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Notes From Katherine

Greetings to you; I hope this finds you well. On the slim chance you receive news rag before April 30th, please plan on joining us at FORR's M.A.Y. Rally, Tuesday April 30th in Jefferson City. Sign in starts at 10:30 am through 12:30 pm at Memorial Park, then parade onto the Capitol with speakers starting at 1 pm. This would be a great day for ALL motorcyclists, bikers, groups, clubs to come together and share some time together with our Statesmen, with the SOLE PURPOSE of safety and motorcycle awareness. This is NOT the venue for specific legislative issues, but SOLELY to gather in the sake of AWARENESS, hence the acronym for the event, "M. A. Y. Rally": Motorcycle Awareness (&) You Rally. If you have any questions about this event, contact our MAC Coordinator, Deanna Rhodes at mac@forr.net.

Legislative agenda continues to move as efficiently as possible, several already have crossed onto "other" chamber (typing this article 04 April 13). To date, FORR has at least eight pieces of legislation we have full support/interest in, and they are sponsored by some strong people. Following below is your listed Bill #; action(s) on the Bills have purposely been excluded as they will, hopefully, be passed by the time you are reading this. Session ends Friday May 17th, 2013; majority of Bills that will be enacted to law begin 28 Aug. 13. You are guaranteed, as a FORR member, to be updated by end of May as to what has or has not passed, when effective dates are, and what (if any) Bills are headed to Veto Session (sometime September). You will, also, be updated with which Legislators are term-limited out, so we will know what seats will be coming up for election. April/May and already talking elections, you betcha! IF you plan on making a difference, if YOU plan on being as correctly informed as possible...don't be arrogant and think you are on the right road simply because it's a well-beaten path. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty (Thomas Jefferson) It is what it is, folks; this is not "just" a Jan-May gig. If you truly want to do your part, just as a concerned citizen, eternal vigilance is what it will take.

SB72---designates May as "Motorcycle Awareness (&) You" month; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer

SB73---prohibits the establishment of road blocks based on vehicle type; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer

SB130---increases penalties/fines and corrects language regarding yielding; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer

SB187---allowing adults to make adult decisions; sponsored by Senator Dan ("Doc") Brown

HB655---halts "revolving door" application regarding MC permits; sponsored by Rep. Tom Hurst

HB674---increases penalties/fines and corrects language regarding yielding; sponsored by Rep. Ron Hicks

HB555---allowing adults to make adult decisions; sponsored by Rep. Eric Burlison

HB383---prohibits the usage of GPS, etc to monitor mileage for taxation purposes; sponsored by Rep. Kurt Bahr

HB594---prohibits the establishment of road blocks based on vehicle type; sponsored by Rep. Robert Cornejo

HB715---modulating brake lights; sponsored by Rep. John McCaherty

HB1005---prohibits the establishment of road blocks based on vehicle type; sponsored by Rep. Paul Curtman

HB1018---Prohibits any law enforcement agency or transportation entity from conducting random checkpoints for the purpose of performing vehicle safety inspections for motorcycles or personal vehicles; sponsored by Rep. Paul Curtman

It's discouraging how many people are shocked by honesty, and how few by deceit...what is permissible is not always honorable. To quote a favorite author of mine, "...if the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fuzz in his ear." It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities. Writing in the moment, I am, personally, anxious as to this Session's finale and am curious of your thoughts. It has been an interesting ride on my end, to say the least.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Fox
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Policies & Procedures

When Local 47 was still in the dream stage, it was formed from the past experiences of its founding members and their thoughts and ideals as far as what a Local in Freedom of Road Riders should be about. It was decided that FORR's preamble made it clear as to where our focus should be. First and foremost, Local 47 will support the organization at the state level through financial contributions, attending legislative, safety and awareness events at both the state and local levels. While some of you might think this is a no brainer (and it should be), surprisingly there are members and Locals who don't feel this way. For whatever reason the state and the locals of FORR have become a US vs. THEM mentality. We may not be one big happy family at times, but we are all one "family". Local 47 will also limit our charity events. We will participate in the events that District 4 has been doing for years, but it is our belief that charity begins at home.

We want anyone who joins our Local or who might be interested in joining our Local to know where our priorities are and what they can expect, so we came up with our own Policies and Procedures to cover anything we thought was important. If anyone would like a copy, please email me and I would be happy to send you one.

Our Policies & Procedures starts with our mission statement. Then the Officer's positions and their responsibilities are explained. For example, in order for the CC Rep to be eligible to receive the amount specified for their attendance of the CC Meetings (when the Local can afford to pay it), they must attend both the Saturday and Sunday meetings. We feel the Saturday meetings are a critical part of the CC weekend and should be attended. Next you will find our Facebook Policy which applies to our Local's Facebook page and what is expected as far as posts our members might make. It is our belief that the Local's Facebook page should be used as a tool to educate its members and the public about FORR issues. It will not be used as a place to air dirty laundry or conduct personal attacks. For those of you who are screaming "freedom of speech" so loud that I can already hear you, that is what YOUR personal Facebook page is for. You can freely speak your mind there. Our Toxic Member Policy explains how our Local will deal with members or visitors who chose to conduct themselves in a disruptive manner. I realize there is a Toxic Member Policy in our By-Laws, but we wanted our members to be clear about how things would be handled at our Local level. The last thing that was addressed is our financial obligations in order of importance.

I hope this helps other locals who might be thinking of writing their own set of Policy & Procedures. I'm sure these will be rewritten and changed as time goes by, adding things that were forgotten or adjusting things that have been addressed. If your Local has their own set of P & P's, I would encourage you to get them out and dust them off. It might remind you of what your founders were thinking when your local was formed.

Ronda Felts, Local 47

Secretary/Treasurer/CC/Legislative Rep

CLASSIFIED AD

The Wildlife Hotline of Missouri needs volunteers across the state of MO interested in wildlife rescue, baby care, transport, and answering calls. We work with all native wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, owls, birds, etc. We will train you and you can usually work from home. Please call us at 1-800-482-7950 or email angel@wildlifehotline.com for more information. Visit us online at wildlifehotline.com or Like us on Facebook under "Wildlife Hotline".

Submitted by Debra Hilburn, Local 14 (4/5)

Central Committee Meeting #200**March 10, 2013**

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Vice Chairman Skyler McWilliams, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Rhodes, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Veteran Nick Swope led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local	Members	Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	60	1 Vote	Dallas Chapman
Truman Lake	Local 03	29	1 Vote	Cheryl Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	53	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	138	2 Votes	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	46	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	117	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	165	2 Votes	Scott Hemeter
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	29	1 Vote	Kaime Johnson
Glasgow	Local 12	58	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	76	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	65	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	255	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	87	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	123	2 Votes	Doug Yearns
Dexter	Local 20	67	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	23	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
Lincoln County	Local 23	19	1 Vote	Lynn McKenzie
St. Louis	Local 24	129	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	64	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	82	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	99	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	214	3 Votes	Steve Sagi
North Kansas City	Local 29	82	1 Votes	La Ross
Nixa	Local 30	64	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	25	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	121	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	35	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	115	2 Votes	Mike Garner
Platte County	Local 47	12	1 Vote	Rhonda Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	63	0 Vote	
Total		2,562		March 1, 2013 *
Corporate Sponsors		12	0 Vote	

** membership total includes the members of Local 3 and Local 47

Roll call of Locals by Corporate Secretary

Letters of intent submitted for two new locals in the Truman Lake/St Claire County area and Platte County area. Chairman King read the letters of intent to the Central Committee. Motion to accept new local in Truman Lake/St Claire County by Local 25, 2nd Local 25, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. This new local will be designated as Local 3. They currently have 29 members. Motion by Local 25 to accept new local in Platte County area, Local 47, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Local 47's mission statement was read to the Central Committee at the request of Local 16. Motion by Local 24 that Rhonda Felts be allowed to transfer to Local 47 out of Local 24, 2nd Local 27, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Chairman King asked that both new locals be recognized on the floor today.

Minutes – Change Local 41 was not present at the January CC meeting and therefore did not vote as indicated in the minutes. Motion to approve minutes with correction Local 35, 2nd Local 24, motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

Joe Widmer Local 14 presented a presentation to the Central Committee concerning Roberts Rules of Order.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAC Donation Advertisement – Katherine has not had time to do much more than handle legislative issues for the organization. She would appreciate assistance from someone finding out what other organizations are doing and how they are handling the reporting requirements. Melanie Coy Local 16 volunteered to help with this.

Toxic Member by-law proposal – This will not be voted on at this meeting as it has not been in print yet for 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman King presented the following proposed by-law amendment to Article 9.

Replace the current Article 9.1 with the following:

Any proposed amendment(s) to the By-laws and Policies and Procedures must be in writing with the reason for the amendment explained and presented to each Cabinet Member and Central Committee Representative in attendance. By-law amendments will be considered for approval

to print in the Freedom Press. Policies and Procedures amendments will be considered to take effect immediately. Approval of amendments will require a simple majority vote of the Central Committee Representatives in attendance.

Secretary Garver stated there is a numbering error in our current by-laws concerning Article 9.1 and she requested that subsection 9.2(A) and 9.2(B) be corrected to 9.1(a) and 9.1(b).

Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 8 to print the proposal, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

***The above will not be printed in the Freedom Press until after the May CC meeting as it was determined after the CC meeting that this proposal is not properly worded and would result in a by-law conflict*

Local 1 addressed the Central Committee regarding a couple of concerns the local has. The local would like to request that a recap be done for the State Rally and FEW Seminar every year. Treasurer Comeau has provided this summary in the financial reports. They are also concerned the money that has been set aside for MOTM 2014 is currently being held in the PAC Fund. Local 1 would like for the money dedicated to 2014 MOTM moved back to the Give a Way account so it is clear this money is dedicated to this special event. Motion by Local 1 that all funds dedicated to MOTM 2014 be moved to the Give a way account, 2nd Local 35, motion carries by voice vote with several opposed.

Secretary Garver stated the General Office has recently been contacted by an individual who is looking for some type of media release to place on their website about FORR. Gordon Becton did something along these lines for our proclamation runs to put in local newspapers. Locals 3 and 16 will work with the department heads on developing something for the organization.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – Steve Comeau. Financial report presented to all CC reps. General fund beginning balance \$10,302.64 ending balance \$18,000.39; PAC beginning balance \$13,449.44 ending balance \$10,155.70; Rider Education beginning balance \$13,050.35 ending balance \$12,860.97; Homecoming beginning balance \$4,470.57 ending balance \$4,610.57; Freedom Park balance \$1,570.05; Give a way balance \$4,000.43. Recap 2012 Homecoming – we lost \$5,278.49 last year. FEW Seminar we made \$3,433.07. The FEW Seminar profit went to the PAC fund. Motion Local 24, 2nd Local 27 that the Homecoming account be renamed the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. We will continue to use the old checks and deposit slips until they are gone but will change the account name as reported.

Donations – Local 26 \$100 PAC \$25 for Buckhorn buyout. Local 19 \$60 for Buckhorn buyout. Local 10 \$1000 PAC and \$25 for safety. Local 15 \$200 Freedom Park \$150 Mid MO Rally \$250 for PAC. Local 30 \$60 Buckhorn buyout. Local 30 \$700 PAC. Local 14 \$60 Buckhorn Buyout. Local 15 would like the following donation in kind to be considered, the rental of a 20x30 tent for use during the Mid Missouri Rally at a cost of \$700.00. Treasurer Comeau presented an overview of the requirements to be eligible for a donation in kind request. Motion by Local 35, 2nd Local 30 to accept the proposal by Local 15 for this donation in kind, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Question addressed regarding how a new local will be treated on donations in kind since they were not in existence last year and therefore are unable to comply with the policy requirements. General consensus is that the policy regarding meeting their state donation the prior year will be suspended as to new locals but they will still have to meet the other requirements for consideration of a donation in kind.

