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Letter to the Editor

Soon the next legislative year will be upon us, and I hear and read dissension, segregation, and a lack of support for the organization as a whole. I read on Face Book a new drama every day. People are wanting parties for children (yet never go to the ones that are available). People argue on where rallies are, argue over everything except the main purpose we are here. Protecting Motorcycle rights. The only people we should be arguing with are those that want to keep us off the road, or restrict when, where or how we ride. The only thing we have ever asked any member to ensure they do is participate in the legislative process of this state. Know who your House Representative and Senator is, and stay in contact with them. Find out what they believe or stand for. Make sure they know where you stand. The time people take to get on Face Book to vent about what went on at a party or a rally, or to bad mouth another person because their opinion is different than yours, you could have sent an e-mail to Jeff City, telling them to back this bill or that law.

I think we have a lot of energy within this organization, it is just being channeled in the wrong direction. Take your energy and frustrations and vent them out from the organization instead of in attacking the very core of what we are about.

This is a new problem, because social networking has become a daily tool now. Many people try to use it responsibly, but a few are using it as

We need to start pulling our heads out of our third point of contact, and start working as a unit again. We need to use our energy to support motorcycle rights, safety and above all, we need to show those who think we are a joke, that we are a voice that needs to be heard.

It used to be that FORR was us versus them, THEM being the politicians, insurance people and others that fought all our bills. Now I see, hear

some service to this organization. Instead of holding the knife to stab them people every day, how about holding the light to help support them in their actions. Any person, if correctly shown their errors, will usually respond, but that is not what is happening. Instead of going to the person to help or inform them, instigators of jumping on the internet, which only leads to dissension. We need to take a good look at each of ourselves,

done to support this cause? Going to parties is great, it does create brotherhood, but if only 100 out of the 2500 we have actually are working the legislative purpose of this organization, we will always fail.

I challenge every member of FORR, everywhere to turn this organization around. Every member needs to visit the capitol one time this year, walk the halls and visit with their reps. Show them we do care, that we are there to voice our opinions and our vote does count.

I challenge every member in FORR to introduce and bring in one new member into FORR. Not only does this organization need to grow, but we need new energy, and a new generation to take over.

the same cause. These leaders may not be doing things exactly as you may want, but they are trying and need your support. This stems from the

And lastly, stop the drama. Leave that stuff to day time Soap Operas. If you have an issue with someone, then at least have enough courtesy to contact them directly and work it out, not hide behind a keyboard spewing your issues on Face book or other social means. As a Mason, we have a saying that I think holds true in all life. If you cannot whisper to a brother his failings, then you can at least remain silent.

Have you signed a new member this year

Taz, proud member

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Central Committee Agenda

BUFR Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012 2:30 p.m.

FEW Seminar Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Meeting of the Minds Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 10, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 11, 2012 10:00 a.m.

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Notes from Katherine

Go vote! Why couldn't over 2,000 of us members convince 7 Congress-people to support HR 904, which simply prohibits the States to fund a motorcycle-only checkpoint? Worse yet, how come the same 2,000+ members couldn't convince our own local Legislators how wrong it is to be in more trouble with the State of Missouri by not wearing a helmet than killing someone at an intersection????????Go vote! Do you realize how hard our forefathers fought or how much was sacrificed in the name of LIBERTY? Go vote! Do not give up what you want most for what you want now! Re-examine all you have been told; dismiss what insults your soul. So, here's to us, the crazy ones: the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes. We're the ones who see things differently; we are not fond of rules. And we have no respect for the status quo. You can quote us, disagree with us, disbelieve us, glorify or vilify us. About the only thing you cannot do is ignore us! Because we change things! We invent, we imagine, we heal; we explore, we create, we inspire! We push our human race forward! Maybe we have to be crazy...because the ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do! Go vote!

FORR History

1984 is now history. The Christmas party in Sedalia appears to have been a success with a lot of stories to be shared around the campfire about certain activities of FORR members and maybe some not so innocent helpers. I will leave those stories to those that participated in the extra curricular activities since I'd hate to get the story wrong. Plans were underway in the state legislature to introduce a mandatory seat belt law. Big Brother, ie the federal government, was pushing hard, through their blackmail tactics, (ie withholding highway funds unless you pass this legislation) for states to enact this legislation. We all had been working hard on letter writing campaigns over the past year on motorcycle issues but we had to step up and work hard to stop this type of legislation from being enacted.

State officers at the beginning of the year were Chairman Smokey Strodman, Vice Chairman Mike Cox, Secretary BL McDonnell, Treasurer Mary Stoaks, Legislative Coordinator Tom Pauley, Newsletter Steve Zimmer, Safety Coordinator Tony Crowder. Some of our events were now AMA sanctioned. The Central Committee meetings were changed from rotating between each district to a being centrally located in Sedalia. At that time Sedalia was centrally located based upon the districts/locals that had been established. Shortly after the year began Vice Chairman Cox stepped down as V-Chairman and Ed Dotson was nominated and took over the Vice Chair duties.

FORR was starting to realize that in addition to the helmet law fight it really needed to step up and become involved in the safety and awareness aspect of motorcycling. In November of 1984 a motorcycle roundtable discussion was held in Warrensburg. FORR was invited to a seat at this table along with representatives from Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. Guidelines for a regional safety and awareness campaign were discussed. The official title for this campaign was Operation 20/20 with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation being selected as the official clearing house for Operation 20/20.

7 new locals were added to the ranks in 1984 with the latest being Local 16 in Cape Girardeau. FORR was truly becoming a statewide motorcycle rights organization.

However all was not wine and roses. FORR was involved in a TT race sponsored by John Farmer in the Kansas City area. We were suppose to receive a share of the profit from this event, however that was not voluntarily forthcoming and we had to seek legal assistance to help us collect the funds promised.

In November, of 1985 FORR hired Peter Rodgers as our political analyst. Representative Vernon Scoville, now Judge Scoville, agreed to sponsor our helmet modification bill, HB649, with Representatives W.T. Dawson, Derek Holland, James Barnes and Glenn Binger as co-sponsors. We had worked very hard to gain the support of these

representatives since they held important seats in the legislature.

During 1985, the California District Court of appeals handed down a ruling that not only shocked but alarmed motorcyclists across the nation. A motorcyclist riding with a passenger was stopped for allegedly running a stop light. Two San Jose plain clothed officers conducted the stop and after the stop patted down the driver without finding anything illegal. The officers then conducted a full body search of his passenger and allegedly found a baggie full of speed. The passenger was convicted on the possession violation and sentenced to six months. She appealed alleging the search was illegal. Under California law an officer only has the right to conduct a pat down search in minor traffic violations if they have reason to believe the suspect is armed. The police in this matter alleged the biker's clothing, a leather jacket, jeans, boots and Harley belt buckle was more than enough reason for them to assume he was armed and dangerous. Two out of three members of the appellate court agreed with the officers. "Upon reviewing the manner of dress it was reasonable for the officers to suspect that he may have been a member of a motorcycle gang and may have been carrying a firearm". Justice James Scott wrote in the majority decision. Only one justice, the lone dissenter, Justice Clinton White wrote, "I think the thousands of perfectly reasonable law-abiding citizens who own and ride motorcycles - including those who ride Harley Davidson choppers - in just such clothing would be justifiably shocked to learn that by doing so, they give the police reason to believe that they are carrying deadly weapons." Nice to know that someone was looking out for our constitutional rights, but even more disturbing that the majority chose to simply ignore the fact that those rights extended to everyone, even bikers.

Completely overlooked in the court opinion was the fact that the police had even less justification for searching the passenger than they had for searching the driver. The passenger gave the officers less reason to believe she was armed and dangerous and she had not committed a traffic offense in any manner. So unless the court has decided that passengers are now just as responsible as the vehicle operator for moving violations there was no lawful basis for the search of the passenger.

This is just a reminder of how important it is for motorcyclists to be protected by a strong and active motorcycle rights organization in each and every state around this nation. Our constitutional rights were being encroached upon in 1985 and as we heard at our last CC meeting from Representative Lasater are still being encroached upon in 2012. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to continue to protect motorcycles and motorcyclists from laws that affect us each and every day.. Until next time please take the time to sit by a campfire and enjoy the stories shared by our greybeards and founders, because you may never get another chance to do so later down the road.

