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Notes from Bill

There is one more month till the elections. Hope everyone has been getting in touch with their candidates in their area. We are working hard on the legislation for this next year. I have been in a meeting with MODot, highway patrol, Verizon, AT&T, rail road, insurance institute and other interested parties in getting texting and driving bill thru this year. MODot want to make an all in one bill that would cover all their issues. This would also put primary seat belts on the bill. I told that FORR would not support a bill that has the primary seat belt on it. We are for the texting bill because those texting would impact the people around them but the seat belt is more of a personal freedom issue. They said they would also try to separate these issues on stand-alone bill. We will be having another meeting the end of September. I will try and make these meeting to help work on these issues. We are also looking for sponsors on the other bills. If you have a Representative or senator that might want to file a bill, please ask them and then let me know and we can talk to them. The session will be here before you know it and it stars all over. They also said that they would be changing up the committee hearings again so it will be learning it all over again. We will also be supporting a helmet modification again this year. We will be working on the language that we will be filed I think we should have health insurance on it but need to get rid of the rest of the BS on the bill. We had a lot of support for the health insurance but the rest just caused us a lot of grief.

The Mid-South Mile is coming up at the end of the month in Branson MO. We are the host state so there will be lots of things to do make this a successful event. We will be hosting the hospitality room. Roy Hoard is doing a really good job helping getting it organized. But to make it a successful event we will need the help. Let's get your plans made to come down and help and have a good time.

Notes from Valerie

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FORR,

I'm back.... like everyone, sometimes we have to step back to take care of family and that was the case in my recent absences. I would like to thank Big Jim Scheele for being there to run the meetings I missed. Subjects that have been addressed include the poster campaign, using updated posters. My concern is we really are not sure if the first campaign was useful or if all Locals were able to get them out in their areas. The general feeling of the committee is the poster campaign was a cheaper alternative to getting the word out about our Organization. The problem at hand is without all Locals input we are not sure which way to go or if it has been an effective campaign. In other words would it be cost effective to go ahead and have updated posters printed? That is one of the reasons we ask that at least one person from each Local be in attendance of the committee meetings. This committee meeting at 12 pm the Saturday before CC meeting at the Plaza in Jefferson City.

The concern that continually comes up in just about every meeting is clicks within Locals. This is something that happens whenever you have any group of people. We all come from different walks of life and lifestyles. We are all working towards the rights and freedoms of the motorcyclist, or should be. □ There are some that may have come into the Local being friends before hand and may seem to be off to the side amongst themselves. That doesn't necessarily mean they are being rude. In most cases they do not realize that people may be reluctant to introduce themselves. This can be avoided if everyone took the time before or after a meeting to introduce themselves to someone new. Many people may not be confident enough to make the first move. It is our responsibility to make everyone feel wanted as well as needed in our Locals. Some suggestions from the committee are when facing an event, team people who may not otherwise work together up. This may very well open the door to these members in understanding each other and realizing there isn't much difference between

them. As well as opening a threshold for new friendships.

Recruitment and retention....be true to yourself and share your passion about the Organization. Avoid the "he said/she said" game because in reality it is not our right to judge others and it only brings division. Our mission is to keep all members informed of laws that could help or hinder the Motorcycling community. While we all of course are entitled to our opinions, this could very well lead a potential member to think we are not a professional Organization. This in turn may push them away. Something to be reminded of... the old saying that goes "If you have nothing positive to say, say nothing at all." The truth is together we can make a difference, divided we'll fail.

With Much Love and Respect
Until Next Time Live Life to the Fullest,
Valerie Taylor-McDonnell "Windy"
Membership Coordinator for FORR



New Life Members

Name	Local
Barbara Garrison	00
Abel Martinez	06
Deanna Rhodes	10

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LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/382590848464563/>

THANK YOU ALL

Many, many thanks to all that came out for the Local 1 'Lime Run' revisited.

Joining the members of Local 1 included many from Local 14, Local 33, Local 47, and a few new friends. We also received a donation from 2 'ghost Riders' From Local 5, that were on vacation during the run. Ahh the memories of Lime Runs past..... lots of stories to be had. Just think this might be something that's back for good!

It was a great day, cool and breezy, nice roads along the way with a few 'pit stops'. (Clancy should be up to 47 bars on his bike with this one... ha ha ha) Just kiddin'. The Lime Run ended at The Captain Lounge at Lake Lotawana just east of 7 Hwy. on Colbern Road. Cool place, good food and good service.

Again a huge thank for making this such a success,

Rebel

Oh, for got to say Local 14 claimed the Local 1 flag that day!





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Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.

VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO

Contact: President: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693 or

Vice-President: Gary Snyder 417-644-2789

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Well, happy HALLOWEEN !!!!! My favorite holiday.. Probably because it's my granddaughters birthday and NO I don't ride a broom... Our Positive Local is doing the Trunk or Treat the last Saturday in October in Osceola again this year. We thrive doing positive outings in our neighborhood and beyond.. Let me name a few: For example Sturgis, some of our folks went there and told people about FORR, some went to Sedalia to the Military Day where there was 218 bikes and a very special gringo birthday party (Gary Snyder), Then Springfield, the Route 66 Event.. A BIG Thank you goes to Jim Scheele who donated the pamphlets. And the people who worked : Dean, Cheryl, Bob, Bob, Bud, Walt, Deena, Sam, Jerry, & Sue!!!! You wanna talk about awesome. This is awesome.

Then we showed up on Local 27 run.. Let's talk positive people.....

Mr. Membership Dean has been a busy man.. Local 3 Truman lake area is up to 103 members !!!!! Fantastic.. Here we go

Beverly Long. Ben Singleton

Jessica Herrmann. Kris Keel

Casey Keel. Jody Miller

Glen Scrivener. Sandra Burch

Brandon Haney. Chris Cook

Daniel Wallenberg

Glad you all joined it's going to be fun!!

Don't forget about Mid-South Mile. it's in Branson so we will need donations for the hospitality room and the basket..

Our new historian Deena is doing a terrific job. She has our photo album almost full. Keep it up Deena.

Our prayers go out to Mary Cockrum with that dang ole foot of hers.. And our prayers are with Ray with his heart.. Ya both get well soon ya hear.. We had 35 members and 1 guest.. We had a very positive meeting..

Don't ride as fast as your guardian angels can fly, and love each other.. Don't sweat the petty stuff, just pet the sweaty stuff.. Lol Nancy Aka Skittles

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LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/197130813664644/>**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.

VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Newsletter Editor Beth Gimse 816-261-5798

Howdy Folks,

OK, Let's talk about this photo. This is Ed Robinson (Merlin) and Robert Elliot, not pictured, Brandy Elliot.

Ed is holding a Local 3 flag. These 3 were at the Route 66 Festival. They were going to booths and came to Local 3's booth. Local 3 is the Truman Lake Chapter. While at the booth it was explained to these Local 6 members that because there were 3 of them



that they get to "capture" a flag from Local 3 and that at the end of the year who ever has the most flags wins.

Well, according to Dan Harmon, Local 6 does have a flag. Our Flag is red and white with FORR Local 6 on it. So if any of the other Locals are in our neck of the woods, and come to a function with 3 or more people, you can "capture" our flag.

When Bill Gimse goes to the CC meeting on the 11th I will ask him to get details about how this works.

On August 27th we had the privilege of going on a Brotherhood/Fun Run to Paradise MO. We had members of ABATE of Missouri, Jesse James St. Joseph, MO Chapter, ABATE of Kansas, District 11 Chapter, and Local 6 of FORR. There were 29 bikes and 67 people. We had a wonderful time. We ended up at the American Legion, where the food and drinks were outstanding. We had them hopping! I'm sure they appreciated the business!

We have 4 new members, they are:

Justin Knapp
Richard Pantle
David Rapor
Darrell Lamme

Welcome to the family!

Happy Birthday to all of our August and September birthday members. You know, I heard that if you are born in September, chances are that you were a New Years Eve celebration!! Woohoo! Hahaha.

Enjoy your Fall because I think it's going to be an early winter! Just my opinion. In the mean time,

Ride Safe Ride Free
Beth

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

La Mexican Kitchen, 1679 S Jefferson Ave, South Dale Shopping Center

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

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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

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LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159 or Vicky Stafford 573-690-5750

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LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S Main, NW Door

Contact: Sparky @ (417) 439-5908 or Lizzi @ (417) 439-0399

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/375042675119/>

Hello FORR Family,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I wish it didn't have to end that's for sure. Labor Day weekend some of the members got together and went on a fun run down to Eureka Springs for the day. It was a very busy weekend there but the ride was so beautiful! If you've never had a chance to go down into Arkansas on a bike you should definitely try. Well worth the trip.

I'm so excited to tell you about our upcoming event. November 5th we are joining together with Local 27 for the Masquerade Ball. It will be held at the VFW Post #534 110 E. Veteran Way Joplin, Mo. (\$10 entry per person) The doors will open at 7:00 pm with a live and silent auction, giveaways. There's also a cash bar. The Chris Bassett Band will be playing for us. A portion of the proceeds to benefit " Music and Memories" (an Alzheimer's Program). We had a good turnout last year so we decided to get a bigger place for this year's ball. I'm sure this year will be even more spectacular! So mark this on your calendar, you definitely don't want to miss it.