Awards presented for timely submission of financial reports Locals 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 20, 21, 26, 30, 35 and 42. Awarded presented for Locals that met their yearly financial donations Locals 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 41 and 42. Of the 10 locals that did not meet their state donations for last year 8 could have met their donation amount but chose not to.

Local 24 received recognition for making the largest yearly donation to the state. Local 42's treasurer, Alma Albert, received special recognition for going the extra mile as a local treasurer.

Vice Chairman – Skyler McWilliams. Engineer of Freedom award presented to Rhonda Felts

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally – We had a meeting on site yesterday so that everyone could see the site in person. This is going to be a wonderful facility for us and for the rally. JR and the other coordinators have worked tirelessly on development of this new event. Local 27 asked why the discount for active military was removed from the rally this year. Motion by Local 27, 2nd Local 35 that we give active military the same discount as an MRO member into the rally this year. This would apply to the campground pass. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. We will also correct the date on the flyer to show that the rally runs through Monday morning as it has been in the past. Local 30 stated that during the meeting yesterday a proposed t shirt design was presented. Motion by Local 30 that we put the winged wheel in its entirety more prominent on the artwork and in the eagle's claws, 2nd Local 24, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Local 15 presented a patch design they would like considered for the Rally. Deanna asked about kids games during the event. We need a local or locals to step up to develop some games and activities for the youth that will be attending. Local 3 stated they would be willing to help with this. There will be a family camp area available and we will strongly encourage people that chose to bring children to camp in this area. There will also be a 9 pm curfew for children and they must be in their camp area after that time.

Chairman King stated there are some key individuals working on the new State Rally. Committee Coordinator, JR DeGraffenreid presented an overview of the committee's activities. The work schedule has been drafted and Chairman King will be handling the shift lottery. The majority of the work shifts will be from 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Please remember this is FORR's state PAC fundraiser. It's going to be up to everyone to help cover the work shifts and make this a successfully fundraiser for FORR. Its only work if you make it work. There has been a lot of work done on this rally since January, however, there are still jobs and positions that they need help with. If you're interested being involved with this new event, please email JR at Aintmymoose@yahoo.com. 5 of 6 bands are lined up. Larry Yeager has donated the use of his portable band stage. The History Channel will be at the rally on Saturday to follow one of our bands – Strike Force. Local 15's tent will be placed somewhere near the pavilion. Vendor row will be between the arena and pavilion. Day trippers will be allowed in the campground to access vendors and bands. Please seek out sponsorships for this event. Don't limit this to only motorcycle related businesses. There are several different levels of sponsorships available. Mark Chapman has told us he believes the PA system we have will be sufficient to serve our needs at the arena. Sponsors also get advertising on the event website. There is only room on the flyer for 2 more \$750 level sponsorships and this will be done on a first come first serve basis. If you get any sponsors please send them to the General Office. We need tractors for prepping the arena, pulling shuttle, etc. Check out www.Mo-Rally.com for more info.

FEW Seminar – Committee meetings for the 2014 FEW Seminar will be added to the Saturday meetings starting in May. At that time we will be looking at event date, location, format, activities, etc. Chairman King stated he would really like to see involvement from the membership in coordinating this event other than just the corporate officers working on this training seminar.

Rider Education – Doug Clawson was unable to attend due to illness. Deanna Rhodes presented the following information. Motorcycle Safety

Advisory Meeting at MODOT in Jefferson City on April 10th at 10:00 a.m. Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program Update is at Lake of the Ozarks this year for instructors. Contact Doug if you have questions. No rider coach prep course this year. Classes are scheduled and have been posted on the website. Trifolds have been sent out to site coordinators. Trike and ARC classes are available but no classes have been scheduled yet. We have three training bikes for sale. Looking for an individual who would be interested in stepping up as FORR's rider education coordinator.

MAC – Deanna Rhodes – MODOT received \$140,000 in grant money, \$120,000 will be used for gas station pumps, advertising etc. with the balance being used for incentive items like keychains, bumper stickers, etc. Deanna will ask MODOT for an accounting of how the money is spent. Still looking for an individual to help with video work on a new project. April 30th MAY Rally. Meeting at Memorial Park, parade to the Capitol will leave at 12:30 pm. If any locals or district are participating in proclamation runs you must submit a sanction form even though the insurance for this event is being covered by the state. Locals encouraged to set up awareness events to promote MAY.

Product Line – Shelly Payne - Request for a two pocket long or short sleeve shirt. T-shirts and clothing are walking bill boards for the organization. Many have expressed the need for us to get the youth involved in the organization so we now have youth sizes available in hoodies in limited numbers. What makes the product line successful is the membership buying the products. Awards presented to locals 28, 33 and 16 for their outstanding jobs at promoting the state product line.

Product line has 240 calendars left. The calendars have been paid for out of sales. At the last meeting we said we would decide in March what we wanted to do with any left over calendars. Motion by Local 27 that we divide the remaining calendars between the locals and allow them to use them as they see fit, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Webmaster – We do not currently have a webmaster. Looking for someone to fill this position. Mike has done a wonderful job with the website. There has also been discussion about possibly looking into having someone from outside the organization handle the website. We have received a quote from one individual of \$45 per month to maintain and perform updates on our site. Tex Garner Local 42 said he may be interested in doing this and will get with Mike to discuss this further.

Newsletter – Dallas Chapman general office manager. She has tried a few new things over the past year such as the who am I section and will continue to try to come up with some new ideas. We are actually starting to get some paid advertisers. This really helps offset the cost of the newsletter. If anyone is having problems getting their Freedom Press please verify their address on the roster. Awards presented to locals for submitting 10 out of 12 submittals Local 5, 6, 8, 25, 26, 30, 35, 42, 7, 10, 16, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, Dist 4, 1, 12, 15, 33, 41. If there is anything you want to see in the newsletter please let Dallas know. Request to put the map back in showing where our locals and districts are located. Office manager Chapman also went over a brief outline of her job duties as the office manager for FORR which are quite substantial.

Corporate Secretary – Kathy Garver – Membership report: Total memberships processed January/February 19 life members; 90 new members; 268 renewal members. Total membership as of 3/1 (which does not include new locals approved today) 2,550 increase of 49 since last report. Thank you to all the locals that have been working hard on getting and retaining members.

Awards presented to Locals 8, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 35, 41, 1, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 6 for returning all 6 membership rosters.

Membership growth award/trophy presented to Local 14 with an increase of 152% from 21 members as of last year to 53 members as of November 1, 2012.

Event insurance – Bob Hawkins - There will be no increase in our event insurance rates for this year. Event cost will remain at \$109 for 1 million coverage, each additional insured will be \$55.00. Bob was expecting to see a 20-25% increase because this is what he has seen with some of his other customers, but we were lucky and didn't see this increase. If anyone has any event insurance questions send an email to GO@forr.net or 1-800-309-RIDE.

Legislative – Katherine Fox – 69 members showed up for the first Capital Crusaders Day. Formally recognized on House floor. Filmed while Rep. Burlinson was filing our helmet modification bill. Lincoln Days and Demo Days were a success for the organization. Demo Days attendance was down. MAY Rally on April 30th should prove to be a great day for all motorcyclists to come to the capitol with the sole purpose of supporting rider education and motorcycle awareness. We have made some new friends this year and the mayor of Jefferson City will be serving as the MC of the event this year.

Coordinator Fox provided a detailed update of the current status of the bills that FORR is following to the Central Committee.

Bill Kempker from Local 10 thanked for all of his hard work and help at the capitol. We could not have accomplished what we have without his help.

Legislative Awards presented to District 4 and Locals 42, 33, 35, 30, 13, 10, 24. There have also been some individuals that have gone above and beyond – Melanie Coy, Amy Allmon, Rhonda Felts, Dallas Chapman, Bill Kempker, Duncan family. Special recognition also given to the entire board for all of their help and work.

Government Relations Consultant update - Chairman King received a text from Matt Hill a little bit ago that he is at a funeral service and will be unable to attend the CC meeting. Chairman King talked with Matt earlier this week and reminded him of our meetings this weekend. Matt said he would not be able to attend the meetings on Saturday in Sedalia but would be able to attend our meeting on Sunday. Chairman King presented an overview of the consultant situation since our last meeting which included our discussion with various other individuals who could handle this position for FORR, what happened to Matt Hill, our decision to accept Matt Hill's offer to represent us for \$500 a month during session and what has taken place since that time. Motion by Local 27 that we remove Matt Hill cut our losses and hire Katherine to do the job and move forward from here, 2nd Local 35. Further discussion was held and it was decided this motion should be split. Motion by Local 27 that we terminate our contract with Matt Hill, 2nd Local 35, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Katherine stated to consider this an in-kind donation from her this year because the organization can't afford her right now. Motion by Local 27 2nd Local 35 that we place Katherine in position as our government relations specialist and agree to reimburse her for her expenses in performing the job tasks for the remainder of 2013, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Motion Local 8, 2nd Local 24 to extend meeting. Motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Bill Duncan asked the Central Committee for permission to purchase another engineer of freedom patch so he can make a vest specifically for the purpose of going to the capitol. Nick Swope would also like to purchase one. Motion by Local 12 that we allow these two individuals to purchase another EOF patch at FORR's cost 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Chairman King reminded everyone we need

to be very careful handing multiple copies of these patches out and individuals who receive these awards need to consider this when choosing where to place the patch.

Legislative Coordinator Fox stated in the future she believes we should require the "I lobby" patches be purchased if anyone wants more than one and encourage a donation to help cover the cost on the first one.

AMA – No report

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid - The Missouri MRF Party Block Give a Way fundraiser for the MRF. Thank you to everyone that took tickets and took donations. This is a challenge put out to all the SMRO's for everyone to do some type of fundraiser. Minnesota has won this the past couple of years. Our fundraiser raised \$548.00 Winner of the party block is Charles Durbin from Jefferson City.

There are a lot of things going on at the federal level. If you want to be included in the MRF emails please contact JR and he will get you added to the list. Check out the MRF website at www.mrf.org as there is a lot of information contained on the site.

Chairman – Martin King - Martin asked everyone to please not use texts to contact him. His phone has an answering machine and he also monitors email so please use those two methods to contact him.

Awards for perfect attendance at all 6 CC meetings – there are only four locals that did not accomplish this task. Please remember its family, work, then FORR. If you have a good reason for not attending, such as work, death in family, etc. you will receive an excused absence but you must contact the chairman to let him know. Awards presented to locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41, 42

Cabinet submissions need to be submitted to Corporate Secretary by August 30th by certified mail. If you are thinking about putting a cabinet together please submit your intent as soon as possible so that your cabinet can be a part of the selection process for a government relations person for next year.

Mid South MILE – Roy Hoard - The event will be October 18-20 at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Room rate \$69.00 plus tax, includes breakfast buffet. Reservations: 405-947-7681. All participating states are invited to have their state product lines at the event. The next meeting is April 28th at the hotel. If you have any questions or basket ideas call Big Jim at 417-234-6215. The work on the by-laws has begun. At the last meeting Jim Scheele was elected Vice Chairman of the Mid South MILE Committee. Everyone, members, locals, districts encouraged to start making plans to attend the event. If your local or district donates \$100 to the seminar the local/district can send members to the seminar sessions at no charge and will only have to pay for banquet, hotel and transportation.