Kathy Garver
Secretary Freedom of Road Riders
Member # 574



2012 Elections - F = Friendly, U = Unfriendly, NR = No Response

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Akin	Todd	US Senate	NR
Dine	Jonathan	US Senate	F
McCaskill	Claire	US Senate	U
LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Clay	Lacy	US Congress-1	NR
Cunningham	Robb	US Congress-1	NR
Hamlin	Robyn	US Congress-1	Y
Koenen	Glenn	US Congress-2	NR
Slantz	Bill	US Congress-2	NR
Wagner	Ann	US Congress-2	NR
Zorikova	Anatol	US Congress-2	NR
Mayer	Eric	US Congress-3	NR
Luetkemeyer	Blaine	US Congress-3	?
Wilson	Steve	US Congress-3	?
Cowan	Greg	US Congress-4	NR
Hartzler	Vicky	US Congress-4	?
Hensley	Teresa	US Congress-4	NR
Holbrook	Thomas	US Congress-4	NR
Cleaver, II	Emanuel	US Congress-5	U
Langkraehr	Randall	US Congress-5	NR
Turk	Jacob	US Congress-5	Y
Graves	Sam	US Congress-6	NR
Monchil	Russ	US Congress-6	NR
Yarber	Kyle	US Congress-6	Y
Craig	Kevin	US Congress-7	NR
Evans	Jim	US Congress-7	NR
Long	Billy	US Congress-7	NR
Emerson	Jo Ann	US Congress-8	NR
Rushin	Jack	US Congress-8	NR
Vandeven	Rick	US Congress-8	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Harter	Justin	SOS	NR
Kander	Jason	SOS	NR
Schoeller	Shane	SOS	NR
Spragins	Cisse	SOS	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Nixon	"Jay"	Gov	U
Higgins	Jim	Gov	NR
Spence	Dave	Gov	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Copple	Matthew	Lt. Gov	NR
Davis	Cynthia	Lt. Gov	F
Kinder	Peter	Lt. Gov	F
Montee	Susan	Lt. Gov	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Lembke	Jim	Sen-1	F
Sifton	Scott	Sen-1	NR
Fallert, Jr	Joseph	Sen-3	NR
Romine	Gary	Sen-3	NR
Nasheed	Jamilah	Sen-5	NR
Wright-Jones	Robin	Sen-5	F
Holsman	Jason	Sen-7	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Curls	Kiki	Sen-9	NR
LaVota	Paul	Sen-11	NR
Thomas	Jacquelyn	Sen-13	NR
Walsh	Gina	Sen-13	NR
Schmitt	Eric	Sen-15	NR
Reeves	Sandra	Sen-17	NR
Silvey	Ryan	Sen-17	NR
Schaefer	Kurt	Sen-19	F
Still	Mary	Sen-19	NR
Hedrick	Steven	Sen-21	NR
Pearce	David	Sen-21	NR
VerDught	ElGene	Sen-21	NR
Dempsey	Tom	Sen-23	F
Libla	Doug	Sen-25	NR
Swinger	Terry	Sen-25	NR
Wallingford	Wayne	Sen-27	NR
Sater	David	Sen-29	NR
Burton	Charlie	Sen-31	NR
Emery	Ed	Sen-31	NR
Cunningham	Mike	Sen-33	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Thomson	Mike	St. House-1	F
Guernsey	Casey	St. House-2	NR
McClanahan	Rebecca	St. House-3	NR
Walker	Nate	St. House-3	NR
Redmon	Craig	St. House-4	NR
Shively	Tom	St. House-5	F
Shumake	Lindell	St. House-5	NR
Remole	Tim	St. House-6	NR
Scott	Diana	St. House-6	NR
Lair	Mike	St. House-7	F
Wyse	Harry	St. House-7	NR
Crenshaw	Jim	St. House-8	NR
Neely	Jim	St. House-8	NR
Johnson	Delus	St. House-9	NR
Conway	Pat	St. House-10	NR
Higdon	Galen	St. House-11	NR
Hurlbert	Josh	St. House-12	NR
Wilson	Ken	St. House-12	NR
Byrne	Gerry	St. House-13	NR
Marshall	Nick	St. House-13	NR
Pendell	Eric	St. House-14	NR
Schieber	Ron	St. House-14	NR
Carpenter	Jon	St. House-15	NR
Corlew	Kevin	St. House-15	NR
Shull	Noel	St. House-16	NR
Sweere	Jim	St. House-16	NR
Ellebracht	Mark	St. House-17	NR
Neth	Myron	St. House-17	NR
Swearingen	Jay	St. House-18	F
Rizzo	John	St. House-19	NR
Lasater	Brent	St. House-20	F
Mayfield	John	St. House-20	NR
Anders	Ira	St. House-21	NR
Riley	Vicki	St. House-21	NR
Ellington	Brandon	St. House-22	NR

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Dunn	Randy	St.House-23	NR
Morgan	Judy	St.House-24	NR
Sternberg	Jonathan	St.House-24	NR
LaFaver	Jeremy	St.House-25	NR
Miller	Sally	St.House-25	NR
Beatty	Gail	St.House-26	NR
Mims	Bonnaye	St.House-27	NR
Aziere	Jim	St.House-28	NR
McDonald	Tom	St.House-28	NR
Sutton	John	St.House-29	NR
Tropey	Noel	St.House-29	NR
Alam	Shere	St.House-30	NR
Cierpiot	Mike	St.House-30	NR
Solon	Sheila	St.House-31	NR
Walkup	Dale	St.House-31	NR
Khan	Sherbaz	St.House-32	NR
Lauer	Jeanie	St.House-32	NR
Harvey	Ron	St.House-33	NR
Pfautsch	Donna	St.House-33	NR
Grisamore	Jeff	St.House-34	NR
Cross	Gary	St.House-35	NR
McManus	Kevin	St.House-36	NR
Runions	Joe	St.House-37	NR
Wood	Nola	St.House-37	NR
Berry	T.J	St.House-38	NR
Morgan	Kevin	St.House-38	NR
McGaugh	JD	St.House-39	Y
Talbert	Will	St.House-39	NR
Hansen	Jim	St.House-40	NR
Quinn	Paul	St.House-40	NR
Schieffer	Ed	St.House-41	NR
Steiniger	Bev	St.House-41	Y
Korman	Bart	St.House-42	NR
Houghton	Jay	St.House-43	NR
Lockwood	Ed	St.House-43	NR
Jacob	Ken	St.House-44	NR
Rowden	Caleb	St.House-44	NR
Kelly	Chris	St.House-45	NR
Berry	Fred	St.House-46	NR
Webber	Stephen	St.House-46	NR
Richards	Mitch	St.House-47	NR
Wright	John	St.House-47	NR
Monning	Ron	St.House-48	NR
Muntzel	Dave	St.House-48	NR
Murray	Pam	St.House-49	NR
Riddle	Jeanie	St.House-49	NR
Jones	Caleb	St.House-50	NR
Dohrman	Dean	St.House-51	NR
Grigsby	Gary	St.House-51	NR
Wayne	Bill	St.House-51	NR
Cox	Stanley	St.House-52	NR
Domann	Phyllis	St.House-52	NR
Kolkmeier	Glen	St.House-53	NR
Osborne	Holmes	St.House-53	NR
Hoskins	Denny	St.House-54	NR
Maxwell	Nancy	St.House-54	NR

LNAME	FNAME	Position	F/U/NR
Brattin	Rick	St.House-55	NR
White	Jim	St.House-55	NR
Johnson	Patty	St.House-56	NR
Molendorp	Chris	St.House-56	Y
Brown	Wanda	St.House-57	NR
Bullock	Don	St.House-57	NR
Wood	David	St.House-58	NR
Bernskoetter	Mike	St.House-59	NR
Trickey	Vonnieta	St.House-59	NR
Barnes	Jay	St.House-60	NR
Minihan	Thomas	St.House-60	NR
Sage	Michael	St.House-61	NR
Schatz	Dave	St.House-61	NR
Hurst	Tom	St.House-62	NR
Stratman	Greg	St.House-62	NR
Spencer	Bryan	St.House-63	NR
Stinson	Bill	St.House-63	NR
Corneio	Robert	St.House-64	NR
Henke	Wayne	St.House-64	NR
Alsup	John	St.House-65	NR
Zerr	Anne	St.House-65	NR
Pierson	Tommie	St.House-66	NR
Stone	Julie	St.House-66	NR
Webb	Steve	St.House-67	NR
English	Keith	St.House-68	NR
Sharma	Rekha	St.House-68	NR
Lindemann	Glen	St.House-69	NR
McNiel	Margo	St.House-69	NR
Dokes	Eugene	St.House-70	NR
Otto	Bill	St.House-70	NR
McCreery	Tony	St.House-71	NR
Meredith	Susan	St.House-71	NR
Brennan	Patrick	St.House-72	NR
Nichols	Mary	St.House-72	NR
Curtis	Courtney	St.House-73	NR
Pace	Sharon	St.House-74	NR
Gray	Rochelle	St.House-75	NR
Carter	Chris	St.House-76	NR
Gardner	Kimberly	St.House-77	NR
Hubbard	Penny	St.House-78	NR
Butler	Michael	St.House-79	NR
Colona	Mike	St.House-80	NR
Hummel	Jacob	St.House-81	NR
Harlow	Edward	St.House-82	NR
Kratky	Michele	St.House-82	NR
Mitten	Gina	St.House-83	NR
May	Karla	St.House-84	NR
Smith	Clem	St.House-85	NR
Ellinger	Rory	St.House-86	NR
Carlson	Susan	St.House-87	NR
Newman	Stacey	St.House-87	NR
Schupp	Jill	St.House-88	NR
Diehl	John	St.House-89	NR
Lavender	Deb	St.House-90	NR
Stream	Rick	St.House-90	NR
Deal	Elizabeth	St.House-91	NR
Kirkton	Jeanne	St.House-91	NR

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Faulstich	Al	St.House-92	NR
Monticello	Genise	St.House-92	NR
Burns	Bob	St.House-93	NR
Leech	Tony	St.House-93	NR
Englund	Vicki	St.House-94	NR
Hotop	Tim	St.House-94	NR
Haefner	Marsha	St.House-95	NR
Zelle	Joe	St.House-95	NR
Leara	Mike	St.House-96	NR
Komo	Sam	St.House-97	NR
McCaherty	John	St.House-97	NR
Scharnhorst	Dwight	St.House-98	NR
Koenig	Andrew	St.House-99	Y
Pinkston	Bill	St.House-99	NR
Allen	Sue	St.House-100	NR
Gosen	Don	St.House-101	NR
Bahr	Kurt	St.House-102	Y
Callahan	John	St.House-102	NR
Funderburk	Douglas	St.House-103	NR
Conway	Kathie	St.House-104	NR
Lesinski	Terry	St.House-104	NR
Bixler	Debbie	St.House-105	NR
Parkinson	Mark	St.House-105	NR
Fann	Tom	St.House-106	NR
Sommers	Chrissy	St.House-106	U
Hicks	Ron	St.House-107	Y
Hoffman	Rod	St.House-107	NR
Gatschenberger	Chuck	St.House-108	NR
Curtman	Paul	St.House-109	Y
Schroeder	Ann	St.House-109	NR
Jones	Timothy	St.House-110	NR
Good	Derrick	St.House-111	NR
Frame	Michael	St.House-111	NR
James	Daniel	St.House-112	NR
Wieland	Paul	St.House-112	NR
Roorda	Jeff	St.House-113	NR
Smith	Dan	St.House-113	NR
McKenna	TJ	St.House-114	NR
Ruth	Becky	St.House-114	Y
Gannon	Elaine	St.House-115	NR
McCane	Rich	St.House-115	NR
Engler	Kevin	St.House-116	Y
Black	Linda	St.House-117	NR
Harris	Ben	St.House-118	NR
Hinson	Dave	St.House-119	NR
Smith	Jason	St.House-120	NR
Frederick	Keith	St.House-121	NR
Lynch	Steve	St.House-122	NR
Franklin	Diane	St.House-123	NR
Miller	Rocky	St.House-124	NR
Love	Warren	St.House-125	Y
Pike	Randy	St.House-126	NR
Kelley	Mike	St.House-127	NR
Entlicher	Sue	St.House-128	NR
Crawford	Sandy	St.House-129	NR
Wilson	John	St.House-129	NR