I want to remind everyone that our monthly meeting is on the fourth Sunday of every month at the Fraternal order of the Eagles on Main St. In Joplin, Mo. At 3:00 pm. We would love to see you there. We also have a Facebook page with our events and information about our organization.

Until next month,
Ginger

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April 3rd - Tammy & Mikes, Napton
Contact: Lyndal (660) 631-3808 or Donna (660) 815-0079
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463789827071828/>

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.
For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Melissa Palmer 573-554-4575 or email mapalmer2@cougars.ccis.edu
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FORRLocal13/>

Greetings from Local 13,
Our annual Wonder Run was held on August 20th. I would like to thank everyone who came out to support our local by participating in the run and/or volunteering to work any of the stops. Without you all, it wouldn't be possible to hold this great event every year. Special thanks to Locals 10 and 12 who captured our flag.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first dance scheduled for October 8th in Mexico, MO. We are excited to add this to our list of annual events that Local 13 puts on. In addition to the dance, we will have our annual toy run on November 5th. More details on our toy run will be in October's Freedom press. This is a favorite of mine as we get to donate many helpful items to those in need at Christmas time.

We will have one more meeting at Plunkett Park before switching locations back to the Audrain County Courthouse. Get out and enjoy the nice weather while it lasts.

Melissa Palmer
Secretary L-13
Mexico, MO 65265
1-573-554-4575



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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.
VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-690-8557
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199315240260246/>

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson
Contact: 417-334-0291
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279926618687174/>

Hey everyone,
It's been a great riding season this year. So many rides, rallies and runs for many different reasons to choose from! Going into the fall it's not slowly down.

Looking forward to going to "That FORR DAM RALLY". It will be my first time there. I've heard so many great things about the venue last year. Hope to see a lot of you there!

Our local Swap Meet and Bike Show is all set to go. It's Sunday, September 25th at Shadow Rock Park. \$5 at the gate gets everyone in. Free swap meet trading for non professional vendors and the bike show. \$15 for professional vendors. We had a great Spring Meet, so we're looking forward to the same this fall. Hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to head up to the Midwest Drifters club house for their Swap Meet Party on Saturday. It's always a great time.

Oct. 2nd is our Stone County Toy Run. We'll gather at the Branson



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West Wal-Mart, collecting toys, coats and cash donations to help the families of Stone county have a great Christmas. We'll leave Wal-Mart at 1 pm.

Oct. 9th, I am hosting a Scavenger Hunt Ride through North Arkansas. It's a free fun ride, enjoying the fall colors and each others company. We'll leave the White Oak gas station at 10:30 am. It is Halloween/ Fall themed. Bring your favorite lucky charm for bonus points!

Our local Trash and Treasure Hwy clean up will be Oct. 23rd. It's at Hwy 160 just east of the Rockaway turn off. We'll meet at 1 pm. Please come out and help us make our corner of the world more beautiful!

Our next BS meeting will be at Cooley's Bar on Oct. 4th. They have great food and usually have a special for us that night. No word of a band, but they are good at entertaining us while we're there. Meeting time is set at 7 pm, but most folks start coming around 6-6:30 pm.

Don't forget our Toy Run coming up November 6th. More news on that next month.

Everyone is welcome to our Business meetings at Charlie's Steak house every 3rd Monday, 7 pm. Officers nominations start in Oct. and finalize in Nov. Please come out and help us make these important decisions.

Hope you have a great fall. Hope to see you soon!
Lou

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

Hello all. The days are getting noticeably shorter and giving us less daylight riding time. I hope that everyone has had a great summer and has had some memorable rides.

Our next Local 16 meeting will be held at the Bayou in Pocahtontas at 2 pm on Sept. 25th. It was decided that we will be giving away the BBQ Party Pack that evening. The Bayou has music under the pavilion beginning at 5 pm.

The annual Toy Run is the 1st Sunday in November. Meet at the Cape Girardeau Eagles at 12 noon on Nov. 6. The ride leaves at 1 pm. Following the ride there will be food and gathering for the participants. To ride along bring a new toy and canned food item. Afterwards we will finish up the afternoon with our Nov. meeting.

Mark your calendars for Dec. 2. We will have our Christmas Dance at the Perryville VFW from 8 pm-12. Jimmy Lee Band will be playing.

I hope to see everyone at some of these events. Until then get out and have some great rides while the weather still is warm.

Safe Travels, Dudely





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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Meeting Location Varies****Contact: 660-988-1708****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/203378816472124/>**

Hello everyone,

Well it looks like it has happened, the summer is over and fall is here. Even though the summer is gone, there are still many activities going on.

Hope everyone was able to join in the fun one of the last rallies, we will be going south this year. My husband and I will miss Keosauqua this year but we are looking forward to our first year at Lake of Ozarks.