2014 MOTM – We have some time before the event but it will get here before we know it. Estimated cost for hosting the event will be around \$15,000, we currently have around \$6,000. We are going to need to continue with our fund raising activities so we are ready for this event. Locals encouraged to have fundraisers, donate their incentive drawing portion, etc. towards this project as every little bit counts and adds up. We need people in place to cover the hospitality room needs, timekeepers for sessions, bike security, registration and putting together booklet that is distributed to attendees. Committee meetings to coordinate this event will be on Saturday before the CC meetings. The 2013 MOTM will be in Columbus Ohio. Encouraged our membership to attend if you can.

Local 30 has moved their meeting place from Nixa to Springfield and they would like to change their name Nixa to Springfield-Nixa. Motion by Local 30 that the name for Local 30 be changed to Local 30 Springfield – Nixa, 2nd Local 27, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Local 24 is having their legislative fundraiser St Patty's Day Massacre this weekend to help pay for their bus trip to the capitol.

Local 25 has a member who is an employee of Thunder Roads magazine. They are putting together a bulletin board for motorcycle related organizations to put a slightly smaller than business card ad on the board for approximately \$120 per year/\$10 per month. This might be something to consider for the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally. If your local decides to participate in this you are already approved to use the winged wheel for this advertising and they have been advised to accept the advertising with the winged wheel.

MAY 2013 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS Truman Hotel

Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally
Saturday, May 4, 2013, 12 noon

Legislative Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2013, 2 pm

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2013, 3 pm

Meeting of the Minds 2014
Saturday, May 4, 2013, 4 pm

Officers Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2013, 5 pm

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 5, 2013 10:00 am

Connections –

Steve Gallus District 1's blacktop rally has been cancelled due to conflicting dates that they are unable to work around.

Motion by Local 6, 2nd by Local 27 to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

2013 Mid-South Mile

How to afford to attend the 2013 Mid-South M.I.L.E. in Oklahoma: 50¢.

Yup, 50¢ per day, less than a cup of coffee, less than 2 cigarettes, less than a can of soda from the convenience store until the next MILE.

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2:00 am - 6:00 am	L-5 (2)	L-6 (1) L-12 (1)	L-6 (2) L-26 (2)	0	0	0	0	
6:00 am - 10:00 am	L-28 (2)	L-35 (2) L-19 (1)	L-15 (2) L-35 (2)	0	0	0	0	
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TOTAL 247	32	43	68	24	12	40	16	12

Here is your 2013 Work Schedule for the Mid American Motorcycle Rally

Please look
over and get
your people
lined up for
your local's
designated
shifts.

We cannot put
on this event
without the
help of our
locals.

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Melany 816-633-7710 or Linda 797-9849**

Hey all of you Good Lookin people! Ahh. May is upon us and not only is the weather changing for the better but it is also motorcycle awareness month. There are also a couple other things to get excited about on a local level. We have considered changing our location name for some time now due to the fact that our "Lees Summit" local has not met in Lees Summit for years. Well, if you've checked your e-mail you should've received the name change proposal from VP Joe "Rev" Seward and know that we are going to take it to vote at the June meeting. If you did not receive a message or do not compute, the names we have considered are: West Central and Tri-County. The reasons we have thought these names would prove to serve our local is mostly due to the meeting location and residing cities of the members who are in attendance. The other exciting tidbit comes from Joe as well; our first meeting ride and picnic on May 19th. We will meet at Casey's in Odessa on 131 and KSU at 11. We will take 131 south through Holden and continue to head . Followed by a putt east at 2 Highway towards Windsor and then a northern jog up 23 til we meet our final destination: Knob Noster State Park at approximately 1:00 pm. Another ride in consideration will occur June 8th heading to Arrow Rock from Casey's again with KSU at 11 am. There are a lot of neat shopping areas (antiques) etc. We will also have a chase vehicle for large purchases..hint hint! So a lot to mull over but in complete awesomeness! Moving on to this month's born ons: May 1st: Rev. Joe Seward and Teri Boyce, 16th: Ken Hardesty and on the 20th Conrad Monaco. Happy Birthday you beautiful May babes and boys! Don't forget to read through this issue and review the back for all upcoming events. As always you can check events on the website too! Well my dears, until next time I'll leave you with this: "Life is one big road

with lots of signs. So when you're riding the ruts, don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts, put your vision to reality. Wake up and live!" -Bob Marley.

Love you all!

Toothpick

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**

Welcome to all the new and returning FORR members to Local 3.

We're very proud of all the hard work that was put into getting this thing off the ground. It took almost a year to decide to do it in the first place, but many people were calling and asking to make it happen, so here we are.

It looks like there are about 43 members at this time which is a very comfortable number, not looking for quantity but quality.

The new Officers are:

President - Dean Singleton

V.P. - Myron Duskin

Treasurer - Steve Burrow

Secretary - Cheryl Singleton

The first official meeting went well, we're still learning A LOT about protocol and what can and cannot be done and by whom, said things, can do them! A few appointed positions still needing to be filled, most positions only take a few days each month to accomplish.

Several fundraisers are planned for the local this year with the PAC fund in mind as that is why we're here; to help fight for our motorcycle-riding rights.

Sending out a special thanks to Chairman King for all the phone calls and e-mails at all times of the day and night. And a special THANKS Dallas Chapman for the support and great communication on a lot of crazy and some not so crazy questions!

By the time you read this we will have had more miles on our bikes, doing what we love to do!

That's all you get for now,

Sincerely,

Cheryl Singleton #29636

Secretary, CC Rep and Newsletter Editor (for now!)

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2. Odessa VFW 4. Tonahill's Last Chance in Buckner

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FORR HISTORY

What is history? Merriam Webster defines history as a tale or story, a chronological record of significant events, as affecting a nation or institution) often including an explanation of the causes or a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events. FORR has had a very interesting history from a small group of people getting together and deciding that Missouri's motorcyclist needed an organization whose goals were to protect our rights to an organization that is turned to by state departments and the legislature on motorcycle related issues. We've faced some very serious threats to motorcycling and our way of life over the years. At the end of 1989 Congress was considering S.B. 1007 requiring states to enact mandatory helmet laws or face losing their state highway funds. Many states were up in arms over this legislation seeing it as a violation of the states rights under the Constitution. However if you've been involved with politics or the government for any length of time you've quickly learned that blackmail is something frequently used to accomplish a desired task.

1990 opened with FORR having 25 active locals and a new one on the way. Local 9 in Hannibal was welcomed to the FORR family in January. FORR was actively involved in rider awareness programs and doing whatever we could to encourage drivers to share the road. In March we welcomed another new local, Local 26 in Maryville. Our safety program had grown with leaps and bounds and was looking into the possibility of buying a mobile training unit. However we also faced the Fundraising for FORR and motorcycle rights vs. Charity issue. Many locals were losing focus on the organizations goal of protecting motorcycle rights and instead were burning out by holding charity events and doing nothing to support the local or the organization. They got their feel goods but weren't doing a thing to protect their rights. We also faced a lot of state vs us feelings throughout the membership during this time period. Locals were free to do pretty much what they want but they were required to support the state organization in their fundraising endeavors by sharing a portion of the new profit between the local and state.

In 1990 we also faced the hard decision of raising our membership dues to \$20. Costs were going up and the organization was barely breaking even at \$15 per member. It took a lot of cussing and discussing but in January, 1991 the membership cost was increased.

By July we'd welcomed two other new locals, Local 30 in Willow Springs and Local 31 in Washington. We also saw the need to get people registered to vote. Because after all it's hard to get people that support our issues elected if our membership isn't registered. We also had one of our own step up and run as a candidate in the 32nd Senatorial district. The organization also realized that it was difficult for the state officers to reach out to all the different areas of the state and set up a network of Assistant Vice Chairmen to help in the various regions of the state. We were adding a lot of new locals around the state and this resulted in some hard feelings by some locals because there was no such as a local having a specific territory and sometimes this resulted in a new local being established close to an already existing local. The assistant vice chairmen were tasked with working with the existing and potential new locals to try to work out resolutions to these conflicts.

We had several key legislative issues that we were going to focus on in 1991. The helmet modification bill, a safety bill designed to establish a statewide rider education program with funding which might allow the waiver of further rider testing to obtain their motorcycle endorsement and a move to reduce the penalty for riding without a helmet to the same penalty for failure to wear a seat belt. We also set up six assistant legislative coordinators to work directly under our legislative coordinator, Carl Hammond to help push our legislative issues.

In reading the back newsletters from 1989 and 1990 one thing has repeatedly jumped out at me. Locals repeatedly put on fundraisers where auction benefits or the entire profit from the event went to fund FORR's Legislative Action Fund (LAF - the precursor to our PAC fund) or our Rider Education fund. We don't see that much any more. I wonder why?

Brothers and Sisters, do you realize we are now in the nineties? Believe it or not, we are now in a new decade! And you better believe

in another ten years we will be in the year 2000. Decades sometimes fly by so it seemed to be the time to reflect on the past and think about the future. If you think back you are probably like me and can remember all of the relatives and friends that have been involved in WWI, WWII, Korea or Vietnam. When you really think about the wars that have been fought over the last nine decades you wonder why. The answer is and always will be, to PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS! It is not yours and my job to protect our FREEDOMS. We have won many battles but the war has not yet been won. Lets all work and ride together to preserve, protect and defend. Thanks Robert Enyeart former State Chairman of FORR for keeping us focused on the task at hand.

Its time we focus on the task at hand. Its time we work together to preserve, protect and defend our right to ride and our way of life, so that when our children grow up they can proudly proclaim - I'm proud to be a Biker.

Until next time - remember to cherish our history and take time to sit around the bonfire and share stories about your travels because life is short and time goes by way too fast.

Kathy Garver - Secretary
Member #574

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,

Okay, boys and girls spring is here and Freedom Rally is just around the corner, the official start of summer and rally season. Let's ride.

Local 5 was recognized for timely returning of all six membership rosters in 2012 and submissions for newsletters in 2012. I want to thank Katherine Fox, our State Legislative Coordinator, for the Legislative Award presented to me.

I know everyone gets very busy with the onset of summer but please keep up to date on the Bills FORR has working their way through the legislature. Legislative update: House: **HB1005** -prohibits the establishment of roadway block patterns based on vehicle type; similar to HB594 & SB73. The difference between the Bills, but is more accurate and protective of the individual. Additionally, **HB1018** prohibits any law enforcement agency or transportation entity from conducting random checkpoints for the purpose of performing vehicle safety inspections for motorcycles or personal vehicles. Both have been read twice and are waiting on Committee assignment(s). **HB715**-modulating brake lights: 3rd read and passed (Ayes: 153) out of House chamber, reported to Senate chamber 4/3, and 2nd read and referred to Transportation on 4/4. There has been movement on **HB870**-adds a motorcycle registration surcharge of five dollars to be deposited in the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund for motorcycle safety programs, 1st read 3/14, 2nd read 3/15, but has yet found a Committee. We will be having talks with the sponsor regarding some type of sunset clause, in both the action to research if



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system is working and specifically to the money collection if found deemed to halt. I have not heard/seen changes in HB's: 555 (H-General Law), 594 (H-Judiciary), 655 (H-Transportation), nor 674 (H-General Law)... (committee assignment).