Messenger	Jeff	St.House-130	NR
Wilburn	Jake	St.House-130	NR
Anderson	Sonya	St.House-131	NR
Leach	Melissa	St.House-132	NR
Norr	Charlie	St.House-132	NR
Burlison	Eric	St.House-133	Y
Ladendorf	Nicholas	St.House-133	NR
Haahr	Elijah	St.House-134	NR
Owen	James	St.House-134	NR
Clark	Casey	St.House-135	NR
Hough	Lincoln	St.House-135	NR
Austin	Kevin	St.House-136	NR
Boone	Bill	St.House-137	NR
Fraker	Lyndall	St.House-137	NR
Phillips	Don	St.House-138	NR
Elmer	Kevin	St.House-139	NR
Rubino	Bob	St.House-139	NR
Morris	Lynn	St.House-140	NR
Dugger	Tony	St.House-141	NR
Ross	Robert	St.House-142	NR
Pogue	Jeffrey	St.House-143	NR
Van Steenis	Shane	St.House-143	NR
Fitzwater	Paul	St.House-144	NR
Jackson	Michael	St.House-144	NR
Keeney	White	St.House-145	NR
Lichtenegger	Donna	St.House-146	NR
Swan	Kathy	St.House-147	NR
Rehder	Holly	St.House-148	NR
Ziegenhorn	Bart	St.House-148	NR
Boyd	Neal	St.House-149	NR
Hodges	Steve	St.House-149	NR
Hampton	Kent	St.House-150	NR
Todd	Tom	St.House-150	NR
Fowler	Dennis	St.House-151	NR
Holder	Ryan	St.House-151	NR
Richardson	Todd	St.House-152	NR
Cookson	Steve	St.House-153	NR
Pendergrass	RA	St.House-154	NR
Rhoads	Shawn	St.House-154	NR
Rowland	Lyle	St.House-155	NR
Justus	Jeff	St.House-156	NR
Ruzicka	Don	St.House-157	NR
Beck	Sue	St.House-158	NR
Fitzpatrick	Scott	St.House-158	Y
Lant	Bill	St.House-159	NR
Reiboltd	Bill	St.House-160	NR
White	Bill	St.House-161	NR
Davis	Charlie	St.House-162	NR
Flanigan	Tom	St.House-163	NR



Central Committee Meeting #197**September 9, 2012**

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, September 9, 2012 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 Norris, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne and Give-a-Way Manager Jim Scheele.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:12 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. Chairman King 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 #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	60	1 Vote	Richard Long
South Kansas City	Local 05	55	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	117	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	50	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	123	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	170	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	38	1 Vote	ABSENT
Glasgow	Local 12	55	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	85	1 Vote	Debbie Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	51	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	273	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	91	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirkville	Local 19	124	2 Votes	ABSENT
Dexter	Local 20	65	1 Vote	Mike Allen
Eldon	Local 21	22	1 Vote	Tom Shauk
Lincoln County	Local 23	18	1 Vote *	ABSENT
St. Louis	Local 24	117	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	62	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	71	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	88	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	224	3 Votes	Taz Moeller
North Kansas City	Local 29	103	2 Votes	Ursula DeMoss
Nixa	Local 30	71	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	25	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	112	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	49	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	34	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	121	2 Votes	Keifer York
Members at Large	Local 00	75	0 Vote	
Total		2553		September 1, 2012
Corporate Sponsors		14	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer. # Vote suspended due to District/Special Event financial records.

**Votes suspended by order of Central Committee November 2001, until insurance/event records are complete with the Insurance/Events Coordinator.

Chairman King reminded all present that the purpose of the CC meeting is to conduct the business of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. and nothing else. Les Morrison, Local 15, appointed Sergeant at Arms by the Chairman for this meeting.

Roll call of locals. Total membership as of 9/1/12 2,553

Cabinet thanked for the effort they put forth both at this meeting and at Homecoming. There have been grumblings from a few members about a lack of trust or confidence in the cabinet. Motion by Local 30 for a vote of confidence for the officer cabinet by a roll call vote only and I ask that no local be allowed to abstain from the vote and that if any local feels they need to do so they should leave the room, 2nd Local 20. Local 30 felt it is important to send a message that as CC reps and as members of FORR we fully support our board and would like to have this on the record. Roll call vote, Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 42 voted in favor, no votes in opposition, motion carries unanimously. Chairman King indicated it has been a trying year but the changes made were ones which the membership indicated they wanted made. The cabinet members are solely the leaders of the organization, you the CC reps are the stock holders and changes cannot take place unless you approve them.

Motion Local 6 that we accept the minutes as printed in the Freedom Press, 2nd Local 24, motion carries unanimously.

TREASURER – Steve “Staples” Comeau – Financial Report: General Fund beginning balance \$11,907.33 ending balance \$10,751.47; Rider Education beginning balance \$17,048.98 ending balance \$14,867.63; PAC beginning balance \$11,003.83 ending balance \$12,892.07; Homecoming Fund beginning balance \$10,337.06 ending balance \$7,665.09; Give a way beginning balance \$4,196.38 ending balance \$4,000.86; Freedom Park beginning balance \$11,285.05 ending balance \$11,785.05. Local treasurers thanked for submitting financial reports in a timely manner. Local yearly donations reviewed. \$500 to FEW and \$1,060 to 2014 MOTM have been donated recently. Local 28 will be sending in a check for \$1,000 to PAC. Donations: Local 35 \$300 MOTM, \$100 General, \$250 PAC \$100 FEW; Local 26 \$100 to FORR, Local 10 \$600 PAC \$600 General.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson was unable to attend the meeting due to a family commitment.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS – Deanna Norris – Everything is going very well. Everyone has done a great job getting the awareness materials distributed. Materials are being distributed by a lot of different organizations. Chris from MODOT will be applying for the grant again next year. They have seen how well the magnets and other materials are doing and will be focusing the majority of the funds on those items instead of things like radio spots, billboards etc.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne - No new products at this time but she is working on some new ideas. She has the ability to do car wraps and is working on a design that could maybe be placed upon a truck tailgate for motorcycle awareness. At the Freedom Rally she made arrangements to bring her business line in addition to the state product line, with 10% of the profit from her business items going to the Freedom Rally. The MAFR took that 10% and made a donation of \$35 to Freedom Park. The main focus right now is on the calendar. Shelly and Kevin thanked for all of their hard work during Homecoming and they in turn thanked everyone for the help they were given during the rally. She now has the ability to print on thin refrigerator style magnets and if anyone is interested in doing maybe a calendar, local contact info, etc. these can be done on an as you go basis.

New waiver board presented with each local receiving 1 board at no cost. Additional hard boards or roll up banners will be available for purchase at \$18 each.

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver – Membership report: July 40 new members, 130 renewals, 9 life members; August 63 new members, 132 renewals, 9 life members. Total membership processed July and August 383. Total membership as of 9/1/12 2,553. Locals reminded to submit complete and legible membership applications with all memberships. Office Manager Chapman thanked for her hard work getting memberships timely processed. Reminder that memberships are submitted to the General Office. CC agenda is no longer being printed in the Freedom Press as many times the agenda changes between the time the Freedom Press goes to press and the CC meeting.

Motion by Local 24 that we do not recognize ABATE for Missouri on the Central Committee floor, 2nd Local 27. Discussion held concerning the current representative of ABATE for Missouri; the purpose of this meeting is to conduct FORR business, this other organization is not working with us and as such the recommendation is being made that we not provide them with time to speak on our floor. Chairman King reported the letter was resent to ABATE for Missouri and has been received by their leadership. This was the second time the letter was sent, the first time it was returned with an indication the PO Box was closed. Motion amended by Local 24 that we do not recognize another SMRO on our CC floor during our business meeting, 2nd Local 1. Discussion that if any other SMRO wants to address us they can do that during our meetings on Saturday. Request made that we show respect for ABATE for Missouri and request they provide us with an approved representative that is voted on and approved by this CC body. Our issue is not between FORR and ABATE but it is between FORR and one specific individual. Vote on amendment Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 20, 24 and 31 voted in favor and Locals 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 41 and 42 voted in opposition, Locals 15 and 29 abstained, amendment fails 9 yes, 20 no, 5 abstain. Vote on original motion Locals 1, 5, 7, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 27, 30, 31, 35, 41 and 42 voted in favor, Locals 6, 10, 12, 14, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 33 voted in opposition, original motion carries 18 yes, 16 no..

Facebook update – The informational facebook site seems to be working very well for the organization. During the state fair and shortly afterwards we saw a large increase in the number of hits to our site. Local 33 thanked for taking the initiative to pursue the state fair project to promote the organization. The main purpose of this site is to be a positive tool for the organization, to inform our members as well as the general public about issues related to biker rights or FORR. The group site has been closed to new posts and will be used to direct people to our information site.

WEBMASTER - Mike Allen - There have been some changes to the website. Looking for pictures from Homecoming and local events to place on the site. This helps us keep the site up to date and encourages people to continue to visit the number to Webmaster Allen. If you have a photo, news article etc about a member that you would like placed on the In Memory page, please send the information to Webmaster Allen. He would like to make this the best motorcycle rights website possible but needs help from the membership to accomplish this task. Webmaster Allen reported there is a problem right now with memberships and interfacing our forms with PayPal. He is aware of the problem and is working on it, but it is taking some time to resolve this problem. If you are joining or renewing your membership please hit submit and then hit the paypal button after hitting submit. Social media site update: Some color changes have been made to the site along with some behind the scenes work to address problems. Would like to see more people utilizing the FORR social media site. It would be great for the membership to be active and sharing information on the site. We do not want our membership to be afraid to use the site, simply be respectful of each other. Has not been able to complete the local section area of the site yet but is working on that.

NEWSLETTER – Dallas sent her apology for the typo regarding the Homecoming committee meeting date. No other newsletter issues addressed.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Skyler McWilliams - Engineer of Freedom awarded to Kathy Rice, Local 26

Homecoming – It was a soggy mess. There were a lot of our members that helped put on the event even though they had to work through the muck and mud. Attendance was down. Several locals really stepped up and worked 2-3 times the number of shifts they were scheduled to work. Homecoming committee meeting yesterday. Going to look at doing things a little different next year, possibly changing venue, possibly changing date and type of event. We have decided for next year there will be an actual Homecoming Committee which will be responsible for putting on the event. Vice Chairman McWilliams will serve as chairman of the committee. If you want to help coordinate this event please attend the Homecoming Committee meeting on Saturday prior to the CC meeting. Women of FORR recognized for their work during the event.