For reminders, there will be a Basic Riders Course held in Kirksville on September 30-October 2. The location will be at William Matthew Middle School. Call Sporty at 660-665-8186 to sign up and get information.

Shortly after that on October 8th will be the Chicken Que. Due to last minute changes, information will be mailed out after the September 10th meeting. The Local 19 Toy Run will be held on November 6th. Starting at North Park Complex and ending at The Salvation Army. The admission is one unwrapped, new toy and one non-perishable, canned food item. Thanks goes out to John for working with the city officials on the logistics. He will be reporting more information at the future meetings. The 2nd Annual Poker Run for Combat Vets hosted by Local 19 and Local 8 was a success, raising \$500. I was unable to make it, due to work. Both my husband and I are combat veterans, so a huge THANK YOU to everyone that was able participate, it means a lot to all of us.

It's time for everyone to start thinking about this years action and officers for the up coming year.

For information on our next meeting please call 660-988-1708.

Last but not lest, a welcome goes out to our newest member of Local 19, Jeff Sharp.

That is all for now, until next time, I wish you all safe travels and good times.

Henri

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Saturday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion, Qulin, MO****Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/189905384430744/>**

Hello October

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those that will be or have celebrated this month. Time sure flies the older I get and many changes occur in the seasons along with everything else around us. In an effort to get more members to show for meetings we have changed ours to the last Saturday of each month instead of on Sunday and hope this will also make it easier for some of our other locals to visit us and possibly some of our cabinet officers. Weather permitting there will be a ride after each meeting to extend the opportunity to have more time with our brothers and sisters to just enjoy each other's company.

I have heard there is some discontent with our current cabinet but yet when it is time to put a cabinet together I don't see too many volunteer to take on the task. I have seen how hard it is on those that step up and NO I would not want to sit in front of all us reps on the floor because we can be and sometimes are assholes forgetting what sacrifices these people make to hold this volunteer position. To those that are the most unhappy with how things are being done when elections come around again pick up the gauntlet and we will see how long it takes before your shield losses its shine. Thank you to Joe Widmer, Chairman, Bob Hawkins, Vice Chairman, Cheryl Singleton, Corporate Secretary, Lynne Adkins, Treasurer, Bill Kempker, Legislative Coordinator, B. L. McDonnell, Rider Education Coordinator, Shelly Payne, Product Line, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator, Shaulene Frock and Membership Coordinator Valerie McDonnell and last but not least our Club Liaison

Terry Cobb. A HUGE thanks to their family for standing with them and supporting them when it feels like everyone else has abandoned them and thanks for sharing them and their time with all of us.

We are trying to grow our organization and this becomes increasingly difficult when we have new members and infant locals seeing how we behave toward those that we elected to lead us so instead of being negative look for the positive and lets help our officers take us in the direction we want to go. To the officers I say keep all things on a business and not personal level have an opinion but express it in a professional manner and watch us grow stronger than we have been for a while.

That wraps it up for me this month as always.....

Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L - 20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO****Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989**

There's something wrong in the universe.

It's Labor Day and I'm writing a newsletter instead of limpin' home from Buckhorn all tired and sun burnt and hung over... If the dam rally wasn't a couple weeks away... well I just don't know what I might do!

I witnessed a kidnapping last week... but he's such a mean little shit that I just let him sleep.

See ya at the Dam rally Dammit!

Dan

LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Senior Center, West Plains****Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-1465****[https://www.facebook.com/groups/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/)****[FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters and Friends of South Central Local 22,

I love this time of year especially with the beauty of our Ozarks as a back drop. Everything is crisp and breathtaking reminding us of how truly lucky we are to have front row seat to such beauty. With the night air getting cooler, many of us will be taking advantage of the setting around us being perfect for night rides and star gazing. With the change in weather it also brings your usual suspects in the early morning and evening. Although they are beautiful to watch from a distance, they can prove to be a nuisance as well as a danger on the road. Deer and other critters are also enjoying the change of atmosphere and are more likely to be out and about just before dawn or around sunset. There are many considerations we must be mindful of when taking in the cooler evenings. Always be aware of your surroundings. Autumn is upon us and leaves are turning with that some are also falling which means they may very well be on the road ways, making for a slick roads and corners a bit more challenging

South Central Local 22 is gearing up for our Ozark Mystery Tour on October 8th we hope some of you from surrounding Locals can attend. Everyone is welcome motorcycle or not. The route planned is to be a beautiful ride laid out by our own Bear Ingalsbe. We have plenty of surprises waiting for you and will be serving a meal after the run. The menu is to be pulled pork sandwiches coleslaw with baked beans and of course cookies and maybe depending on my mood, cupcakes. There will be an auction just before we hand out awards. Entry fee will be 13.00 and for 2.00 more we will give you a second chance card.