Senate: **SB72**-designate May as MC Awareness month: referred to House Tourism & Natural Resources Committee 03 April. **SB73**-prohibit establishment of roadway block patterns based on vehicle type: just to confirm, it is officially in House Judiciary Committee 03 April. **SB130**-ROW: Voted "Do Pass" 5-0 (2 were absent; as I type this, the website has it passed on 4/8, though we all know it was passed on 4/4). No action on **SB187**-Helmet Mod as of yet.

We need to give big KUDOS to Katherine for keeping us up to date. Please contact your Senators and Reps and let them know your position on these bills. Remind them that they work for you.

The committee for the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally is asking for sponsors. Please contact local businesses for their support. You can find the sponsorship info and forms on the rally website: www.mo-rally.com. Wish happy birthday to Eric Luplau, May 1, Indy Barnhart May 12, Ted Benson May 18 and Steve Fifer, May 30. Also, Happy Anniversary to Norman and Peggy Pursley which was April 19.

If you would like to meet our local go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar or coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by e-mailing 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.

Amnesia, 207 St Joe Ave

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

HAPPY SPRING !!! Looks like it is FINALLY here. Had a few beautiful riding days in March, but also had some brutal winter days that were in my opinion, uncalled for. Here are some highlights from our Local 6 March Meeting: Nick Swope awarded our Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Harmon, 2 awards from the State Level, one for getting all new and renewal memberships turned in, in a timely manner last year. And the second award for having the newsletter turned in on time every month. Darrell Coy received an award for perfect attendance to the Central Committee meetings last year. They deserve a pat on the back next time you see them for all the hard work they have done.

We had a Fun Run in March that was on one of those brutal, uncalled for winter days. Everyone showed up in cages but we still had a GREAT time. Bud Rials won the high-points trophy and Denise Tiffany won the low-points trophy, otherwise known as the horses butt trophy. I think we may have a couple of new members because of that run. Some patrons at a few of our stops saw how much fun we were having and inquired about what we were up to. Our last stop was Hammer Heads in St. Joseph and they supplied us with pizzas. A BIG thank you to them and to the Local Members that helped at each stop. There were gifts awarded to people who parked in pre-designated areas at each stop and Jim Cross won a monetary gift which he then donated to our Local. Thank you Jim. The monies we received from this Fun Run were donated to Scarlett Ivy to help with final expenses of an unexpected death in her family. Our deepest sympathies are with her and her family.

Our VP Sam Williams and his wife, Lisa is on vacation this week on a cruise ship. Hope they don't get stranded at sea like some of the others we've read about. There was a benefit on April 6th for Mad Mike

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Sunday May 19, 2013

Rain or Shine

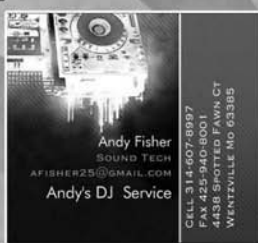
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at Amnesia. Sorry it didn't make the date list in last month's newsletter but it was announced at the meeting.

Speaking of MEETINGS and AMNESIA, our meeting place has been changed to Amnesia in the north end of St. Joseph, 2007 St. Joe Avenue. Still at 12:30.

April 27th – Saturday – Proclamation Run – start at St. Joe Remington Nature Center @ 9 am – end in Maryville approximately 4 pm

April 28th – Sunday – Swap Meet, Twin Drive-In, Kansas City

April 30th – Tuesday – Mike Sloan Memorial Ride to the Capital

May 4th – Saturday – Meet @ Eat – Carson's in Maryville on the square @ 2 pm

May 12th – Mother's Day -

May 19th – Sunday – Local 6 meeting – Amnesia, St. Joe Ave @ 12:30

May 24th – 27th – Memorial Weekend - Mid America Freedom Rally XXV, Buckhorn, MO

June 1st – Saturday – Meet & Eat – Meet at McCorkle's Park in Cameron @ 2 pm, ride to Bethany to eat at Toot Toot's

June 16th – Father's Day –

June 23rd – Sunday – Swap Meet, Twin Drive-In, Kansas City

Contact me for information you want to see in the newsletters. (816)284-9653 or email sheethrn@yahoo.com

BE SAFE and see you on the roads,
Sheila E

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

GREETINGS FROM LOCAL 7!

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:

As I write this letter, I am blessedly tired. A day of yard work, cleaning the car and riding has wore me out and it feels great. I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the great weather. It looks like Mother Nature will let us have a tune-up ride without rain.

We haven't had our April meeting yet so not too much to report. Plans for Spring Fling are moving right along. We are busy getting sponsors. Anyone wanting to help, get with me or Lorie. It takes every ones help to make this event happen.

I just got the message out lining the safety course in Trenton. Check the web site if you or some one you know is interested.

My grandson will be taking the class. Another biker in the family.

The May meeting will be at the Peanut Barrel at Ludlow. Remember the committee meeting is at 11 meeting to follow at 1.

Welcome to our new member, John Hill. I hope you get everything from FORR that you are looking for. Look forward to riding with you.

Ride Safe,
Foxy Gama



LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 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



Don't forget about "The 14th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally" – Tuesday, April 30, 2013 starting at 10:30 a.m. Meet at Memorial Park for a Parade to the Capitol Building which will begin at 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

Bill Kempker has put together a Spring Poker Run – Sunday May 19th, leaving from Katy Trail Park/Pavilion and ending at Hooks Bar & Grill (Please Refer to Flyer).

The "Mid-America Freedom Rally" at Buckhorn is quickly approaching (Memorial Day Weekend)... hope to see you all there!

For all of you Facebook people, keep checking Local 10s FB page and group page for upcoming events and just news in general.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com



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LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage****Contact: 417-793-4899**

Hello again, missed last month so I thought I had better get on my J O B and let you all know what Local 11 is up to. It's warming up and we are all going into Rally mode. Everyone is getting flyers out and trying to get vendors and sponsors. June 14th, 15th, and 16th will be here before you know it and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there. We have a lot of bike games planned for Saturday afternoon and a ride-in bike show. We have three bands lined up to entertain everyone...BIG SKILLET will start the weekend off on Friday night....THE TAILGATORZ will kick off the afternoon on Saturday and SOUTHERN GREEN will take over Saturday night. There will also be a ROMANTIC DELIGHTS FASHION SHOW on Saturday night. This should be a great weekend. For \$15.00 you can enjoy an entire weekend of camping, swimming in the river, drinking, partying, or even just relaxing and meeting new friends. Hope to see you there.....ride safe.

Til next time: PA

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information**

Greetings again to all our friends out in FORR-land as the riding season begins in earnest. By the time you read this our local 12 20th Anniversary Party will be history and we thank both the local 12 members who attended and worked the party and all of our guests. A special salute goes out to the local 14 members who made this one of their regular road trips.

We had a great meeting at the Fish Beak on March 3rd. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm with 22 members present. The minutes were approved as read and Laura's treasury report was approved. John reported we had bought our way out of the Buckhorn contract for .10 on the dollar and a motion was approved to contribute \$60 to the state towards the buyout. Matt Hill has been rehired as our lobbyist. John said the bill allowing motorcycle only checkpoints is not going anywhere.

Pork Chop and Socko both thanked everyone for coming. The district Proclamation Ride will be held on the same day as Steve McQueen Days, April 27th. Tami reported that for the Volkfest building we had paid a \$50 receipt plus a \$75 deposit. Insurance is also paid. We have brand new release forms. Full Moon will be our Friday night Firecracker Classic band for \$1,000. A motion was passed to hire Downfall for our

Saturday night band. Tami is still calling vendors.

Under old business, a motion was passed to sign a contract with the state to clean a 2 mile section of 240 highway from the west end of the Glasgow bridge west for 3 years with 4 cleanings a year. Pork Chop said that if we were asked to do the Steve McQueen Bike Show he would handle it. Under new business, the June 2nd meeting will be held at the Slater American Legion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Coming events:

May 5th- Local 12 meeting, Poodle's II Palms, Boonesboro, 3 pm

June 2nd- Local 12 meeting, Slater American Legion, 3 pm

July 12th and 13th- Firecracker Classic Party, Field Meet, and Poker .Run, Stump Island Park, Glasgow.

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

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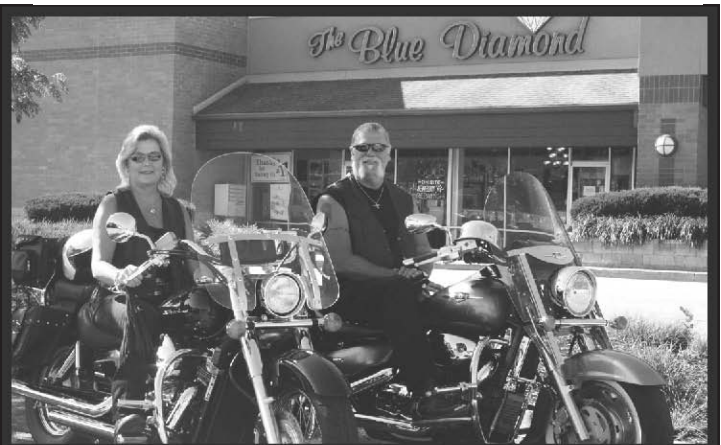
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Driver of the van made the statement "I didn't see him"

Above
A man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after he slammed his car head-on into a group of motorcycle riders celebrating their club's 10th anniversary, killing four motorcyclists and his companion

Above
Young man heading to his wedding dies after truck driven by.....(name withheld) hits him in the rear of motorcycle.

Left
The driver of the truck failed to yield right of way resulting in serious injury to the motorcycle rider

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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Stacey's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO****Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345**

Hello brothers & sisters!

With spring in slow motion, I can only hope the summer goes just as slow, there's going to be a lot to enjoy & participate in!

We welcomed 2 new members, Rachael Montgomery & Josh Herdeg! Many of you probably know Josh, he was raised in local 13 since he was 5 yrs old, in 1989! Congrats to

Josh and Rach, they just announced their engagement, so get ready for a reception party this summer @ Tom & Dee's!!

I want to brag on a few other men now. Rock is doing a GR8 job, he definitely puts the local at the front of his priorities! And Raymond cleans his plate very well too! There's considerable amounts of paperwork, forms, ledgers, accounts, and event planning required of officers. These are duties that are gladly done... in harmony with their families and full time jobs! Until last December, I had no idea what all goes into keeping a local up! My hat's off to ALL the officers, in ALL locals, at ALL levels!! Then you have long time Bros like: B.L., Juan & Half-Breed, who we all know, love, respect, and count on! Those three have been active for so long: I consider them the GLUE of our "pride". And talk about a dedicated member, Cutter! He has been as active as anyone could be, above and beyond expectations, while battling cancer, chemo/radiation/stem-cell transplants. Even with Cutter's full plate, he shows his loyalty to his local and this organization! He still walks in with the biggest smile... ready to go, give, & participate! Reflecting on so many more ppl too, over the years; who deserve a pat on the back & respect! With all that said, I'll stop before I give them ego's they can't keep up with, (LOL) and don't worry sisters, next months publication is all about US! There's a few of us "good ole gals" that need to be recognized too!

Thanks again to Poppa Wheelie's for their hospitality during Stacey's absence. We should be back on track at Stacey's May 19th at 3 pm. I hope someone keeps good minutes for me, as I will be absent.. We are going to a biker wedding in Hallstown, Mo. Talk about karma, Tom & I rode with the groom in Cali... and 30 yrs later; the two Cali boys (Tom Herdeg & Robbie Rickman) meet up in a bar, in Hermann Missouri! Congrats to Robbie, & his fiancée Rikki Lockheart!

Buckhorn Freedom Rally is right around the corner, hope to see EVERYONE there! Till then, be safe & keep the rubber to the ground! FORR-EVER!