FEW Seminar – The event will be Saturday, January 12, 2013 at American Legion Post, Jefferson City. Sign in 8-9 a.m. with first seminar beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cost will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seminars will focus on officer training, leadership and depth of leadership. We are getting back to grass roots. Seminar will be followed by dinner, auction, last biker standing and duck derby. Should prove to be a really good time. Donations needed for silent and live auctions. Locals encouraged to bring a basket to be auctioned off during the event. A basket can be just a basket or it can be a lot more. The rule at the MILE is that they cannot be powered by a gasoline engine and they must fit through the door of the hall. The auction helps to fund the organization and future seminars. Maybe locals can get some friendly competition going regarding these baskets. FORR's most prestigious award, the Buck Stops Here award is given out at this event. Right now one nomination has been received. If anyone has someone they would like to nominate for this award please submit your nomination in writing to Martin King prior to October 15th. Webmaster Allen asked to have a list of the people that have won the award and maybe a picture of the award so he can get this on the FORR website. The vote for this award will be done by past winners..

BUFR Run – The committee decided to allow ABATE for Missouri until the November CC meeting to have a meeting on this event so that a date and details can be worked out. FORR has made its recommendation regarding a date for the event. If no meeting has been held by that

time then this organization may want to decide that we no longer want to participate in this event.

Floor turned over to Melanie Coy, CC Rep for Local 16. Rep. Coy indicated FORR has been approached about providing a full endorsement to a sitting legislator who has gone above and beyond to promote motorcycling in the State. The Central Committee welcomed District 20 Representative Brent Lasater, Republican Jackson County, Missouri, who spoke regarding his support of the organization and motorcycling as a whole. Rep. Lasater and his wife are long time riders. He is concerned about the profiling of motorcyclists that is going on in this state. People have a picture of riders that is entirely untrue. He has talked extensively with local law enforcement about this issue and has specifically asked to see records relating to how many times motorcyclists have been pulled over solely because they were riding a motorcycle. The other thing he has been working on extensively is to put more teeth in Clutch's law. He has worked with us in the past and will continue to work with us in the future on motorcycle issues. We would like to get to know our membership better and be able to discuss individual concerns. Problem we have with Clutch's law is that law enforcement is not enforcing the law we currently have in effect and won't write tickets to automobile drivers that violate a motorcyclist's right of way. There will be a lot of turnover next session at the capitol. Rep. Lasater is working to get appointed to the chair position of the committee so he can help us put some teeth into the failure to yield law. We need to get creative with the wording on this bill to take action against police departments or officers if they refuse or fail to issue a ticket in a failure to yield situation. In many situations when there is an accident the motorcyclist is tested for alcohol yet no test is performed on the automobile driver. Rep. Lasater's phone number 816-783-7885. Rep. Lasater's position is that he does not run and hide from his constituents or the members of this state, he makes himself available and asks that people contact him with their concerns. Rep. Lasater asked if he was willing to help us educate the legislators about the motorcycle permit license bill, the reasons why we want to make this change and how motorcycle riders are affected by things such as weather conditions, etc which need to be taken into consideration in setting time frames and permit numbers. Rep. Lasater is a member of FORR.

Motion by Local 16 to lend full state endorsement to Representative Brent Lasater, 2nd Local 29, roll call vote Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41 and 42 voted in favor, no opposed, motion carries unanimously. A formal press release will be prepared and submitted to our membership.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Fox - Scholarship fund recipients for Meeting of the Minds, Melanie Coy and Amy Allmon and for the Mid South MILE Georgia Haley and Ursula DeMoss. The four recipients were asked to submit a written summary of their experience and what they learned and also together be prepared to give a presentation to the CC body in November. It is the recipients' responsibility to register for the event and submit receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement. The general election will be Tuesday November 6th so we will know at the next CC meeting who the legislative players will be. There were a lot of good candidates that did not get past the primaries. Candidates win elections by getting the most bodies to the poll. This is why it is so important for us to help get the candidates name out to the general public. The spreadsheets will be on FORR.net which reflects the candidates who will be on the November ballot. We need to fill in the missing information regarding how these candidates feel about our issues. Coordinator Fox has been asked to prepare a short condensed list to put in the newsletter which reflects whether a candidate is biker friendly or not. Whether a candidate is biker friendly or not is somewhat of a loaded question because some candidates support some of our issues but not others. Therefore for a truly full position regarding the candidates position you will need to refer to both the full spreadsheet and the condensed. Coordinator Fox asked all CC Reps to bring back feedback from the membership to the next CC meeting regarding next year's legislative agenda. A wish list was discussed at the legislative meeting, however what issues we pursue are up to the membership to decide. We need to decide how many issues we want to pursue, how we want to attack those issues and what specific issues do we want to address. We have heard that legislators are actually trying very hard to limit the number of bills that are presented. Coordinator Fox strongly suggested that once this agenda is set, that we stay strong and focused on that agenda. Coordinator Fox would like to form a strong legislative committee made up of a few individuals that realistically understand what is going to be needed to accomplish our goals. Looking for one person that can handle facebook/web, one person that will handle press releases, etc. Not a formal committee but a strong working group that can help get things done.

PAC donations through Paypal – Coordinator Fox has addressed this issue in the past regarding whether this is something we want to do. It would allow an individual member to make a donation to FORR-PAC directly. The MRF and AMA do something similar. There are some reporting and financial limitations that are placed on PAC donations and we need to make sure we address those issues. Any donations over \$25 need to have the person's name and address for ethics reporting. Webmaster Allen indicated he can force the disclosure of this information if they make the donation through the website. The only problem we might have is if someone makes a donation outside of the website. Another suggestion is that we limit the amount of the donation to less than the \$25 amount that requires the disclosure, however, if you have multiple donations from the same individual you have to show the total donation made by that individual. Obvious this has not been discussed at the local level, therefore, please discuss this whether this is something we want to pursue and be prepared to vote on this issue at the next CC meeting.

Coordinator Fox reminded everyone she is solely the coordinator for our legislative issues. This is not a one person job, it requires the hard work and effort of everyone within this organization.

STATE FAIR PROJECT UPDATE – Doug Weiss – About a year ago Randy Farris of Local 33 came to Local 33 and asked how we could get FORR's name out to the general public. At that time the local brought the State Fair project to the Central Committee. The CC decided not to pursue the project, but Local 33 did pursue it. Unfortunately attendance at the fair was down overall. The event gained 22 new members, generated a large spike on our Facebook informational site, handled out a lot of information, and educated a lot of people while we were there. The people that came and manned the booth worked their butts off for 11 straight days. Sold \$550 in state and local product. It wasn't a profitable venture, but we got our awareness information out to a segment of the general public that did not know anything about FORR or what we stand for. The local also talked with several thousand people about the helmet issue and from those conversations it is our general consensus that the helmet law is engrained in the general public's mind and they think it is a good thing. We need to have the ability to take credit cards in the future for product sales. Doug encouraged the Central Committee to take over this project next year and continue what Local 33 has started. Locals need to remember that it is vitally important for locals to do PR booths to get our organization out before the general public. Local 33 thanked for all their efforts on this project. Local 33 thanked Locals 29 and 35 for their help in working the booth and also those thanked locals that contributed materials for the booth. We may never know the full benefits of this project because it is impossible to track some of that information. We need to be bold and be prepared to move forward. Name recognition is the key to getting our information out to the general public. We need to be involved in street fests, bike nights, etc. It's a good time for us to meet not only the general public but politicians as well.

AMA – Steve "Staples" Comeau – The information coming in is being reported to Webmaster Allen and Secretary Garver for inclusion in the website and facebook so at this time there is nothing else to report.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid. Melanie Coy has been appointed as an assistant rep for the MRF. Written information distributed to all CC reps. Meeting of the Minds is coming up the end of this month in North Carolina. December 12, 2012 Ray LaHood decided there needed to be a federal helmet mandate. It was done very quietly and made it into a bill that was read on the floor that afternoon. The MRF's lobbyist Jeff Hennie found out about it and immediately started putting word out to get phone calls coming into the capitol. The following morning Jeff was summoned before he left the house for the DC office and was asked to call off the dogs because the language had been stripped. This is just how fast things happen at the federal level and why it is of dire importance for the MRF to exist and for the MRF to have absolutely the best government relations specialist possible. The MRF office is 4 blocks from the capitol but it costs \$1500 a day to maintain the office and staff. The MRF needs financial support from the SMRO's as well as strong membership numbers. There are locals of FORR that are sustaining members of the MRF at \$100 a year, Locals 29, 10, 25, 24, 42, 12, 11 and District 4 thanked for their support of the MRF. JR asked every local to please consider supporting the MRF by becoming a sustaining member and encouraged everyone that is not already a member of the MRF to join. An email went out recently asking State Reps to come up with fundraisers to help support the MRF. JR has talked with the officers, the Mid America Freedom Rally and Local 8 for help putting together a fundraiser for the MRF. Jim Scheele's business has donated the printing to put together a quick fundraiser. Tickets will be \$1.00 a piece with 1,500 tickets available. Winner will receive one pass to the following 2013 events: Mid America Freedom Rally value \$25, Homecoming value \$20, FEW value \$15, new or renewal membership in FORR value \$25, new or renewal membership in MRF value \$25, Local 8 donated pass to Spring Fling, Full Moon Festival, Cabin Fever Party and one pass into Stateline Rally in Iowa. Deadline will be 12/31/12 so the winner will be pulled at that time. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. Local 20 donated two tickets Quin Rally to be added to the pot.

E15 and up to E30 is coming and it's coming hard and heavy. There is talk the EPA is going to allow the first 5 gallons to be higher than 10% without disclosing this to the consumer. This is because the last consumer purchased a higher concentration and on those pumps only have one hose your first 5 or more gallons is what was purchased previously which could have been E30. This fuel is bad news for motorcycles, chain saws and a host of other small engines. We need to be prepared and knowledgeable about what is coming down the pike.

