The attendance prize was won by Bill Lynn. The members discussed changing the meeting day and time.

It was voted on and passed to change our monthly meetings to the last Sunday of each month.

Beginning in February, 2008, Local 42 will meet the last Sunday of each month at 11:30 am at the Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit. Please mark your calendars with the new meeting times. Our hope is that more members will be able to attend our meetings.

Make sure to mark your calendars with our 2008 upcoming events.

Local News

Leather & Lace Dance will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Pacific Eagles. "Loose Change" will be performing again this year – advance tickets are available. We will only be selling advance tickets – no ticket sales at the door.
Blessing of the Bikes. - Sunday, April 20th.

Our January meeting will still be on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm at the Roadhouse 100; hope to see you there. Take care and ride safe, ***Alma***

Local 44 - California

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ Dairy Queen, Hwy 50 in California, Mo.
Contact: Karl 573-796-0245 or David 573-642-1002

Local 46 - Greater Kansas City

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m. Fun House Pizza and Pub 13002 E. Hwy. 40 in Independence, Mo.
Contact: 816-358-2593

FYI: THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED TO THE WEEKEND OF VALENTINES DAY PLEASE CALL DEB TO MAKE SURE IT WAS VOTED TO CHANGE!! 816-868-9369

Hope everyone is having a Happy New Year!
Local 46 is off to a great start with everyone doing well. By the time this comes out, the All KC MC SC Picnic Committee will have held its Winter fund-raiser. As always, had great advance ticket sales, over 200 tickets. This group knows how to throw a party!!
We are already on a fast track to an AWESOME Annual Picnic! Would sure be nice to see some of you at some of these events. All you have to do is contact me and I can fill you in on all the goings on in local.
Our local is doing some different things this year and we'd sure love to see some more of our members join us.
Not much more to say this month.
Everyone be careful on these nice days. Watch out for the sand on the roads.
Have a GREAT FEBRUARY!!! ***DEB - Local 46 816-868-9369***



Connections

FORR District 4

Hey all you freedom lovers.

Wow, what a day. Mostly sunny and 60 degrees on January 5th. MJ asked if we could set up the pool and go swimming tomorrow. Ahh the mind of a seven year old. Winter isn't over yet!!

There is something to be said about never having to grow up. Papa Smurf used to have a sticker on his windshield that read: "I may have to get older but I refuse to grow up", I have always tried to keep that in mind since seeing that sticker, but that getting older part just seems to go faster and faster every year. Which is why it saddens me to have to tell you that we lost Frank "Dude" Russo on December 31 2007. Frank was a past member of Local 1 and a good friend to bikers everywhere. At his memorial get together today at Russo's Pizza & Pup it was standing room only, and that included the patio outside. We even had a couple brothers standing out on 7 hwy directing traffic for all the bikes. It's good to be with family in times of sorrow and the size of the gathering is a tribute to the brotherhood within the motorcycling community. And so we keep pushin on down the road of life with the memory's of Frank and all those that have passed keeping us company into the future.

The kids Easter party is coming up in March this year. Be sure to ask your local Rep. for the latest information. We might have a special guest visiting this year.

Welcome back Tammy!! Tammy Settle has decided to pick up where she left off as District 4 Legislative Chairman. It's good to have you back. We all need to give her all the support she needs as we plan the Legislative Fund-raiser and Truman Days. Look for more info in these pages in future issues. I hope that everyone has planned at least one visit to the capital for the capital crusader day's. Check out the back cover for the dates.

After that we have the District 4 member appreciation picnic and poker run and plans are already under way for Octoberfest 2008. We are making some changes this year to make this event even better than it already is. If you have never made it to O-fest, you should really try and make it this year.

Keep Pushin On
Tim "Dragon O'Connor
District 4 Chairman

Hello all, just a brief note to thank all FORR locals for a job well done for our kids at the shelter.

Please, let your volunteers know what a wonderful job they did on volunteering their time and their money for these children. I was given a lot of pats on the back Saturday and I do appreciate all the "atta girls", however, without your help we could have not pulled this off. I don't have the money to buy all the gifts the kids asked for. I don't have the money to purchase and make all the Christmas stockings and the items that were put in them that Michelle and MJ started last year for this year.

All the hot dogs and hot dog buns that Local 29 contributed and all the paper products from Local 14 and the volunteers from Local 14 that purchased gifts when the local is having a rough time of it. There is just way to much stuff for me to mention that everyone has done this year in this email. All goodies that all the locals brought in to give the kids their sugar highs for the days, way to cool. **And a special thank you to Georgia for putting up with my hatefulness just before Santa arrived.**

Please let all your members know how appreciated they are for helping out.

Last but not least is our beloved Dennis Bitner for filling in for Steve Hackett, what a wonderful Santa he is.

HATS OFF TO MR. BITNER AND HIS BELOVED MRS. BITNER.

ONE THING TO ALWAYS REMEMBER; WITHOUT THE BODY YOU DON'T NEED THE HEAD. AND THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM.

Thanks to us again this year for a job well done. ***Ann***



AMA Report

AMA HOSTS SOUND SYMPOSIUM

Nearly three dozen individuals representing user groups, manufacturers and the aftermarket industry attended an AMA-hosted symposium in Southern California on Wednesday, December 12 to discuss sound-related issues facing the motorcycle industry.

AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman led the meeting along with several AMA and AMA Racing staff members. "This was a chance for us to sit down with key industry experts and exchange ideas on how to solve the problems associated with excessive motorcycle sound," said Dingman. "While excessive sound is a problem for all of motorcycling, the agenda of this meeting was to focus specifically on competition."

The round-table format encouraged dialogue from each of the major motorcycle manufacturers, representatives from leading motorcycle exhaust system companies, technical experts, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). Topics included an overall discussion of motorcycle sound, the difference between professional and amateur events, the role of the industry in sound control and the current state of sound testing procedures. The meeting served as a source of information gathering and sharing of ideas but was not a policy-setting session.

"It is the belief of the AMA that all riders should exhibit responsibility when operating their motorcycles, particularly when it comes to sound," said Dingman. "We also believe that as the national leading sanctioning body for both amateur and professional competition, we can establish sound limits in AMA events that set an example. This meeting was designed to explore what those sound limits should be and more importantly, how we get there. Through our ongoing dialogue and partnership with the industry, the AMA will be an important voice in this critical issue."

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FEBRUARY

9 **L-10 Jefferson City**
Leathers & Lace Dance
573-896-5652

10 **L-29 North KC**
Bowling Tourney
816-452-3019

13 **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders Days
(800) 448-FORR

MARCH

9 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

12 **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders Days
(800) 448-FORR

30 **L-29 North KC**
Kearney Bike Show
816-365-9615

APRIL

6 **L-15 Branson**
Hosting State Wide
Poker Run
417-334-0775

27 **L-15 Branson**
Forsythe MC Swap Meet
417-334-0775

29 **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders Days
(800) 448-FORR

MAY

11 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

23-24 **L-20 Dexter**
6th Bike Show & Rodeo
573-293-4754

JULY

13 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

SEPTEMBER

14 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

21 **L-15 Branson**
Forsythe MC Swap Meet
417-334-0775

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