Dee

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Ron Keesee 816-898-4302**

Good evening, Local 14 and Nomad 00,

I've been sick for four days and nearly forgot my deadline was today. I hope the Newsletter Editor will accept my apologies for my lateness. Local 14 has a lot of issues and events going on right now. Off the top, I was to say Healing Blessings and Light to our dear brother, Russell Hilburn, who was in a single-vehicle accident in Buckner, MO. Sunday April 1st not far from our home. He suffered two broken arms, ribs, shoulder/clavicle, as he and the motorcycle tumbled together. No time for our brother to get away but luckily no broken legs or head injuries. I saw pictures of him walking in the hospital about two days after and just a 'smiling. Our best wishes to Russell and Jodie and the Hilburn families as they start on a new path to recovery. There will be a Pass-Jar (you know, like passing the hat?) at each local event and meeting that will be turned over to Russell and Jody and they will need help from their brothers and sisters. Note to self: send a get well card from the local. Russell spent four days in ICU and we were able to see his smiling face

within hours of the crash and as usual, Russell was smiling! He left the hospital today to go home and we want to wish him well. Love you, Bro! Our poker tourney and 3-ball event will be history while you read this. This was our local fundraiser so we can build our treasury and hush the money-counters in the corner haha. Let's hope for a good event. Due to poor scheduling, it is our hope that no one missed our event due to their earlier-in-the-day and planned-after-our-event, commitment to another District 4 event.

It must be noted that we are all brothers and sisters and we will fight as often as we, well, that's a different KIND of story isn't it?-play together. If there is a problem that needs to be brought to our local's attention we want it known that we expect a meeting in the field of honor and a drink afterwards, but all conflicts will be settled in a timely manner and not allowed to fester.

We also wish welcome to Local 47. Namaste and a pleasure to meet you. We hope you feel welcome at home with Local 14 and we hear and expect good things from you.

Our June meeting is the ninth instead of the 16th due to Dad's Day, at Crash and Carol Harrison's in eastern Jackson County. There will be more info for directions to be had soonest. Check our page. And yes, May's meeting is still the third Sunday at the VFW Post 3976, Sugar Creek, MO. They got our backs, too!

As in all things, we beg forgiveness and create understanding.

Yours in freedom,
The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Rowdy Beaver, 1810 W Hwy 76, Branson, MO 65616****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

Well the chatter that I have been hearing about is the 2 big FORR rallies. That is so cool. Folks have been asking if I'm going to the Freedom Rally then that question is followed up by the "are you going to Sedalia in the fall? I know most folks want to hit as many as they can. Hope to see lots of you guys at Buckhorn!

Things have started up pretty strong in our Local. Thanks for all the ones that helped out at the Swap Meet this year. We have the reliable members as always, but it is so nice to see the new member working beside us!

Our Poker Run for the Ronald McDonald House/ Charlie Dawn Davis was rained out. But we did get a few die hard folks that made it out. Terry Cobb won the Poker Hand and the sweetie that he is donated it back to the RMH. We will be riding to the Ronald McDonald House on April 14th to give them the money collected from the ride and also the Silent Action the we held at the BS due to the weather situation. I know they had really nice/cool things collected! Thank you to the Midwest Drifters for sponsoring this run and all their hard work and care that went into it.

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Gail said that there was a good turn out for our BS. It was at Fish Tails in Kimberling City. Ron and I didn't make it but I heard they had lots of fun. Next month we will be going to the Lakehouse on Indian Point Rd. I pretty sure we had a Poker Run there a few years ago. Really cute place. Hope to see you there May 7th.

The business meeting was OK. I talked to the manager about the background noise and the lack of waitresses. They plan on fixing both problems and it should be better this coming month. We will be diving in to planning Hooten Town. So please come and share your ideas and plan on raising your hand to help. This is a really great rally for us!

I screwed up and downloaded the pictures that were taken at the capital and was really bummed when I saw that they weren't on the Local letter. Well then they there were on the back page of the news letter! Yea!!!! I'm glad someone did it right.

Take care guys, and I hope to see you soon!!!

Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



If you've never heard Deuce Menninger, you owe it to yourself to catch this band. Anyone that can sound that good inside a metal building has got to be great! Standing O to the band for stepping in to make the April Fools Dance a success. As always, special thanks to D & K Trucking for providing the venue.

Another note of appreciation goes to the Eagles Club in Cape Girardeau for their generous donation to Local 16. You are always there for us in many ways and it is an honor to stand with you in community involvement. Talk during the meeting preceding the dance turned to upcoming events. We have the FORR sanctioned events such as the Bayou Run and Louie Run but Local 16 is also participating in a Perryville event, Bikers on the Square, June 22 at 10:00 am. While this is not a FORR event it does have the potential to gain some awareness for the mission of the organization. Workers are needed for this event to benefit the Perryville Chamber of Commerce. Doug and Lisa have flyers and information on the details.

Our next meeting will be at Paul Kim's house at 664 CR533 in Fruitland at 7:00 pm. Except for the meeting after the Toy Run, Local 16 will no longer be having meetings before events. I'm not know for giving short CC reports but this will also eliminate the distraction of event preparation at the same time we discuss FORR business. We still have a couple of dates without solid locations but we hope to have those filled soon. Anyone interested in hosting a meeting should call Whitey or Lisa to insure the information is included in the Calendar.

Winter is behind us, spring is coming on strong...hope to see you all enjoying the beautiful weather. Until next time, knees in the breeze!
Mel



April - May - June

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Golden Eagle Hospitality Room

Contact: 660-988-1708

Greetings Local 19

Finally the snow is gone and spring has sprung, we will all be out on the open road and there is lots going on this month with FORR. There will be a Proclamation Ride Saturday April 27. We will meet at the old Petite Three Cinema building, which is located at Hwy 63 & Rt P in Kirksville. Plan on leaving at 12:00 noon for Lancaster where we will stop for lunch at Buddies Bar & Grill, then off to Unionville to meet other members and ride to Brookfield. This promises to be a good ride, we hope to see as many members and friends as possible.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. May 11 our local will be meeting at Wal-Mart parking lot from 10:00-12:00 noon to heighten awareness of motorcycle safety. The details of this event are the still in the works but everyone is invited to attend, so shine up your chrome and stop by to show off your ride. There are rumors that State Rep. Nate Walker will be there, who has an open ear to our efforts to repeal the state helmet restrictions. He has attended a few of our activities in the past and is easy to talk to.

We would like to thank Pat Williams and the Kirksville R-3 School District for allowing us to return to their facility for Safety and Motorcycle Training classes. Sharon and Derek have scheduled a Safety and Motorcycle Training class for May, 25-26. For more information contact Sharon Trueblood at 660-665-8228.

Last but not least, I would like to welcome new member Mike Auxter. Mike is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, lives in Kirksville and rides a Harley, let's make him feel welcome.

Next month's meeting will again be at Golden Eagle Hospitality room May 4 at 6:00 pm. Till next time keep the shiny side up and the rubber down.

"IKE"

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480



Ole man Winter continues to hold us in his grasp refusing to allow the warm temperatures of Spring to arrive and stay with us. However the early flowers still bloomed despite him and survived just like the flowers we will rise above the adversaries of our right to choose about helmets we just have to work a little longer and harder.

All of the members of our LOCAL should pat each other on the back for the great turnout at Sierra Osage on March 30 and please pass that pat on the back to our guests that joined us in making the kids Easter a little more special and easier for them to be away from their families. The sparkle in their eyes and smiles on their faces when they hear and see the bikes is worth every minute spent planning the event, stuffing 800 eggs, hiding the eggs and being out in the cold and mist. Thank you to B&K for the hot coffee and donuts they provided during the sign in along with a place inside for us to organize and complete paperwork.

In closing I would like to give all something to ponder....What is something that you can give to anyone at any time in private or public it is free and once given it cannot be taken back but the recipient can return it?

Until next time.....
Keep it between the lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L20

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LOCAL 21 - ELDON**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291**

GREETINGS FROM LOCAL 21!

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.****Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369****Contact: 636-665-5004**

Well Spring is here and time to get in gear. It's time to take a good look at your scooter, remember to do a detailed walk around and make sure all systems are in good working order. Take the time to check lights, oil and tires because you don't want to be calling your buddy to bring the trailer out to pick you up. Also remember these four wheelers haven't seen us most of the winter so watch out for them and yourself. Local 23 wants you all to be safe so we can keep fighting for our freedom!

See you on the road!

Stix

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**LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114****Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092**

Greetings Local 24;

I have never done this before, so bare with me! And if you find a typo in this, be sure to let me know ASAP, so we can vote you in to do it next year! This whole seeing the future thing is hard for me to do. Especially 10 minutes after I wake up, so I am just going to start by welcoming our newest members to the Local 24 family as of the time I am writing this. WELCOME Danny and Della Abernathy, Michelle Brown, Janet



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By the time you are getting this, our Blessing has come and gone.....I am sure it was a success, as it always is! And I pray the weather was perfect! BIG THANK YOU's to everyone that helped this year with it!!!

Legislatively, I am not even gonna try to guess what is going on at the moment you receive this. If you are not on the email list to receive legislative updates from Katherine, I implore you to do so! Also, if you have not been to a meeting in a while, I ask that you please attend so you will be as up to date as the rest of the best local in the state!

The M.A.Y. Rally is just a couple of days away!!!! I sure hope that all Local 24 members are able to make the ride to the capitol, as the state proclaims May as Motorcycle Awareness and You month! We will be meeting at Memorial Park in Jeff. City at 10:30 and riding Parade style to capitol at 12:30 pm. This is NOT a protest ride...and is Alcohol free! NOT FREE ALCOHOL....free OF alcohol.

Also, do not forget the Mid America Freedom Rally is coming up May 24- 27!!! We can work out a plan to all ride out together.

Our next local event will be our Broadway B.A.R. Hop on June 15... be sure to get with Kerri if you are able to help work a stop.

Next months newsletter should be brought to you by your regularly scheduled editor!!!! I hope I didn't bore ya too much!

GG....how'd I do?

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Hello All,

Spring is FINALLY HERE !!! Good Lord is sure took its sweet time getting here !

The Freedom Rally is on Memorial Weekend.

April 30th is May Rally @ the Capital.

Check out our new Facebook page @ Freedom of Road Riders Local 25 Thank You Lisa Mrs. Rascal Covington for putting this page together.

Help us put together, and get info on, upcoming rides... Be sure to show up at the upcoming meeting on Sunday May 19th... 1 pm @ Hobo's (American Legion Post 313 in Old Town St. Peters.

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 8th... St. Charles Promotions is doing a Bike Rally & Concert event for Youth In Need @ the Winfield Fairgrounds. Sign-Ups from Noon - 2 pm. Live Music: Burning Sky; Whiskey Business; Mindspin; Toung Tied & Deep Fried. Food & Drinks; Field Events; 50-50 Raffle; Vendors; Tent Camping & a Full Contact Mini Bike Race. For ticket & vendor info call (636) 262-8035 (or) E-Mail @ stcharprom@yahoo.com

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Also watch for my Bio in the May issue of Thunder Roads under "Meet The TRM Staff"

And as always... Remember, Leather UP & Rubber DOWN !
Rascal



Lincoln Days

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

Greetings from Local 26

The weather over the last month has been less than predictable in NW Missouri. We've had beautiful days in the 70's followed by highs in the 30's. Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind. Still, many of us managed a few days in March to get out and in the wind. We weren't able to manage our usual dinner rides, but at least the food was good at the potluck we had for our last meeting.