MID SOUTH MILE – Jim Scheele – October 26-28 in Fayetteville Arkansas. Seeking auction items. There will be a lot of new seminars presented in addition to representatives from Europe, the AMA and MRF. Pre-registration is \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. If a district or local wants to send in \$100 they can send as many people as they want to the event for no additional cost but attendees will need to pay banquet fee. The Missouri basket is in the works. Looking for things to fill the wagon. Locals 13 and 24 donated items for the basket. The baskets help to put on the MILE and accomplish the goals of the event. Local 29 reported the Missouri basket is going to cost approximately \$300 and they are seeking donations to offset this cost. Donations made from across the floor with \$210.00 donated. If anyone has something they want to donate to the basket but are not coming to the event call Jim and arrangements can be made to transport the item to the event. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 42 that the state product line be allowed to donate old unsold shirts towards the MILE basket, motion carries by voice vote. Secretary Garver asked if some items could be donated to MOTM as well as the MILE. Motion by Local 27, 2nd Local 42 that the shirts be split between MILE and MOTM, motion carries by voice vote.

GENERAL OFFICE – Office Manager Chapman has brought it to our attention that sign in sheets from some events are not being submitted within the thirty day window. Please submit all event sign in forms timely. Locals that have not submitted their event documentation are subject to having their vote suspended. The new sign in sheet must be used from this point forward. The new waiver is part of the event sanctioning process. Once the event is sanctioned you will receive an event specific waiver that you will need to use to make copies for your event.

2014 MOTM – This event will be hosted by FORR in Kansas City Missouri in September 2014. The committee meeting will be added to the Saturday meeting agenda beginning in November. A proposed graphics for the event has been submitted to the MRF. Shelly was the only one that submitted a design idea so her design is what was submitted. This will be the 30th anniversary of Meeting of the Minds. We decided to take the money from the 2012 give a way project and put it into the MOTM fund. The budget to do this event will be \$12,000-\$15,000. Right now we have approximately \$5,000 in this fund. We have approximately 2 years to get this money together but still need to stay at it. By the next CC meeting there will be a breakdown of MOTM funds included in the PAC account financials. The time for the committee meeting will be put in the Freedom Press. We are going to need a lot of people to help coordinate and work the event.

INSURANCE – Bob Hawkins – We must have event forms submitted within the thirty day time period. If you have an accident at an event and someone is injured, please get the incident report forms submitted as soon as possible after the event. Preferably the next day if at all possible. If you are having a bike show and the general public just comes in to walk around the event you do not need to have everyone that comes in sign the waiver. Participants in the show, vendors, etc need to continue to sign in. Taz, Local 28 asked if this would also apply to the Halloween benefit that Local 28 does where the kids are simply walking through the haunted houses. Bob said he will have to check into this and will get back with them. Locals that have a question about whether they need to use the waiver form please submit a request to the general office and Bob will run it by underwriters to determine if waivers are necessary. Locals must still purchase insurance for the event, the issue is simply whether people need to sign the waiver form or not. Locals can still chose to have attendees sign the waiver.

Motion by Local 24, 2nd local 42 to continue meeting, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Toy Run first weekend in November. If your local or district is participating please submit your sanctioning information to the General Office as soon as possible. There is no insurance cost for the toy run so long as it is held that weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Give a way project – Jim Scheele – The gun project was given away at Homecoming. Office Manager Chapman has the names of the winners and has contacted them. The winner is out of the Sedalia area. Thanks to everyone that helped with the project. There were about 1,500 tickets not distributed. It was a very successful project. Question asked if we want to do something similar for next year. Katherine asked if it would be too close to do something for the FEW Seminar. Reminder that JR is doing a give a way project to raise money for the MRF and that is going to be going on between now and then. We also need to be careful about doing too many give a way or gun projects. Jim, Kathy and Staples thanked for all of their work Saturday getting the project ready.

Study proposal – Very good committee meeting yesterday concerning the study proposal. Committee member Melanie Coy addressed the CC regarding the committee activities. Wayne Tipton has joined the group working on this project. John Stouffer was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Halfbreed has also been providing assistance to the committee in working with MODOT. We must gain support from the departments within the state in order to proceed with this idea. Because Tip and Jim are on the MILE committee we have had to back off from

these individuals to allow them to complete their tasks for the MILE. Plus we are facing an election cycle which will result in some turnover at the capitol. We are therefore working closely with the candidates so that everyone is on the same page when the legislature is set into place after the election. Tip has also been talking with the various universities about what we want to do and how we want it to work in an attempt to have the ground work established for the study should we be able to proceed forward with the project. Melanie has been spending time trying to educate the locals about what we are wanting to do and why. This will be a closed control study. It will not be drawing information from outside of the control group. Motion by Local 24 to pull the vote from the table regarding this study group, 2nd Local 27. We are under no time crunch to take a vote on this issue. The research group is still working out the details of the proposal and needs additional time to complete their research. Motion and 2nd withdrawn. This issue will remain on the agenda so the study committee can continue to report to the CC on the status of this project.

Initiative petition – Motion by Local 24 to call for a vote on this issue, 2nd Local 27, requested roll call vote. Concern expressed that this is a lose lose situation which does not clearly show that we will benefit from this type of activity and that if this is put to the people we will not be successful in changing the opinion of the general public about helmet use because many younger people have grown up wearing safety equipment. Roll Call vote, Locals 10, 21, 27, 29, 35 and 42 voted in favor; Locals 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 41 voted in opposition; Locals 1 and 6 abstained. Vote is 9 yes, 23 no, 3 abstain. FORR will not pursue the initiative petition process.

Legislative Coordinator Fox asked whether we want to pursue the helmet modification issue next year. She has heard a lot of the public is not going to support this issue.

Proposed change to by-laws 2.6(c) – Taz Moeller presented the proposal and at the last CC meeting asked for input from the membership concerning this proposal. He has only received one response and would like to discuss this matter further with that member. Mr. Moeller asked that the proposed 2.6(c) be withdrawn and he will present a new proposal in the future.

Toxic member policy proposed by Larry Scott. This is in conflict with what is being worked on by Taz. Local 1 moved to table this issue as Mr. Scott is not in attendance at this meeting, 2nd Local 24, motion carries with one opposed by voice vote. Suggestion that Larry contact Taz and work together to develop a good policy for the organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

District 4 – Ursula DeMoss – Someone has posted on facebook that the Octoberfest drags have been cancelled. The motorcycle drag races have not been cancelled as part of District 4's Octoberfest event. The cancellation relates to the car races on the round dirt track which is outside of the event put on by FORR District 4. The district has tried to locate an adult beverage vendor for the event but has been unable to locate a vendor that can meet the requirements. So if you are coming to the event please bring your own adult beverages. Ursula thanked the board for selecting her to attend the MILE as a representative of FORR.

Motion by Local 27, 2nd Local 24 to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



Statewide Toy Run



Saturday, November 3rd

Local 10 - South Side of Capitol Building, JCMO
Local 13 - Missouri Veterans Home, 920 Mars St, Mexico, MO
Local 41 - Casey's, 305 E Evergreen St, Cameron, MO

Sunday, November 4th

District 4 - VFW Post 1829, KCMO
Local 7 - Lebanon Cycle Ctr, 2410 Industrial Dr, Lebanon, MO
Local 15 - Presley's Country Jubilee, Hwy 76, Branson, MO
Local 16 - Eagles Aerie, 321 N Spring St, Cape Girardeau, MO
Local 19 - Maritz, 2815 N Baltimore, Kirksville, MO
Local 24 - Mile 277 Tap & Grill, Watson & Lindbergh
Local 26 - Courthouse Square, Maryville, MO
Local 28 - Pulaski County Shrine Club, Waynesville, MO
Local 33 - AmVets, 1105 NE Hwy 50, Knob Noster, MO
Local 42 - Pacific Eagles, 707 W Congress, Pacific, MO

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LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m.****Morgans Restaurant, 101 W US Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Melany 816-625-1006 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Hey everybody and welcome to Novembrrrr. I'll make this one short and to the point..

I for see some amazing movements in Local 1 and now is certainly a great time to be a Local one member. We have decided to have a Local one ride next year which hasn't happened for some time. We will by now of held a trial ride.

Sorry these have been short..I'm hoping to be back to my bouncy,bubbly self soon enough.

Want to send a quick birthday wish out to Mark Chapman on the 8th. well hope to see everyone the 17th at Morgan's in Odessa..until then much love and respect always.

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**

Hello Everyone,

It has been a busy month for me so I will try to keep it short and sweet. I attended the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Meeting of the Minds in North Carolina. Meet lots of great people and gathered an abundance of information that I will attempt to pass on to my fellow riders. I will submit this information in the District 4 Legislative column.

As I write this submission, Octoberfest will begin and the weather is not cooperating. It will be cold but we are tough and will tough it out in true biker fashion. Drink more Bug Juice.

Mid-South MILE is coming up at the end of October and District 4 has paid the group registration. Any member in District 4 can attend. It is in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the Clarion Hotel check your Freedom Press to make reservations.

The coats and other items collected for the "Coat of Back" Run were delivered to The Kansas City Rescue Mission September 15. Thanks to Hoss North for organizing this effort. You can start collecting for next year, I am sure Hoss can store anything we can gather.

I am sorry I missed last month's newsletter deadline. However, if anyone desires to be guest writer please do let me know.

Happy belated birthday to Lisa "Wild Child" Smith, October 2, Jim Cook, October 5, and Amy Fifer, October 12. Happy Anniversary to Keith & Shirley Cronin, October 9. Happy Birthday to Peggy Pursley on November 6 and Shirley Cronin on November 14.

Don't forget the District Toy Run on November 4 at VFW 1829 and the FEW Seminar coming up January 12, 2013.

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: harleyfif@centurylink.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!

Amy Allmon

Let us give thanks..

**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street****Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Howdy Folks,

South St. Joseph has had a Festival for 23 years plus. A few members of FORR Local 6 and friends put together a float for the Festival Parade. They were John Eidenschink, Jim Cross, Myri Watkins, Dan Harmon, Larry and Mary Jackson, Bobbie Armfield, Ellea O'Dell and daughter and grandson, Dana Foster and 7 month old daughter Mattie. The parade was 3 ½ hours long with 400 plus entries in the parade. It was a beautiful day and over 75 pounds of candy was tossed from the float.