Bikers United another group here in West Plains asked us to attend a Bike night to share awareness with the community. It was very well attended many of our members were in attendance. We were honored to be asked to join them in this event. I was able to reach a few new or

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.
BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St, Maryville, MO
Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-26-Freedom-of-Road-Riders/210883762255451>

Greetings fellow Riders,

Well, August ended on a bit of a wet note. We've been fortunate on most of our Eat & Rides for August in that the weather wasn't terribly hot and the rain missed us, at least mostly. The last ride of August not so much. Our ride to Gentry looked like it could go badly, but we somehow managed to have some damp roads, but missed the actual rain and were able to ride between the showers to our destination. 14 of us managed to make the Journey to Gentry and have an enjoyable times with friends and decent temps, although the service could have been a bit faster. Our final ride of August to Albany wasn't quite as fortunate. We started with 24 of us leaving Maryville under cloudy skies, but forecasts calling for clearing at both starting point and destination. Perhaps we might have checked the route in between. There was a brief shower that stretched for a mile either side of Ravenwood, that was a bit annoying. The wife reported a bit of BB sized hail in the mix. Several of us had prepped for bad weather, or toughed it out, so we were able to continue. Part of the group decided it was a deal breaker, so they returned home. We understand that rain is uncomfortable and dangerous if not prepared for it or if getting used to new bike. Ride your own ride and if it doesn't feel right, don't do it. 14 of us made it to Albany and enjoyed BBQ.

Hopefully this will arrive before the events have passed, but remember that September 16th – 18th is both the State Line End of Summer Rally (Keosauqua) our Local fund raiser and The Dam Rally, the State fund raiser. Either event will help to support this organization that is looking out for your rights as a motorcyclist.

September is here and so far it has brought with it some cooler temperatures. The last few days have had highs in the 70's and low 80's. Love the cooler weather. It was 58 on the ride to work this morning. As someone that doesn't like hot weather, I'm a very happy camper. Of course fall also means harvest time, so be on the lookout for farm equipment on the roads and the critters will be moving because of the weather and the equipment harvesting their hiding places.

Dates to remember:
 September 16th-18th - Stateline End of Summer Rally – Keosauqua – This is our local fundraiser. Please try to attend if you can.
 September 16th-18th – Dam Rally – Lake of the Ozarks – This is the state fundraiser
 September 20th – Meeting Night @ Jay's - Clarinda
 September 21st-25th – Bikes, Blues, and BBQ – Fayetteville, AR – Fun Rally
 Safe Journeys,
 Harold

David Carter, at 91 years young, attended the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America Rally in Hamburg, New York in July. He received the oldest Male Rider award. He is pictured with his BMW 1100 RT. He, and his son-in-law Harold Duryea, enjoyed the rally and completed the 2,600 mile round trip in eight days.
 Kathy, president





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Meetings: 117 W Jackson, Stockton, 3rd Saturday @ 11:30 am

Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-President. Carl Stinley 417-298-0172; CC Rep Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941

<https://www.facebook.com/Local27FORR>

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Eric Price 573-512-0265; Vice President Vice-President Larry Hudspeth 573-433-0805; Shrine Club 573-774-545

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150>

Eric and Ann where in Germany, Spuds was gone and I was on Vacation in Puerto Rico so our meeting was held the 12th of August with 26 members present at our meeting there really has not been much of a turn out at our meetings.

Vivian Hudspeth has new t-shirts (\$15.00) and merchandise. The new "Be a Hero" t-shirts are only \$10.00. Hoodies \$45 for pull over and zippered 35.00.

Ann was not present at the meeting. Since Ann was gone I did not information on membership or birthdays sorry.

Larry Hudspeth reported that we ended up paying for 2 shifts not covered, want to thank everyone that helped out in pulling the shifts.

Local 28 Treasurer Alexis Martinez has resigned her position as treasurer, I have volunteered to take over as treasurer. Larry Hudspeth and Merle Johnson voted to accept me as treasurer.

New contract with shrine club coming up.

Local 28 Attendance Drawing Debbie Johnson

Local 28 Incentive Winner- Jon Spenser (Membership)

Ride Safe

Mayra

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

20803 Jesse James Farm Rd, Kearney, MO

Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184

Facebook: FORR Local 29 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/106652842710031/>

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LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Jose Loco's, 853 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO

Contact: Big Jim (417) 234-6215

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373004336052023/>

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

Odd months: Sputs Place Hwy 63 Vichy, MO.

Even months: Traveling, check out "local 31 Rolla MO" on Facebook for the latest info.

Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.

AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.