Procrastination has one thing in its favor: I am able to report that Local 26 had its first Eat & Ride of the year. Tuesday night, April 2nd, 10 of our hardy number gathered together and made the trip to Braddyville Iowa for food and fellowship with fellow riders. Started the ride at 54 degrees and was in the low 40's on the ride home. A bit chilly, but riding season is officially started.

The only truly newsworthy item to report this month is a reminder about the Proclamation Run on April 27th. Our local group will meet at our usual spot, Break Time on 1st street, for anyone not wanting to find the starting

point in St. Joseph on their own. The plan is for kickstands up at 8 am. If you are in the area, feel free to ride along and join us for this event.

Now that the season has started and warmer weather is here, I hope to have more content in the future. So everyone watch for cagers and critters. Keep the shiny side up and the dirty side down.

Stay in the wind,
Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 2:00 pm****Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941****V.P. Olin Meadors 417-777-2883**

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.

We have all heard that a few times I'm sure, but I'm afraid we may not be

actually hearing it. It seems to me that our organization is getting farther and farther away from supporting brotherhood, (I have been guilty of this myself). so I thought that we might need a reminder,

So I'm challenging all of our members state wide to keep brotherhood at The fore front of your mind as you go through the operations of FORR. We need to Remember that everybody has a right to their opinion and it does not have to be the same as yours. That's what makes this country great, the ability to work Together. Let's stop all the bickering and start working together again. Our Organization is only as strong as our weakest member so we can not highlight That weakness. There are a lot of people out there watching us and we need there support.

So now on to the business of Local 27 ;

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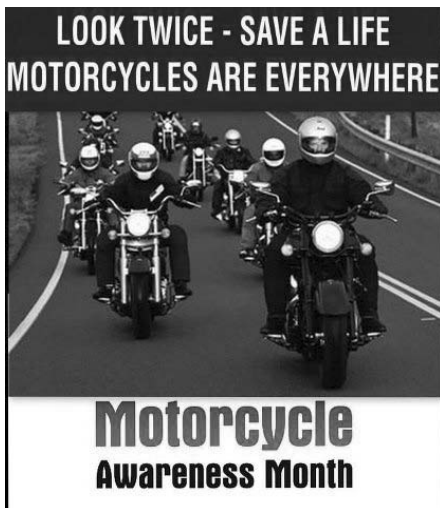
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As you may recall we here at Local 27 did not vote in favor of moving Homecoming away from Buckhorn. We felt, and still do that moving to Sedalia was a mistake. We would have been happy to help in any way to establish another second event, on a different date, to assist the state in its fund raising. But that option was never explored. I believe that if the effort being put into this new event with sponsorship and workloads, had been placed on making Homecoming better, we would not have needed to move or put out the \$5000.00 each year. We could have simply sold some sponsors and covered that amount with someone Else's money, then we could have planned another, more family friendly event, on another date, therefore increasing the states revenue income by much more. We stand to lose many long time attendees, as you know most of the attendees at the last few Homecoming events were not even members. Where will they go now that there is no Homecoming? I'm afraid they may find another event to spend their money. I have heard a lot of talk from members about attending an event in Iowa on the same weekend. On another point, we have no control on the weather, no matter where the event is being held. We here at Local 27 have planned an adult only rally to hopefully capture some of that lost revenue and keep it from leaving the state altogether. We have chosen to put our event on Labor day weekend to help ensure this. Now you should know that we have voted within our local to donate 25% of all our profits to the state, therefore helping to keep the freedom fight funded no matter where the bikers of our great state choose to party. We feel that this will give members and non-members alike a choice that will benefit FORR either way. We will continue to encourage all members to attend one of these two events. I have chosen to explain our feelings to you because I believe in Freedom of Road Riders and I do not want you to feel we are trying to do something that would hurt our organization, thank you.

Sincerely, Bill "Dawg" Thornhill, President Local 27



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LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Mike Moeller 573-528-1528, Vice President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Shrine Club 573-774-5454**

When I wrote last month's article, I was looking out the window at a foot of snow on the ground, snow falling, and wishing that it was warm. Today, the sun is shining and the temperature has warmed up to a reasonable 50 degrees. As I look around, there are bikes on the road everywhere and it seems as if everyone is taking advantage of the nicer weather. Please remember, that this is Missouri and the weather can change on a dime. Spuds would like to remind everyone to be ready for the changes and do not leave the house without the proper preparation. Don't forget that the animals are waking up too, along with all of those bikes!! With that being said, get out there and enjoy the sunshine!

The main theme of the board members this year is communication. We want to make sure that all members of the Local 28 receive timely information on all of the events, fun runs, cleanups, discussions, etc... Taz has a phone roster that he uses to send messages out to everyone. If you are not on it and would like to be, please email or call him to be added. We are also updating the web page and FaceBook on a regular basis. If you want to receive the messages from FaceBook, please go to the site and like the page. After that, you just need to add the newsfeed to yours and you will get all of the updates from there. If you have any other suggestions about how to improve communication to all of the members, feel free to let us know.

These are the items that will be discussed at the April meeting. The newsletter has to go to production before the meeting. So, this will be pretty brief.

The board is considering sending out a newsletter every month to the members of the Local 28. It is another way to communicate to everyone all of the events and discussions that have gone on during the past month. The road side cleanup that had been originally scheduled for March will

be held on the 13th of April. A fun run will be held afterward for those that are interested. Splash Designs is taking over the building of the web site for the Local 28 product line. It will be added to our web site when it is complete. The product line that will be displayed there is being worked. Please submit any design ideas to the board. A design idea for a Local 28 patch to be awarded to those members who have excelled at volunteering for the Local 28 FORR will be proposed. There will be a limited number of patches given each year. Steve, the CC rep, has FORR pins. He also came back from the meeting with some items for the product line. If we do not have your size, please get with either him or the product line representative and they will order it for you. Because of the weather, the committee that was going to paint the stage had to cancel. But, members of the Local 29 have volunteered to create a weather-proof board which can be hung from the stage.

Check out the Local 28 FORR web site at <http://www.local28forr.com> or stop by and visit us on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150>

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO****Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or****Ursula DeMoss 816-550-9591****Website: www.forrlocal29.com**

Our March meeting had a good turnout with 23 members present. It was St. Patrick's Day and we were treated to a fabulous meal of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, to include green deserts. We send out a BIG thank you Dan and Nancy Martin for providing the delicious feast. At the meeting we had many members get into the festivities by dressing in green garb. You can see pictures of this delicious meal and of our members on our Facebook page, "Facebook/FORR Local 29". At our meeting our gallant leader Cowboy Steve read a letter from our Vice-President Ursula DeMoss, who stated she was resigning as Vice-President effective May 1st. Several members were suggested as VP, with all of them declining, until I was suggested. I agreed to accept the

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position. Starting at the May meeting you will once again get to see my smiling and shining face at the officers table. We have two meeting changes to announce. By the time you are reading this we will have had our April meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, at 7 PM. This was caused by a scheduling conflict at our meeting location. They had rented out the hall. And our May meeting will start at 3:00 PM instead of 1:00 PM. The date and location will be the same. This was caused by the fact that many of our officers will be at the Mid-America Freedom Rally set up weekend and will not be back in town by our usual starting time. Our plans are firming up for our ride to the Kansas Motorcycle Museum Friday, June 7, to Sunday, June 9, 2013. Some are leaving Friday night and some can't leave until Saturday morning. If you would like information about riding with either group call me, Bob Neal, at 816-809-7184. Some of us plan on staying at the Knights Inn, 632 Westport Blvd, Salina, KS. On line they show a rate around \$50. If you would like to stay with us you will need to make your own reservations by booking online or by calling them at 785-820-8663. Saturday afternoon at 4:00 we will visit the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to see it. We will ride back home Sunday. On May 5th we will help with the BWAM ride by manning a checkpoint in Excelsior Springs. Call Bob Neal if you would like information on how to join in. On May 24th to 27th is the Mid-America Freedom Rally in Buckhorn. Not only is this Local 29's major fundraiser of the year, it is a rip roaring good time. Close to 3,000 people usually show up. Come join us and see for yourself. We have some pleasant surprises in store for any of our members and guests who come, and even bigger surprises for anyone who works two shifts or more. See me or Cowboy Steve for details. Our product line managers mentioned a few things they would like to get, and we voted to let them spend up to \$100 for new product. Had Jackie Smith been at our meeting she would have won the \$30 Attendance Incentive. The membership incentive was won by Ursula DeMoss, who walked away with a cool \$25. Let's hope by the time you are reading this it has warmed up and we are riding, because it is snowing like crazy while I am writing it. Well it's time to say goodbye.

Happy trails to you..... until we meet again.

Honest Bob

Words from a wise man: What you hear about me could be true, or it could be fake. Make your own conclusion. Either way I don't recall needing your approval.

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

It's twenty-four degrees outside, snow is still covering most everything that isn't asphalt, and I'm having a terrible time imagining it will ever get warm enough to dust off the gas tank and ride. Don't get me wrong, I've actually had dreams about my knees in the wind, I'm just not a member of the polar bear club. Our monthly meeting in February was rescheduled

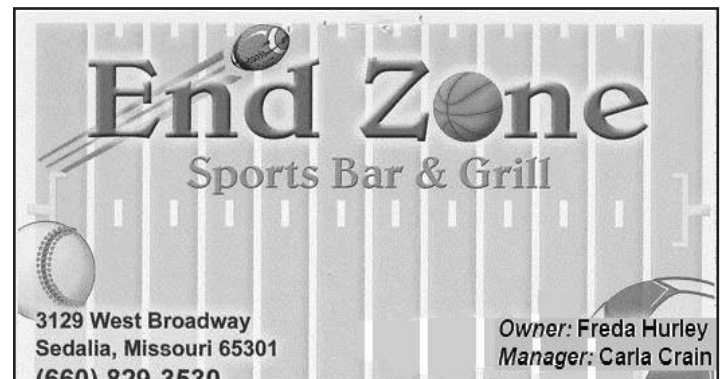
due to bad weather, then March's meeting came and the day held snow and sleet again... But we braved it, and here's what we know: Danne R, our CC rep was in Jefferson City and was received well by the senators he visited. He encouraged us, now I'm encouraging you to email, write or call in your support for the bills FORR is following.

Local 30 is excited about some of our region's MC rides and events coming up. April 14 is the Charli Dawn Davis Ronald McDonald House (RMCDH) Benefit Ride. Meeting at the Outback Pub in Branson with kickstands up at 1:30, with a stop in Branson West, the ride will end at the RMCDH in Springfield. All proceeds go to the RMCDH.

May 5th the Springfield area is expecting over 600 motorcyclists (Motorcycle Monster.com) in the "Can You See Me Now" Ride, an event to promote motorcycle awareness. With more and more riders each year, we also hear of more accidents involving those riders. This is one great way to be seen and heard before the season shifts into full gear. The Ride will start in Remington's parking lot on W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO, and after a 70 plus mile ride, will end at the American Legion Riders Post 639 on S. Scenic. Registration at 11:30 am and KSU at 1 pm. We look forward to seeing some of our friends from across the state show up for what is always an extravagant display of motorcycle safety and awareness in our community. This is a free ride, with free T shirts as long as they last, and the band Triple Shot will entertain us at our destination.

And lastly, as we dream the good dream of bikini tops and flip flops (yeah, you know who you are), we look forward to the Freedom Rally, Hootentown Rally, and the exciting start of the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally in Sedalia. Summer may seem like a long way off with snow on the ground, but will be here before we know it. Can't wait to see everyone soon...