There were 40 or more FORR members participating in the Bikers for Babies with a total of 300 bikes participating. It was a 90 mile ride with great weather. Barbara Eidenschink complained about the seat on the Harley being real hard on her little buns.

A short little ugly biker named Galen Jackson for some reason thinks he is getting better looking every day. I am sorry he is one of the ugliest looking guys I've ever seen in my life.

A few members took some trips recently. Mike and Tammy Jarrett rode up to the Amana Colonies in Iowa. They all enjoyed the ride up and back and around the area. Mike didn't care for the attraction after he got there. John and Barbara Eidenschink took a trip to Mena Arkansas and stayed in a mountain cabin. After that they rode over to Hot Springs AR and then to Talimena AR. They had to stop in the middle of the road to let a Big Black Bear have the right of way. The bear took his time and they gave him space. They had a fun trip and good weather the whole trip.

Sheila Etherton won a financial award at the Local 6 meeting. She then gave her winnings to Local 6.

Nick Swope Sr, Kenny Martinez, Wayne Sallsworth, and a couple of other friends rode to Bagnal Dam for a get together. Also Nick Swope, Kenny Martinez, Able Martinez, JT and Gyla Adamson, Steve Allen and companion are attending the Bikers, Blues and BBQ in Fayette AR.

Jesse Trump just retired about a month ago. He also took a motorcycle trip to Illinois to visit family.

We had a poker run and family day picnic. There was beautiful weather. The poker run winners were Mike Jarrett, first place. John Tiffany was second and third place was Bob Herring and Vickie Butts was the financial award. The people who helped were Sam Williams, Mike Daniels, Teresa Dubarr, Sheila Etherton, Dan Harmon, Tammy Jarrett, Vickie Harmon, Okie Daniels, Jim Cross, John Tiffany, Darrel Coy, Terry Larkin.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan



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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson****Contact: 417-286-3845**

Greetings All:

Well looks like the weather is changing and I not sure if it's for the best. It's cooling off and we have been getting quite a bit of rain. There is a plus side to the rain and that is everything is turning back to the natural green it was before the drought maybe we will get a little color from the leaves as well.

Don, Robert, Nita, Guy, Frieda and I took a little ride on grandparent's day ending up at the Roadhouse near Buckhorn. Of course it being Sunday and the fact that we stopped at a sports bar, all the telly's had football games on. It was really hard to get Nita back on the bike to ride. But after we all ate we headed to the meeting.

Robert told us of his & Charley's security work at the Homecoming. It was lousy weather for a motorcycle rally so of course attendance was considerably down.

Here's hoping Beaver's back as close to normal as he gets, after his hospital stay this month.

Well it's close to election time...Damn is this the best candidates money can buy. I'm guessing most of us aren't the ones paying for these choices. Well, take a deep breath, hold your nose and try to vote for the lesser evil if this is one.

That's all folks!

Ride on Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.****(call for info - location varies)****Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905**

Greetings from Local 8:

Hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather. Nothing better than cruising down the hiway with friends on your bikes. Wind and sun in your face enjoying all the colors Mother Nature has to offer.

For the first time in several years we went to State Line Rally and no rain. Beautiful weather. We had a nice turn out from the local. Nothing like working the gate 12 to 6 with friends. We had a fire, coffee and a plate of home made cookies. We enjoyed it so much it took 8 of us to work that late shift. A lot of reminiscing and good laughs.

By the time you read this Fool Moon will be history. We had to change the date and the place due to conflicts.

One of our members asked me to include a thank you to members of Local 41. While at Homecoming they offered to share their shelter with him so he could get out of the rain. That is brotherhood.

Our last ride in meeting will be Oct. 7. Watch e-mails for future dates

and locations.

Mother Nature is giving us signs of a rough winter with woolly worms and persimmons and other things.

Enjoy what we have now. Weather man says we are approx. four weeks ahead of normal. At this rate we will have snow by Halloween. YUCK!!!!

In closing . Watch out for the deer and enjoy all the riding you can.

Ride Safe

Foxy Gama

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:45 p.m.****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)****Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or****Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

The annual "Toy Run" will take place Saturday, November 3rd, meeting and leaving from the Capitol Building and traveling to the Marine Corps League in Apache Flats (see attached flyer). Hopefully the weather will be as nice as it was last year and we have another great turnout!

We will be working on our annual "Christmas Party/ Pot luck Dinner" for this year, so if you have any suggestions, please be prepared to bring them up at our next meeting. More information will be in the next Freedom Press.

Colder weather is slowly creeping up on us, I think there is still a lot of good riding weather left for everyone to enjoy, so keep riding!

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

LETS RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

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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 everyone.

Lately I have introduced you all to some of the guys in FORR 11 but now it's time to get the girls into the picture. Today I'm going to tell you about someone we all are glad she was with us at rally time. Ella McCoy stepped up and when things needed to get done she made sure they got done. As our treasurer and membership officer she has had her hands full trying to keep everything going, not to mention taking care of her mother and father at home and keeping up with her nine grandchildren. If you are looking for a lady who will cook, clean, and wait on you hand and foot....Ella isn't your gal. She will show you one finger on that hand and put that foot in your backside. I just want to say thank you Ella for all the hard work you have done for Local 11, it means a lot to all of us.

**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 everyone out in FORR-land from your friends in Local 12. The big story this month is that the heat is over and fall riding weather is finally here! Time for coats, chaps, and thicker gloves, and the glorious colors of fall. Take advantage of it while it's here, folks, for it doesn't last long. I hope everyone can make it to District 4's Octoberfest, one of my favorite events of the year.

How many of you went to Sturgis this year? I couldn't go because of

Gloria's illness but I heard it was a very good time, as always. The only problem I've ever seen with Sturgis is the trailers and motor homes taking up space and contributing to the overcrowding problem.

As some of you may have heard, I had a two day stay in Boone County Hospital recently. I had some dizziness, shortness of breath, and chest pains. When I went to see my doctor he called a specialist and he recommended that I be put in the hospital for tests. To make a long story short, the doctor said I was as healthy as a horse in regards to my heart. That was great news because both my parents died of heart attacks. I did get one bit of bad news: I'm borderline diabetic and must cut back on sugar and carbs. My favorite type of carb is beer, unfortunately. Thanks for all the good wishes everyone sent and a HUGE thank you to B.L. and Carl for driving me home from the hospital. So what caused my symptoms? Overwork and severe dehydration. You hear that, Walmart?

We had a great meeting at the Arrow Rock Station on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Everyone was glad to see my wife Gloria back at a meeting and she will be sitting front and center in next year's calendar picture, which we took after the meeting. We had two new members at the meeting, Donnie and Angie Collins. Welcome aboard the Local 12 Freedom Train! Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3 pm sharp and the minutes were approved as read. Laura gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. John gave the C.C. report and Legislative report. Our rider education program is doing very well and the Central Committee outlook is good.

Pork Chop thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then read a thank you card from the Adcock family thanking us for our donation of \$200. Their son had been injured in a severe car wreck. Socko reported that there was a poker run in Carrollton next week. Neither Lyndal or Tammy had reports. There was no old business. In new business, our regular November meeting will be at Poodle's II Palms in Boonsboro on Nov. 4th, starting at 3 pm. There will be a ride starting at Hustler's Bar in Marshall on Oct. 6th.

We voted to renew our sustaining membership in the Motorcycle Riders

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November 3, 2012

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Foundation at a cost of \$100. Gloria mentioned that I recently had an article published in the national magazine of the MRF. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm. Steve Zimmer's name was drawn for the pot but he was not there so it was rolled over until next month.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 4th- Regular local 12 meeting, Poodle's II Palms, Boonsboro, 3 pm.

Nov. 17th- Local 12 Christmas Party, Beckett's Restaurant, Glasgow, 6 pm.

Dec. 2nd- Regular local 12 meeting, 3 pm, place still to be determined.

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

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 13

I want to thank all the people who have made this year a success, both financially and membership additions. We have gained membership since December and put the local back in the black Thank You.

As most of you know we will be having elections in Dec. and need a few good people to carry the local forward into next year. We had nominations start in September and run until November. So if you have any interest in helping the local come to next two meetings and volunteer. We decided in Sept. the local would pay for the new officers to go to the Officers training in January in Jeff city the day before the Jan. CC meeting.

The officers we have at this time

V.P. Rock Palmer

SEC. Diana Swon

Treas. Marcia Marshall

C.C. Debbie Mullanix

Have all done a great job and held the local up this year. Rock and Diana are the only two who have said they would stay on for next year if reelected. We all want to thank the members who come out to the meetings every month you have made the job easier to do.

At the October meeting we will set the time and date for the Christmas Party/Election Meeting for new people.

Our Toy Run is on November 3rd come to the Oct. meeting to get all the times and place and see if you can help.

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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618

Hello, Local 14 and Local 00 Freedom Fighters,

We are on our way out the door but we had to take a few minutes to update you before we go to this year's District Four's 31st Sort-of-Annual Octoberfest this weekend, Oct. 5-7, 2012. More on this later.

Our September meeting found us with four new, renewed and transferred members, Becky H., Gale B. and Debbie P-H, Kristina H., Kay C., and KC Wolfrider, bringing us to 53 total members. We had 19 in April, nearly tripling our membership in five months. Welcome, All! Nice work everyone! Buy the ticket and take the ride with Local 14!

Legislative District 20-Northern Independence Representative Brent Lasater has been officially endorsed by FORR®, Inc. in the current election season. Brent has been a good friend to us and is up for re-election to the Missouri House of Representatives (every two years, remember!) and has earned our support. It is not too late TODAY to offer help with this year's campaign, as Rep. Lasater has always stood with us at the capitol and so FORR®, Inc. is standing with him. (He is also the rep for a number of Local 14 peeples who live in District 20, and it is our hope they will provide Mr. Lasater that oh-so-important check-mark, stick, or enter key on election day, Nov. 6th, 2012. It is also too late to remind you to get out the VOTE but I also expect that if you can, you did, you are, and you do. 'Nuff said.

December 1, 2012 is the date for Local 14's 20th Annual Christmas Party and Auction. Our annual party still needs donations of auction or estate type sale items as well as donations from the local businesses you support to take our annual donation to a needy family at the holidays I'm gonna ask my stylist if she will donate a hairs cut. We accept all homemade, craft items. Any white elephant stuff you have is welcomed

FORR® - Local #13 - Mexico
Annual Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run
November 3rd, 2012 - Saturday

Sign-in: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Place: Missouri Veterans Home
920 Mars St. - Mexico, MO**



Parade starts: 12:00 noon
All are welcome to attend & join
the parade through town!!!
Come see Biker Santa!