President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;

Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403

<https://www.facebook.com/FORRLocal33>

I'm hoping this news letter gets through to the FORR as I sent one last month from Seattle WA, but I believe it got lost out there is cyber space, because Dallas did not receive it. So I will add a little of last months in

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this one to catch everyone up on what's happened here lately.

Last month during our \$1000.00 poker run, Larry Chaney won the 270 cal. Custom rifle. Say's he's mounted in his gun safe behind a locked door with out windows because the rifle is just too pretty to shoot. That's funny, because that's exactly what Davy Crocket said about old Betsy before he road off to the Alamo and we all know how that story ended! In all the excitement over the rifle no one bothered to write down who won the monies or prizes. One thing I would like to point out here is that our \$1000.00 poker run is not a prize of \$1000.00 to the winning hand. It is \$1000.00 dollars in cash and prizes and only if we get a certain number of riders. The big winner of the poker run is the children and families we help at our ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS. People need to read the flyers more carefully. It would save a lot of confusion for some people. The other news was that we lost three of our members to local 7. Yes, we lost Mike Rodgers, who passed away with cancer, so we sent him off at his funeral with a salute of "Rolling Thunder", Which he had requested before his passing. God bless you Mike you will be missed. The next bit of news was that Rob, who we hadn't seen for some time, pops up and everyone was glad to see him back. He then drops the bomb that his long time soulmate Shelly Huffman had recently passed to cancer as well. Everyone was saddened to hear that she was gone. Sad, very sad! Finally we said farewell to an old friend Steven Craig, all will be missed and Doug has honored their passing with memorial patches, which Doug has for sale, at cost, behind the bar at Am-Vets.

On the 21st of August was our monthly meeting which was attended by 23 members.

J.R., brought up the trivial, childish behavior of some of the members with in the FORR family and that it only takes a few adolescent members to bring down this whole organization. It seems that Lynn our treasurer is the focus of this rude behavior. Well, let me assure everyone that local 33 is behind Lynn 100%. As far as we are concerned Lynn could be part of the Manson Family and we would still support her. We need to stay focused on our mission as a whole and bury our personal agendas and little rusty hatchets, for the rest of the organizations survival or we all just need to go home and give up. It is always just a few who have some personal axe to grind or some "clique" within the group that eventually will bring down that organization. Enough said.

Each officer gave their report and in short Pat Green mentioned that we need to watch our tire pressures and preventive maintenance. Secretaries report was well received, treasurers report has us way in the black, membership holds at 105 members and then came Roy's report on the CC meeting. When we all finally woke back up, I guess there was some good info put out but we all kinda missed it. Kidding Roy! He actually had some good stuff to put out and we took vote on joining the "Council of Clubs" with a unanimous YES. So well see how that goes.

Allen and Mark, covered the plans for the rally and the new contract makes a bit more sense than the first proposal Allen put out. Allen put out that we need to support this rally with as much participation as possible and to research new ideas for the rally. This rally is getting stale and we are now competing with 4 other rallies in the area. Think people, of what we can do to renew the spirit of the Freedom Rally. Mark has an idea to bring in a big named band on Saturday night. Great idea, but one great event does not make a rally. His idea is going to need support and new ideas to surround it to pull off a great rally. If we cant get this rally back off the ground it too will wane away to history.

October, will bring in the DISTRICT 4 OCTOBERFEST on the first and the second. Local 33 has 5 work spots to fill which are very easy jobs. See Denise Leslie to sign up for a spot and help out. October the 16th is our local meeting. And the 29th is our Halloween Party.

Old Granny was sitting at the bar in AM-VETS and was just staring into space. She finally turned and looked at me and asked. Do you know what my nearsighted gynecologist and my dog have in common? I answered, Absolutely not! The both have wet noses!

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact : President- David Nelson (660) 678-2034

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043516439034654/>

August was a great month and a bad month for Local 35. The first bad news was the passing of Al Meyer which was Local 35's first President 20 years ago. The second was the passing of Mike Maurer. Both died of heart attacks.

One of our members Linda Browning just had rotator cup surgery on her shoulder. Being a tough girl she is doing fine. I'm not so sure about Lyle having to do his work and hers. Bet we don't hear very much complaining from Lyle when Linda B. is all healed up and back to doing her thing. Right Lyle?

Now for the good part, about 20 members went for a little ride August 12th- 14th. We left Clinton headed for Arkansas in the rain. Ran out of the rain at Collins and was dry for the rest of the trip down. We arrived and then toured the old part of Eureka Springs and of course we had to stop at the Cat House Bar and Grill. Nope none of the girls felt like working so we sat out front and had a few cool drinks. Saturday several left to ride the famous Pig Trail or Hwy 23. It is a very scenic ride but not the most crooked in Arkansas. On our wondering trip President David selected a road that made the Pig Trail appear straight, the big sign said Very Steep and Very Crooked road for the next 30 miles. I don't believe I've ever been on a road with so many 10 MPH curves.