Ride happy,
Christine S.



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LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.****Location varies - call for info****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or
Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385**

President-Debra John (573)647-0129

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We started our meeting with a discussion on the Fun Run we want to do. We decided to hold it on Sat. Aug. 3rd. More info will come later.

All the members are really forward to the upcoming Freedom Rally. We are hoping to beautiful weather and a lot of partying.

We briefly talked about Homecoming.

We gained three new members to our local Sat. night.

They are : Brandon Flegel

Bill Gentry &

Bruce Daniels

WELCOME TO LOCAL 31 !

Our next meeting will be held at the Gravel Bar in Rolla on the 26th. of April at 7:00 P.M. We always hold our meetings on the last Fri. of each month. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Let's all hope this crazy weather clears up soon so we can get outside and also get some riding in.

Hippie

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**

Greetings to all 123 Local 33 members. On a personal note, at the March meeting I renewed my membership, starting my 19th year.

There is not a lot happening, but here's what went on at the March meeting.

John from Local 12 was a visitor. Good to see you again and thanks for stopping by.

We discussed the FORR info booth at the 2013 State Fair. Price, size and location. Randy will get more info and report back to us.

We also discussed the proposed bylaw changes. The local formed a bylaw change committee. They will report back to the local.

Kathy Garver won the membership incentive pot, \$29. Elaine Guy won the George Washington pot, \$35. She donated it back to the local. Thanks Elaine.

Upcoming events

April 21 Local meeting

April 30 MAY Rally

May 19 Fun Run & Picnic

The last two mentioned events, come to the April meeting to get more info. We will probably ride as a group to Jefferson City to the MAY Rally.

May your pleasures be many, your troubles be few.

Safe Travels

Cowboy Roy



Well as you've heard Granny is back at Local 33 and has moved in with her old Flame. He was telling me she no more got back to town and she was at Am-Vets talking with one of a local members wife. As they talked Granny asked the lady how old she was, to which the women said she wouldn't tell. Then a few minutes later she asked the women how much she weighed in reference to riding a motorcycle. The women wouldn't say exactly, but that the bike didn't strain under her weight. Then it came up that Granny's ex-husband had passed away due to complication from the Vietnam War and the lady explained that her husband had left her. Granny asked why and the women would not tell. Later granny got up to use the facilities and tripped over the women's purse and her wallet fell out on the floor exposing her driver's license. Granny return to her chair and said to the women; well I see you weigh 197 lbs, your 72 years old and your husband left you because you got an "F" in sex. And that's how Granny got her new black eye.

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.

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Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6870

By the time this is out we should have our spring poker run under our belt and looking forward to many nice days to ride. A belated Happy Birthday to Linda H. (March) & Linda B. (April). Members are looking forward to the Freedom Rally! Those of you who haven't signed up for a shift yet please get with Pat Green!

Local 35 moans the passing of member Karin Duffy. Karin had been ill since last September. She had an Indian burial, with the burial first then a celebration of life afterwards. Karin was a fascinating person. Some of you may have had your palm read by her. She loved her Frankenstein trike and was very active in her community and with the Native Council. She was buried in full Indian dress. After the ceremonies many people ate at the local BBQ and then 6 members of Local 35 and a guest rider went on a tribute ride for Karin. We will miss her!

Ride Free,
Elaine Herron
Local 35

In tribute to Karin this month's quote will be an Indian quote:
When the blood in your veins returns to the sea, and the earth in your bones returns to the ground, perhaps then you will remember this land does not belong to you, it is you who belongs to this land.

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

May 2nd meeting will be at MI MEXICO Restaurant in Gallatin at 6:00.
June 6th at Shooters Bar-B-Que in Bethany at 6:00.

June 14th-16th Spring Fling . Local 41 will be working the gate for Local 8.

The past two winners of the membership drawing have not been present. They are Mike Sims for February, and Rex Lacy for March.

I'd like to wish everyone that's going to have a birthday this year a Happy Birthday.

Hope to see everyone out riding soon.

Bob Dylan said it best " the Times They are Changing" I hope for the better. Don't forget we have the right to bear arms so keep wearing them short sleeve shirts.

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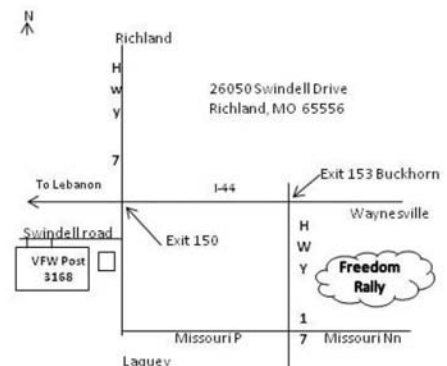


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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO****Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164**

Hello everyone... Been a pretty busy month so far with our Local working on the Leather and Lace dance... On Saturday the 9th I drove to Sedalia State Fairgrounds and met our members for the MMR meeting... and listened to Moose go over the game plan for our rally... Checked out the 60 acres and worked through some of the details of the State Fair rules and regs and to get a better idea of what's goin on. Good to get things lined out early. Later we met at the Mexican Rest. And had our legislative meeting there... Katherine gave her report and it was very optimistic... went back to Jeff City and enjoyed the fine hospitality of Local 24 and others... The next day I stood in for Keifer at the C.C. Mtg at 10 am...covered a lot of ground and will let everyone know at our next meeting... If you are ever curious about what goes on at our meeting then by all means show up and you'll see...broke for lunch at noon til one and then on til 4:30... but it was worth every minute of it and I encourage other members to attend cause you are more than welcome to go... covered a lot of ground... We have a Alcohol Awareness presentation to do either this month or possibly in April... wanted to get it done before riding season starts... We have our L&L coming up in a couple of weeks so we are kind of busy for that...

Attended our monthly meeting yesterday after getting almost ten inches of snow... still had a fairly good turnout despite the weather...I tied up most of the meeting with reports from the Legislative and C.C. meeting... So far our L&L is looking good... I'll wait til after our event to report on it... We had a couple of guests at our meeting... I would like to welcome George Halbert and Daniel Ponche... Thanks for your support of our fine organization.

Bet you're sitting there reading the Freedom Press and thinking to yourself, I'm a member and I should attend some of our meetings and really see what is going on and not post my thoughts on a social networking site about something I know nothing about...We can help you learn things you didn't know you didn't know... So flip that lever on the Broyhill and come on up... You'll be glad you did...

We had our L&L Sat. nite... appeared to be a record attendance cause there wasn't much seating left... So many people to thank... So many Locals to thank...So many business's to thank... So Thank you all... I wrote on our Facebook page asking people's thoughts about the Leather & Lace Banquet and got a lot of positive feedback from people that attended... Got something to say...?

Becky R. says she is from L-25 and it was her and her husband's first time and they won't miss another one...

Kathy H. said, It was crowded!! Great turnout! Great time! Looking forward to next year...

May 19th - Monthly meeting @ Pacific Eagles

May 23rd - 27th - Mid America Freedom Rally

June 8th - L-42 School Supply Collection

June 22nd - L-42 School Supply Collection

June 30th - Monthly meeting 1 p.m. @ Union Park - CMA Bike Show
That's all I got Talk later, Tex**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY****Meetings: Will be posted on the FORR Local 47****Facebook page****Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497**

Local 47 would like to thank the Cabinet for helping us get our ducks in a row by the March CC meeting. We also want to thank the individuals that make up the "CC floor" for their vote to allow us to be a part of the

FORR family and for letting us participate in the March CC Meeting. We would also like to congratulate the other new Local (Local 3) who also joined the freedom train in March.

For those who don't know, Local 47 is in the Kansas City/Platte County area. Our officers are:

Russell Felts - President

Jack Garrison - Vice President

Ronda Felts - Secretary/Treasurer/CC Rep/Legislative Rep

Dave Voigts - Sgt at Arms/Road Captain

Dale Perrigo - Dist 4 Rep

Safety Officer - Norb Wiederholt

Fran Jones - Newsletter Editor

By the time this actually reaches you all, we will have had our first Fun Run on April 20th to celebrate the opening of our Local and the BIG SURPRISE at the end . I'll let you know how that went. We have a lot of brain storming and enthusiasm going on within the local and we are all very excited to get things moving. We will be working on proclamations for the May Rally as well as our letter writing campaign which will be concentrating on the Senate Transportation Committee, in hopes to get things rock'n and roll'n at the Capitol.

Some of our members (Dale Perrigo, Russell & Ronda Felts) attended the District 4 Easter Party for the kids at the Salvation Army. There was tattooing, an Easter egg hunt, the bunny hop, hot dog eating and major sugar overload. Thank you to everyone who attended - the kids really had a good time.

Our Safety Officer Norb Wiederholt reminded us at our first meeting to make sure we really take the time to go over our bikes before head out to enjoy some of this warm weather. He mentioned that many people tend to overlook the belts on their bikes and these should be checked from time to time. I also want everyone to keep Russell Hilburn and his family in your thoughts as he recovers from his motorcycle accident. Be safe out there.

Until next time,

Fran Jones

Newsletter Editor

Local 47

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location**

GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 1!

DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all motorcycle enthusiasts: SPRING is finally HERE!

Everyone got their bikes checked out for safe riding in 2013, right?

There are many many upcoming events, make sure to check <http://www.forr.net/webcalendar/month.php> to see which ones YOU would like to attend and support.

Gosh,... it has been a long winter, cabin fever set in with many, but NOW the time has come to ride.

Thank you to the Locals and Individuals who came out and/ or donated to towards the Easter Party for the Salvation Army Kids. They had a good time, as did we.

FORR will once again man the checkpoint for the BIKER with a Mission run, looking forward to that.

Folks, remember a super great time is to be had at the Mid America Freedom Rally and please mark your calendar for Labor Day weekend.... new place, new venue: MMR (Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally)

Asking everyone to keep Russell Hilburn from Local 14 in your prayers for a speedy recovery. It will take time, and with the help of his family

and friends he will progress.

Would like to take just a short minute to compliment a GREAT person: Katherine Cashell-Fox, her passion, her enthusiasm, her persistence, her love for what she does, certainly gave this outstanding woman a place in my heart, as well as many others. All I can say is Way To Go awesome, to have such an asset in FORR.

OK, I am off my box, keeping this short.

Hope to see many of you at upcoming events and meetings.....STAY INFORMED, while you have fun.

Meetings will be every 2nd Tuesday each month starting at 7 PM in the Iron Skillet Restaurant. (Take I- 70 to exit 28 and pull into the Petro Truck Stop, South of I -70) If you wish to grab a bite to eat, please come earlier or stay later.

Hope to see many of you at the meetings

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I have to say, I was disappointed by the lack of support and participation by the Kansas City and District 4 area in the last trip to the Capital. We were able to show our support for HB-555 House General Law Committee, our very own Katherine offered testimony in support we had our usual opposition from the hospitals, psychiatric & brain industries, and insurance companies. Also, House Transportation committee heard HB655-MC Permit, which our very own Chairman gave testimony for this issue, and did an excellent job presenting the facts. These are just two bills we are following that have an impact on our lifestyle.

Please refer to the Legislative Coordinator's column for complete information.

Abide!

Amy "Sunshine" Allmon



Your District Reps hard at work.

Connections



Sensenbrenner Introduces Ethanol Legislation
Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced HR 875, a bill that would require the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a thorough independent study of the effects of gasoline/ethanol blends above 10%. Currently the EPA is allowing the use of blends up to 15%.