Run ends with "Chili" being served at the Mexico
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For more information call: Greg "Halfbread" Mullanix 573-875-2898,
Ronnie "Rock" Palmer 573-489-9258 or Diana Swon 573-581-7152

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as a donation for the auction. No clothing, though-too much work. Unless it's a set of leathers or chaps or boots! Who knows, some stuff have been for sale for 20 years at the same auction or so I hear. It's all for a good cause. Folks, we are asking and accepting hot or cold dishes or COOKIES with sprinkles for finger food at the party. The VFW post will be taking care of liquid concessions but we want munchies. We have plenty of plates, cups, and flatware but will willingly accept and actively request your favorite yummies!

We are accepting applications or letters of interest for a needy family within our local OR a family member of yours that you want Local 14 to adopt for Christmas or Yule or Hanukkah. We need your letters or applications for said family No Later Than our November 18th meeting, scheduled for Sunday at 2 PM, VFW Post 3976, 12810 E. Kentucky Rd., Sugar Creek, MO.

Please also state how you would like the donation to the family be made, i.e., gift cards for groceries, pay off a utility bill (not your cable, dude!), or buy clothing or toys for children who might not otherwise have a good holiday season. Now more than ever, there are many among us who are only one or two paychecks away from living on somebody's couch or in your car (awesome cold wrapped around the bike!) and Local 14 has a 20-year tradition of adopting a family at the holiday season, so get those cards and letters in on or before the November meeting. (Sorry, Boss, I took the liberty of saying AT the Nov. meeting instead of your stated BEFORE. You can chastise me later). HAHAA.

Go back with us now to January of 2012, to the District Four Legislative Fundraiser/Chili Cook-off, where a number of Local Double-Ought FORR® members and other D4 locals were seen partying up, tasting chili and cobbler and helping generate a scrunch-load of dough for our legislative actions in District Four FORR®. This event was held at the VFW Post In South KC, where Local 5 meets (sorry, L5 - I don't know the number and I'm pressed for time). We were seriously overcrowded that evening-it's just a grand thing we all like one another well. As a result the fundraiser has finally outgrown L5's hall and Local 14 was cordially asked to host the January 2013 event. The details are ironing out but our VFW post in Sugar Creek is this year's place to be for chili, and cake, and pies, and oh yeah, fun ... well, you get the picture. Keep an eye out for more information. It is a GREAT party and the money actually goes where FORR money should go-funding legislative activities and political awareness. It IS our world, after all.

Lastly, I think, is that we are accepting nominations for new officers of L14 for 2013 at the October AND November meetings. Some current officers may continue but there is always room for you or your crony buddy if there is a position that may interest you. FORR®, Inc. hosts a FEW Seminar in January so right after you are elected to office you TAKE the office in January and immediately there is a seminar that will help you learn the job and offer an opportunity to meet other active FORR members from all around the state of Missouri and beyond. Trust me, you never know who you will run in to at such seminars. You meet the most interesting people in Jefferson City. For a variety of reasons!

Enuff, I said! Octoberfest is calling and I gotta put twelve layers of

clothing and cold-weather gear on, then straddle my bike down the road to stand in the rain and cold and race and watch the sand drags at the last bastion of dirt drags FORR has to offer. It's been going on for more than 30 years. Well, Sort of annual hence the title "31st Sort-of-Annual Octoberfest".

Blessed Be.

In the Wind with all my Friends,

The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone!

I can't believe this year is almost over!!!! Last month at the business meeting we started discussing places for our Christmas Party. We will be talking more on that at this month's meeting. I believe we are also going to be nominating people for offices. So you need to make sure to attend the next 2 meetings so you will know what is going on next year in our Local!

The only thing that I can think that we will be doing before this newsletter gets to you is our Annual Toy run. Last year we met at the Presley's Theater. Definitely check our Facebook page to confirm where we are going to meet this year!

We are going to have our BS meeting at The Time Out Sport's Bar on Gretna Rd. They relocated at "The Falls" after the Leap Year tornados. Ron and I went there this summer and it was a really cool bar. Hope to see everyone else there!

The business meeting was quit unorganized as far as the place goes. They forgot and gave our meeting "room" to other people so we made

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due in the main room. I over heard MANY people complaining about this. We need to voice this next meeting and consider going to another place. I believe I have heard other places mentioned. For Nov. meeting we will still be at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant.

Please voice your opinion on the election's next month. Right or wrong it is still our Right to voice it!!!!

See you soon, Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Chico 573-382-0636

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



We just had the Louis Run and here we head full steam into the holidays and plans for the Toy Run.

First, let me send our thanks to Ralph for all his hard work making the Louis Run a success and Jimmy Lee and the White Trash Troubadours for making it rock. Great job as always!

Next meeting we'll be finalizing the plans for the Christmas Dance. Because the location and date are different this year, you'll want to call Whitey or Chico for the details. For that matter, you'll want to call them for the time and location of the next meeting. I'm afraid at the time of this writing I don't have that information....one of the hazards of being on the road all the time.

I've got to cut this entry short because we are headed out again but look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Until next time, enjoy the weather, good friends and stay safe....
Melanie

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville

Website: forr19.com

Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607

***Bring a chair**

Hey everyone,

Thanks to everyone who assisted at the State Line Rally on September 14-16, 2012, in Keosauqua, IA. The weather was great, as well as the events, vendors, bands and seeing old/new friends. Great job Klone, as announcer at the State Line Rally.

Nate Walker, Republican State Representative candidate to be present at the October 6 meeting. All are welcome to attend to ask questions and get to know Nate better.

Klone won the attendance drawing.



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LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.
Eagles Club on Hwy 25
Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480



Hello to all

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to everyone that will be celebrating them I hope they are great for you and that there are many more to follow.

Thank You to Daryl and Michelle for the donation made from the Bloomin June event we appreciate all that you have done and continue to do for the Local. It has been a long time but I will have a hand

in planning and executing the Bike Rally next Memorial Day I will take all of the help I can get and will make our planning meetings as convenient as possible for all that wishes to participate. In keeping up on Face Book with the Poplar Bluff Riders, Missouri Bikers and all of the other locals it appears that the only thing that is going to slow down during the Fall and Winter is the riding of the bikes.

This is a call out to the membership first if there are any members that enjoy crafts please share what your interests are and any donations of finished projects would be greatly appreciated so that we can participate in the Spring craft fairs in the area with the sales going into the general fund and membership will decide how it is spent. Second please tell us your ideas for events and speak up during the meetings your opinion does count and we want to hear it.

Thank you to all of the members that have renewed and welcome to the new members and if you know of some members that did not renew invite them back and let them know they are missed.

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

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.
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Greetings All!

Coming up:

October 26-28—MidSouth Mile, Fayetteville, Arkansas

November 4 – Statewide Toy Drive

T-shirts are selling well. Contact Kathleen Duncan if you haven't gotten yours yet. Also, if you have any ideals for product line, get with Kathleen.

A Reminder, There are many times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, But there must NEVER be a time WE fail to protest. Elections are coming up on. All levels. GET OUT AND VOTE!

Libbi "Flame" Tipton

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.
American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-387-2394



Hello All,

Thank to all who helped out with the Leaves in the Breeze Ride.

Our Upcoming Rides & Events:

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but you must be there between these times. There will be Live Music.

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Tuesday January 1 Our Annual Social Freeze Out Or Not Ride

This ride starts at the American Legion Post 313 AKA Hobo's in Old

Town St. Peters. Kick stands up @ 1:00 pm

November Meeting

Our next meeting will be at the American Legion Post 313 on Sunday December 18th. Hope to see you all there.

And As Always Remember ... Leather UP & Rubber Down !
Rascal



LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our President Kathy Rice who received the FORR Engineer of Freedom Award!

The weather was great for Keosauqua and it was (I heard) a fun weekend for all who went. Thank you to Richard and Linda Hanson for hosting a meal for us again. Thanks to Kathy and Lewis Rice, Jim Bailey, Roy Brown, Milt Sovereign, Ed Montgomery, Linda and Mike Pitzenberger, Warren and Jeanette Tate, Earl Baker, Diane and Carl Ashbaugh, and James Runde and his friend Lori for working the Rally.

Our last meeting was at the Wild Horse Cafe in Tarkio, with 20 attending. Our district meeting was Oct. 4 at Aberdeens in King City. I members

from Local 26 attended. It was decided to continue the Black Top Rally with Local 6 deciding on the date and Local 41 will pick the location. I guess that leaves us just working and attending.

As the temperature drops so will our Eat N' Rides but there are still a few left to note:

Eat N' Rides: Oct. 30--Goochie Goos in Savannah

Nov. 6 --Milts loop

Nov. 13---Milts loop

Other events: Nov. 4--Daylight Savings

Nov. 4--Toys for Tots, 1 pm meet at Carsons in Maryville and bring a toy and/or \$ donation for the food pantry.

Nov. 6--Election Day

Nov. 11--CC meeting

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Happy Birthday to: Carl Ashbaugh, Kathy Rice, and Jenny Geer

I am thankful for the friends and bikers of FORR. God Bless you all.
Jeanine



Roy Brown and Jeanine Montgomery presenting Kathryn Rice with the Engineer of Freedom award



Local 26 on our eat'n ride on October 2nd to Gambino's Pizza in Stanberry



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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm****Location Varies - Call for Meeting Location****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941****V.P. Donnie Martin 417-876-5058**

So Hurricane Isaac came and went, and Homecoming came and went, and it rained and rained and rained. We still had a good turn out at the Local 27 pavilion, and boy did we have fun... We rode down on Thursday in the dry and we rode back on Monday in the dry, what more could you ask for? We had about 20+ members / future members at our camp, to be known as "camp nasty" from now on, thanks Dave. If you were there you know what I'm talkin about, If not you sure missed out. It was really disappointing to see the extremely low turn out of FORR membership at this event, I know with the rain and all it was hard for some to come but you really missed a lot of fun stuff and even a Sasquatch I hear, I sure hope the Granny from next door recovers OK, at least till next rally... Well at least our local had a good time and even invited others to our camp for the festivities, thank you Joker and Rabbit...