On Saturday night we kind of did our own thing some went down town and others stayed close and drank some refreshments by the pool. In my case I took my bride out for a nice dinner as we had been in Eureka Springs on our honeymoon 47 years ago.

Sunday morning started out just like Friday with rain, so we put on the rain suits and headed west to come home as the Louisiana rain was coming up heavy to the East of us. We ran out of the rain then turned north and had a great ride home.

August 27th was another day to ride the motorcycles. Several members headed north to tour the Jesse James Homestead. It was a great ride and they couldn't believe that you could tour the home. Several members went on a memorial ride put on by the family for Al Meyer.

September is going to be a good month with a lot of things going on after Labor Day. Dam Bob and Linda stayed home for the first time with NO Rally to go to since 1989. But we have one September 15th- 18th at the Dam Rally. Local 35 will be there with several members.

Local 35 is having a give-a-way to raise money for the Local. We will be giving away a Whole Hog, with Processing included, in November. Yes I said processing included.

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Bob LM # 5960



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LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm
Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043516439034654/>

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.
Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Danny Carbone 636-584-9708; Vice-President Bill Lynn 636-451-2171
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/118270741593141/>

LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am
Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)
Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-750-4216
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100791843447368/>

Short newsletter this month as the wife and I were riding a 100 miles for Jimmies Miles for Medals for Special Olympic Athletes,(so we missed the last meeting.) last count was 136 motorcycles and a whole bunch of people. Have it on the good word from our President that it was a short meeting and a nice day to ride. This all happened on Aug. the 20th. August 27th, I want to thank all the people who helped organize and

participated in the benefit ride for our Local 47 President "Scooter" it was a great day for the ride and awesome bunch of people. I'm sure Scooter appreciated all the attention...lol. Watch him girls...lmao

September weather will hopefully be more comfortable for a lot of riding. Seems like after September the hunting and Holiday Season keeps us all going four different directions at the same time until after New Year's. I know this is a long way out, but February 18th, 2017 our local is having a Valentines Dinner and Dance in Excelsior Springs, great food, fun times and a great way to show that special gal you really care. I'll keep you updated.

Birthdays in Sept.
ROBERT DEMENT 09/12
ALAN DEMENT 09/21

Birthdays in Oct.
Got None

If I missed yours hit me with an email so I can add you- hd1963pan@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 2nd Thursday
Check with your local rep for location
Steve G 816-449-5037

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Q. Who may receive the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

A. Any member in good standing of Freedom of Road Riders®.

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Q. How are nominees selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations prior to each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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2015 Motor Vehicle Crash Data Released; Increase in Motorcyclist Fatalities
 WASHINGTON, DC – This week, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released 2015 data concerning motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. This data also included information on motorcyclist fatalities. The data comes from NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting

System (FARS) as well as the National Automotive Sampling System and General Estimates System. The information provides an overall measure of highway safety, and aids in guiding policy solutions for federal and state lawmakers as well as provides a basis to evaluate the effectiveness of motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety programs.

In 2015, the nation saw an overall upward trend in vehicle crashes and fatalities across all segments of the population. Overall, there was a 7.2 percent increase which is the largest percentage increase in almost 50 years. Increases in fatalities were seen in all types of vehicles and roadway users including SUVs, vans, trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists. Specifically, motorcyclists' fatalities in 2015 had an increase of 8.3%, the largest since 2012.

There were other statistics, specific to motorcycles that are of note:

- While the proportion of people killed 'inside the vehicle' (which includes drivers and passengers of cars, trucks, etc.) has declined by roughly 15% over the last decade, the proportion of people killed 'outside the vehicle' (which includes motorcyclists, pedestrians, etc.) has increased by roughly 15% over the last ten years.
- There were increases in motorcyclist fatalities in every age group except those 19 and under which saw fewer fatalities in 2015 than in 2014.
- Though not specific to motorcycles, the most common fatal crash type in 2015 was multi-vehicle rollovers.
- Data showed that crashes due to 'human choice' specifically distracted driving, increased by almost 9%.
- Other 'human choice' factors included alcohol impaired drivers in which fatalities increased overall by 3%.
- Interestingly, there was a half percentage point drop in motorcyclists who had been involved in fatal crashes due to alcohol-impaired. This may suggest that some of the recent motorcycle and alcohol awareness programs could be starting to take effect.

The NHTSA release offered some possible explanation for the overall upward trend in fatal crashes. Specifically, it linked economic trends like a recovering economy and lower gas prices as reasons more people were on the road, likely due to work travel and increased recreational travel. Warmer weather and milder winters which some of the nation saw in 2015 were also contributing factors.