Sensenbrenner had this to say, "There have been several tests and warnings highlighting E15's harmful effects on engines and their components, but they have all been dismissed by the EPA. Therefore, we must force the EPA to stop the use of E15 fuel until the serious safety, durability, performance and environmental concerns have been addressed."

The bill would halt the sale of E-15, the 15% blend, until the studies findings have been completed.

The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has cautioned owners against using the blend.

At a recent hearing held by the US House Science Committee all witness's agreed that more testing was needed into the effects of E-15 on internal combustion motors of all sizes.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports this legislation and strongly urges you contact your US Representative and ask them to cosponsor HR 875 as soon as possible. Its important to have a large number of cosponsors to pass this legislation.

You can reach the US Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121

Bikes on the Border

This past weekend saw the inaugural "Bikes at the Border", a motorcycle rights event held on the border of South and North Carolina. The single day event was the brainchild of the McGrath & Danielson Law Group and supported by the local SMRO's. The MRF would like to thank our friends at McGrath & Danielson Law Group and ABATE of South Carolina who hosted the hospitality suite and did a lot of the promotional/boots on the ground preparation for this event!

Described as a "mini Meeting of the Minds", the event was designed to educate the attendees about motorcycle laws and legislation. It also served as a networking session for the who's who of the motorcycle rights world of the southeast corner of this country.

The Midwest has STEAM (Seminar To Educate And Motivate) and Mid-South MILE (Motorcyclist Improving Legislative Effectiveness). "Not every one can attend a MRF regional event or the annual Meeting of the Minds, so these smaller, more local events are a great supplement and provide an opportunity to discuss state and local laws in great depth", said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF. Hennie attended and presented at Bikes on the Border.

The event was held at the world famous roadside attraction known as "South of the Border". If you have ever traveled on I-95 between North and South Carolina, you know where it is.

Overall it was a great event with a promising future.



Connections



AMA objects to unilateral action by the Administration for National Monument designation without public debate!

On Monday, March 25, President Obama will unilaterally announce the designations of five new National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 without first holding public debate. This action will limit recreational opportunities on public lands and represents an overreach by the executive branch.

The American Motorcyclist Association opposes any unilateral executive declarations that do not allow full public debate on the disposition of public lands. Indeed, each of these designations deserves to be considered individually to allow time for thoughtful deliberation and input from all affected user groups, local and state elected officials and Congress before any proclamations are made pursuant to the Antiquities Act.

The designation of a National Monument is significant for recreational opportunities and local economies. While there are cultural and historical landmarks that deserve the designation of National Monument, the AMA believes Congress and the public must be consulted before any action is taken.

The AMA urges its members to contact their federal elected officials and request that they oppose further administration attempts to unilaterally designate National Monuments. Send a letter to your senators today by following the "Take Action" option. Urge them to support S. 104, a bill introduced by U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-La.), which would amend the Antiquities Act of 1904 to require future National Monuments to receive congressional approval before designation.

Washington, D.C.: Some 23 million acres of public land in western states would be off-limits to off-highway riding under a bill introduced in Congress on March 14. The bill, H.R. 1187 – the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act – would designate 23 million acres of public land as Wilderness.

If approved by the full Congress, the measure would close off 23 million acres in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming to off-highway vehicle riders. This is equivalent to a land grab the size of the state of Indiana.

A Wilderness designation is one of the strictest forms of public land management. Once Congress designates an area as Wilderness, nearly all forms of non-pedestrian recreation are illegal, including off-highway vehicle and bicycle riding.

Even though H.R. 1187 only affects western states, Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York City introduced it. Riders and AMA members can contact their federal lawmakers and tell them to oppose H.R. 1187 by going to www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/issues/legislation. There is even a pre-written letter that can be sent by email.

Washington, D.C.: A bill requiring the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to stop the use of E15 fuel until the gasoline-ethanol blend is studied further has been introduced in Congress.

U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced the bill, H.R. 875, on Feb. 28. The measure would repeal the EPA's waiver decision approving the use of E15 and would bar the agency from granting further decisions on the use of the fuel until the EPA obtains an independent scientific analysis of the effects of the E15 blend.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and ATV engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available. The AMA wants motorcycles and ATVs to be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

Montgomery, Ala.: A bill that would end Alabama's distinction as the only state that doesn't require a motorcycle license has been introduced. Rep. Allen Farley, (R-McCalla), the sponsor of House Bill 185, said he would also eventually like to see a skills test.

In Alabama, anyone 16 and older with a regular driver's license can also operate a motorcycle in the state.

Under current law, drivers can request to take the knowledge test to get the Class M endorsement on their license. But the law does not require the endorsement to operate a motorcycle.

Atlanta: Senate Bill 196, sponsored by Sen. Ronald Ramsey (D-Decatur), would authorize motorcycles to operate in toll lanes and on toll roads without the payment of a toll.

Marion, Ill.: State Police and the Illinois Department of Transportation are partnering to help ensure motorcycle riders are prepared for the spring and summer riding seasons.

During a recent news conference at the Black Diamond Harley-Davidson dealership, safety education officer Joey Watson of the state police District 13 office in Du Quoin spoke about the campaign to encourage use of proper riding safety gear and other safety tips for motorcyclists.

Black Diamond and the Illinois State Police are hosting a Motorcycle Safety Summit at 6:30 p.m. April 23 in the Benton Civic Center. Admission is free.

Springfield, Ill.: House Bill 2585, sponsored by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora), would create an aggravated offense for driving while using a video device, wireless telephone, or electronic communication device. If a crash causing great bodily harm, permanent disability, or disfigurement to another person results from a driver using one of these devices, the driver could be convicted of a Class A misdemeanor. If a crash causing death to another person results, the driver could be convicted of a Class 4 felony.

Boston: House Bill 3140, sponsored by Rep. Tom Sannicandro (D-Ashland), would permit a motorcyclist stuck at an intersection controlled by a traffic-actuated signal to proceed with due caution after coming to a full and complete stop and determining that the vehicle detection device failed to recognize the motorcycle.

Boston: House Bill 3148, sponsored by Rep. Todd Smola (R-Palmer), would prohibit a child under the age of 5 years and/or weighing 40 pounds or less from being a passenger on a motorcycle with a maximum speed in excess of 30 miles per hour.

Boston: House Bill 3047, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston), would prohibit motor vehicle checkpoints that target a particular type of motor vehicle, decoration or adornment of the vehicle or rider. The law would not apply to any motor vehicle used as a public or common carrier of persons or property, or to any trackless trolley, semi-trailer, tandem unit, or low-speed motor vehicle used to convey construction or commercial goods.

Boston: Senate Bill 1663, sponsored by Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth), would require every motorcycle built after Dec. 31, 1982 and parked or operated in the state to be equipped with an exhaust system labeled in conformance with the Code of Federal Regulations for OEM (original equipment manufacturer) or aftermarket exhaust systems. The law would require the exhaust system label to be clearly visible without the use of inspection mirrors or other optical aids, or without removal of any equipment attached to the motorcycle. An initial violation would be punishable by a fine of \$250; second violation, by a \$500 fine; and third violation by a \$1,000 fine.

Jefferson City, Mo.: House Bill 715, sponsored by Rep. John C. McCaherty (R-High Ridge), would permit motorcycles to be equipped with a means of varying the brightness of its brake light for a duration of not more than five seconds upon application of the motorcycle's brakes.

Stewartstown, N.H.: An effort that has combined multiple portions of all-terrain-vehicle trail-building throughout the North Country is expected to culminate this summer with the final touches that will complete the long-planned 1,000-mile interconnected trail network. New Hampshire's Bureau of Trails and 15 recreational-vehicle clubs in the northernmost section of the state have been part of the effort.

Increased commerce is a big part of the goal of providing an ATV system that will allow long-distance riders to avoid having to get off the trail and haul their machines by trailer before rejoining the trail. With the expected increase in riders traveling through northern New Hampshire, the new network should give a shot in the arm to existing small businesses such as restaurants, motels, gift shops, and small-engine repair services, and encourage new business start-ups.

The trails bureau has been providing funds for portions of the effort, such as last year's \$63,000 grant that built interconnecting all-terrain-vehicle trails through the Great North Woods connecting Gorham, Pittsburg and Colebrook.

Albany, N.Y.: Assembly Bill 6055, sponsored by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz (D-Brooklyn), would make comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles. Currently, motorcyclists are required to purchase and carry comprehensive motor vehicle insurance, but are excluded from all no-fault benefits, including medical coverage for injuries suffered because of an accident, and payment of lost wages.

Albany, N.Y.: Assembly Bill 6316, sponsored by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo (D-Binghamton), would permit motorcycle operators and passengers 21 or older to make their own decision with regard to motorcycle helmet use.

Columbus, Ohio: A provision in an Ohio House bill that could have made it difficult to determine how motorcycle rider safety training funds were being spent was deleted after several motorcycling organizations complained. The AMA, ABATE of Ohio, the Ohio Motorized Trails Association and others told state lawmakers that the provision was a bad idea because motorcyclists wanted to ensure that the funds are used for motorcyclist safety training.

Lawmakers removed the provision from the bill, and then on Feb. 28 the full House approve the bill, sending it to the Senate for further consideration.

Ohio's on-highway motorcyclists support Motorcycle Ohio through \$6 from each motorcycle registration fee paid to the registrar of motor vehicles. That money goes into the Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund.

Imre Szauder, AMA government affairs manager, was among those who testified against the provision before the House Transportation Subcommittee of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee. Szauder noted that in 2006 and in 2009, the state of Ohio attempted to raid the Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund.

In 2006, the Ohio Controlling Board received, and later rejected, a request to transfer \$750,000 from the fund. In 2009, then-Gov. Ted Strickland reversed a decision to transfer \$800,000 from the fund. In both cases, the motorcycling community spoke up to protect the money riders paid to support rider education.

Charleston, W. Va.: House Bill 2772, sponsored by Delegate Daniel Hamrick (R-48th District), would permit motorcyclists and bicyclists at intersections controlled by traffic-actuated signals to safely proceed through the intersection if they wait a minimum of two minutes and determine the vehicle detection system failed to recognize their vehicle.

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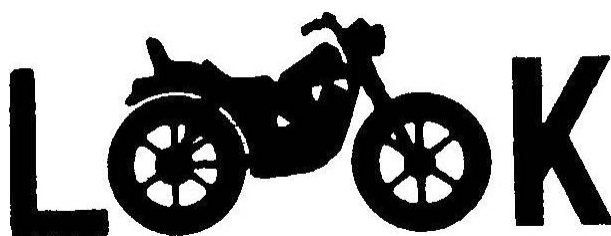
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17-19 Local 20 Dexter Road to Freedom Bike Rally
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19 Local 10 Jefferson City Spring Poker Run 573-694-0074

20 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Fun Run & Picnic 660-441-0625

23-27 Mid American Freedom Rally 660-596-3019

JUNE

6 Local 7 Lebanon Kannyn Ball Run 417-532-4731

13-16 Local 8 Chillicothe Spring Fling 660-247-5713

14-16 Local 11 SW Missouri SW MO MC Rally 417-439-5908

15 Local 28 Waynesville USO Support Ride 573-586-7221

22-23 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Overnight Got Lost Run
660-441-0625

JULY

6 Local 28 Waynesville Buckhorn Blast/Passport Run
573-528-1528

12-14 Local 15 Branson Hootontown MC Rally 417-739-3592

20 Local 28 Waynesville Backyard Games Tourney /
MC & Car Show
573-528-1528

28 Local 33 Hwy 50 West \$1,000 Poker Run 660-441-0625

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