Though no specific policy solutions were offered with the NHTSA release, it was noted that, "in States without universal helmet laws, 58 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2015 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 8% in States with universal helmet laws." This is likely an indicator that NHTSA will continue its position in viewing universal helmet laws as a solution for highway safety. This emphasizes 'safer crashing' rather than crash prevention; of which many motorcyclists find fault.

In response to the release of the data, The White House and Department of Transportation are issuing a call to action to involve a wide range of stakeholders in helping determine the causes of the increases seen in the 2015 crash and fatality data. NHTSA announced plans to share the information with its safety partners, state and local officials, technologists, data scientists, and policy experts. States and the nation as a whole are likely to see policy solutions offered and initiatives brokered over the following weeks and months as a result of the newly released data.

The motorcyclist community is also in the process of responding to the recently released data through reviewing and confirming the information and preparing to work with the federal agencies to ensure that policy solutions are achieved through the lens of crash avoidance and do not infringe upon their personal rights. These activities will complement the already existing efforts being achieved at the federal and state levels like emphasis on rider education, alcohol awareness programs, share the road initiatives, motorcyclist awareness programs and reduced distraction efforts.

The raw data can be accessed via NHTSA's website: <ftp://ftp.nhtsa.dot.gov/fars/2015/>



Hosed again? The EPA is reviving the 4-gallon minimum fuel-purchase policy. Contact your senators and representative!

Wethoughtwehadputthisissue tobedin2012. But it appears that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is still subjecting motorcyclists to a 4-gallon

minimum fuel purchase at blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15.

As part of its E15 Misfueling Mitigation Program, the EPA is allowing retailers to sell fuel with 10 percent ethanol from the same pump used for blends of 15 percent ethanol. This creates a problem for motorcyclists, who could wind up with as much as a quart of E15 in their tanks even if they select the proper grade of fuel.

And the ethanol lobby is promoting this approach.

In its "E15 & Flex Fuel Retailer Roadmap" for fuel retailers, a pro-ethanol group offers this advice: "E15 can be sold on the same hose with gasoline (E0 to E10) using this configuration: Require a minimum purchase of four gallons and apply a label stating 'Minimum Fueling Volume 4 Gallons. Dispensing Less May Violate Federal Law.'" (P. 80, emphasis added). The AMA spotted this minimum-purchase policy in 2012 and, with the voices of thousands of motorcyclists, made enough noise that the EPA backed away from it. You can read about that battle here.

Since the average fuel tank for motorcycles holds less than 4 gallons, riders are unable to buy the required minimum of 4 gallons. And, even motorcycles with larger tanks could end up with a blend with more than 10 percent ethanol. Or, end up fueling what you think is safe fuel and end up with something much worse! Check out what some motorists experienced in Oklahoma recently.

We thought common sense prevailed at the EPA when on Dec. 17, 2012, the agency informed the AMA it had reversed its decision to require the 4-gallon minimum purchase.

After the AMA read the pro-ethanol group's "roadmap," we immediately sent a letter to the EPA and contacted the EPA public relations office for clarification. The agency has not yet responded to our letter. But the media inquiry prompted a response.

According to an EPA spokesperson: Dispensing E10 in volumes less than 4 gallons from a pump that supplies E10 only is absolutely NOT a violation. The excerpted portion you highlighted should refer only to the less than 1% of gas stations that have gasoline pumps that that dispense BOTH E10 and E15 from a single hose or nozzle. The 4 gallon fueling minimum for E10 is only required for these "co-dispensing pumps" and is there to protect consumers. The 4 gallon minimum ensures that engines, that are not allowed to use E15 (like those in motorcycles) do not inadvertently get too much ethanol in the tank. To comply with EPA regulations, most stations with co-dispensing pumps simply put up a sign that says the co-dispensing pump may only be used for passenger vehicles and separately offer a dedicated E10 pump for motorcycles and other engines that cannot use E15. Motorcyclists or other types of vehicles and engines that require E10 in volumes of less than 4 gallons should not have a problem finding E10 in any volume they need. Apparently, common sense comes only in fleeting moments—and, once again, motorcyclists end up getting hosed from an ill-conceived program created by unelected Washington bureaucrats.

Congress and the EPA are not protecting you. Ethanol producers and their lobbyists don't care about the danger of inadvertently misfueling your motorcycle with E15. And confusing labels at the pump don't get the message across.

The key takeaway for motorcyclists is this: If you pull up to a fuel pump that offers E10 and E15, play it safe and look for the legally required pump that only dispenses E10. If you have an older or vintage bike, you need E0 – fuel with no ethanol.

As motorcyclists, we have to watch out for each other and get the word out: E15 fuel is unsafe and we've got to keep it out of our tanks.

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