Well next we had our Fall Scavenger hunt at the city park in Roscoe, Mo. All I can say about this one is rain, rain, rain again. But luckily for us we have some very loyal members who stuck it out with us in the rain the whole weekend. It made for a great "family" camp out, even our local mascot was able to come and support us, way to go Bommer. Bommer made sure we didn't have any strays invade our camp, I guess the dog next door was not a stray, because they seem to be pretty good friends by the time we were finished.

We had several members and nonmembers alike ride up to Lowery City for the annual "Bike Night at Truman Lake Manor". I'll tell you from my experience this is a great night to be a part of, these folks get to come out to the court yard and see all the different types of bikes and talk with the riders and tell stories, its just a good time for all. This event is put together by our very own Jackie Garver, who is the activities director at the Manor, Thanks Jacks.

We just finished our booth at the Black Walnut Festival in Stockton. We shared our booth this year with the Posse, which is another group of good folks who like the same stuff we like, bikes, and by the way most of their members are also members of Local 27. This was a great success with a packed house every day of the event. We had numerous members and friends and family stop by to help with the booth or just visit, it really was a lot of fun and I can't wait to do it again next year. We signed up 10 new members during the 4 day event and passed out most all of our awareness materials (that's awareness NOT aweirdness, Dave lol). We had a cookout the last 2 nights with hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Big John and the Posse, thank you guys very much.

Well that about does it for now, we have several things in the works for the future and as soon as we get the details worked out I'll let you know about 'em, but for now just remember that we will have our officer nominations coming at our November meeting with elections at the December meeting, If you would like to step up and run for an office or you know some one who would be good for us, please be sure to get 'em nominated. Don't forget we will have our annual after Christmas party in January so plan on attending, it will be a blast for sure...thanks and keep it safe.

Madd Dawg

**LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE****Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President 573-433-0047 - Vice President 573-433-0402 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.**

Hello to everyone and another month gone but it was cooler than the summer months and I'm sure allot more of you were able to get out and enjoy!!! The Fall has already started with cooler temps but doesn't look like Old Man Winter is going to let us enjoy some riding this year---the Persimmon nut showing a spoon which meaning allot of shoveling snow this year. Haven't seen any Wooley Worms yet on what their coats are looking like.

Some of you attended the Octoberfest this year and sounds like the weather will be nice and cool but some showers. Hope the drags went well and more attended this event.

At the time of this reading, the local will have had the 16th annual Halloween Bash at Shrine site in Buckhorn. It's always a smash with the people volunteering their time along with those attending, and it sure gets bigger each year. The Shriner's do there part along with some of the Military/and other establishments helping the local out. A big "Thank You" to everyone this year that participated and help make this an enjoyable event and hoping Mother Nature was kind to us also.

Be sure to attend the meeting this month as the last 2 have had nominations for the next years Officers. We need some new blood in there to get juices flowing for the coming year. Don't be shy, we all need to step up and help as keeping the family flowing and new membership along with legislation is the key to the FORR as a whole. New ideas help along with faces in accomplishing this. There are always those that have been in office willing to help and guide the new, and isn't this what life is about? Getting new challenges?

I don't have a list of all those that Birthday's, Anniversary's this month



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and just want to say hope you had good ones! To all that have been sick or in the hospital, hope you are better and doing great! Sending best of wishes your way!

UP COMING EVENTS - Nov. 4 - Toy Run (place to meet at meeting) along with our Annual Santa's Coming - Nov. 27. These will be discussed at the meetings.

November is voting time not only for our state reps but also the country's. Get out and voice your say in this matter as you do count!!!! You can't complain if your voice is not heard! Our future is at stake along with your children's, grandkid's, etc. So don't say that it doesn't count, get out and do it--VOTE!

At this time, with elections around the corner, I have enjoyed writing the newsletter and getting some pics of the fun everyone's had at events our local has had or been a part of. I'm sure the next person voted for this will do an outstanding job and with everyone's support, will help them get the info out to everyone especially those that are not able to attend the monthly meetings. I'm still on Mid America Freedom Rally committee so anyone having info for Vendors, Bands, Advertising - get with me as we do have so many the local needs to furnish for the rally!

P.S. we will be having a booth at Wide Open Bike Show in January-Kansas City and also February - St Louis and this will help to get more people to learn/join FORR with membership but also get word out about our organization. Taz has set up for Oct. (as last year) down in Waynesville during their city days, an this one will be covering the KC area but also St. Louis area. What better way to get word out about the FORR than some of these as they draw people, fellow bikers from around the state and neighboring ones! Have a great month an as always shinny side up everyone!!!!

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com

I am writing this just after Octoberfest and I want to thank the following Local 29 members who suffered through the cold and the dust with us and worked shifts: Chris K., J Burris, Danita & Jim H., Kalop D. (with Sky) and Connie & Richard. Of course it goes without saying that Ursula & Ken did a fantastic job. I am sure there are so many things that they had to take care of behind the scenes that we won't even know about. Knobber, you rocked the games for us again this year. THANK YOU! I don't have the sign in sheets for the info booth or sign in booth, so if I missed anyone I am very sorry. We had 5 members from Local 24 come in to support Dist 4's Octoberfest. Looks like we owe them one Local 29!

When this submission goes to print, it will be Election Day. I hope you have taken the opportunity to get registered and let your voice be heard.

We had our Plum Run that was a "fun run" this year. We had a beautiful day to ride and ended the run at Jim & Donna Duyck's house for pot luck. I want to thank Jack Garrison & Dave Voigt for planning the ride on such short notice.



I also want to congratulate Norb & Barb Wiederholt on the purchase of their new bike. I have a feeling I won't be seeing much of you two next year!

Hope to see YOU at our next meeting. I would love to see some hands up to volunteer for some officer's positions

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LOCAL 30 - NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Location varies****Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

Hello all!!

Finally we have managed to get some rides in and there are several coming up. There were only 14 of us at the last monthly meeting, which turned out to be a good thing, since they gave our room away. We made do and still managed to get a few things decided.

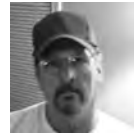
We voted to participate in the registration incentive for the Mid South M.I.L.E. All local 30 members may attend any seminar at no additional cost. The event is in Fayetteville this year and we will be posting a group ride to attend—watch facebook for details.

Karl has spoken, Sunday November 11th is our Christian County Toy Run. We will meet at the Clever Bank in Clever, registration is from 12:00 to 1:00. The ride will leave at 1:00 and end at Paradise Lounge in Billings. There will be soup/chili and raffles at the Paradise Lounge. The last few years the weather has been great and we had a good turnout, hopefully, this year will be the same. We will need our members to cook/serve and help out with this event. We also need to secure donations for the raffle.

A group ride will be posted to attend the Branson Toy Run on November 4th. Check out for local 30 facebook for the time and for upcoming events.

Monthly meetings held at Dickey's BBQ in Nixa the 3rd Thursday of every month. Hope to see everyone soon. Ride Safe!!!

Lisa

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949****Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353**

Well, another year of the Old and Crusty Bikers lobbying agenda is slowly winding to an end for 2012. But please do not be saddened by this news, because come 2013 we get to give it another try all over again!

October we nominated new officers for 2013 and I am sure you will be glad to know that I will be stepping down this year as Local 33's news editor. I've done my two years so now I get to take a breather from my duties as the local 33 scribe. November we will elect all new officers so here's your chance to step into the arena if you would like a position within the Local.

Our meeting of September 16th was a good one with about 28 members present with 3 of our new members and two honored guests from local 35 out of Clinton. Roy gave his C.C. report and there was quite a bit of business to report. Roy said that the Buffer Run dates will be moving farther apart from the May Rally. Jan. 15th will be the F.E.W. Seminar which if you have never attended please do it is well worth the \$20.00 admission. Roy also reported that the "Home Coming Rally" was a big flop, as we all surmised and we lost about \$5,000.00 dollars due to the in climate weather. Thanks Mel! Due to the confusion and the redundant wording of the "Toxic Member" definition, the proposals put forward have been temporarily shelved until later. However, there was a unanimous vote not to allow A.B.A.T.E. to attend our C.C. meetings in the future. This was done to eliminate confusion amongst members and although we have similar goals we do have different agendas that need to be kept separate.

In September Local 33 had quite a bit to do with two poker runs and manning a booth at the Sedalia "Hog Rally" which in my humble opinion was a success for local 33 and Yeager's Harley Davidson. We signed 2 new members and had many inquires about joining which local and who to contact in their area.

Well, guess who struck again? Yep, Granny did it again. Listen to this

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one. After our last poker run everyone returned to Am-Vets for something to drink or eat. As everyone was sitting at the bar Granny comes out of the kitchen and tells Mel she's too hot to work in the back so she takes off her jacket and ZAP, POW! There stands Granny in her light yellow t-shirt and bleeding through is her Polka-Dotted bra and right where the head lights should be are two huge blue dots. Mel dives under the bar and everyone starts laughing and poor Granny doesn't get it, until Bo says something and she about died on the spot. Our new members were a bit shocked to say the least, but we explained Granny and things are under control again. However, out of this fiasco comes Granny's new road name of "Poly-mom".

November

November 6th, ELECTION DAY!

November 11th, C.C. Meeting in Jefferson City

November 12th, Veterans Day Thank a Veteran!

November 22nd, Thanksgiving Day. Remember this is the day we taught the American Indians how to gamble.

Well, that's it folks so ride safe and watch out for the cages!

Hi-Ho Silver

The Ed-itor

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****TT Hwy Campground****14655 Hwy TT, Warsaw, MO 65355****Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
or (Day) 660-885-5741**

All of us at Local 35 wish Karin Duffy a speedy recovery from her major heart surgery. Our condolences go out to Pat Green, we were sorry to hear of the recent death of his uncle. On a brighter note our fall poker run drew nearly 50 people for a fun ride in good weather. Winners were 1) Walt Miller 2) Troy Greer 3) Donna Burnett 4) Dee Ann Harms and 5) Kim James. Many thanks to all who came to join us. November is a quiet month so our newsletter is short, but now without a quote:

"Be not intimidated... nor suffer yourselves to be wheedled out of your liberties by any pretense of politeness, delicacy, or decency. These, as they are often used, are but three different names for hypocrisy, chicanery and cowardice." John Adams

Ride Unfettered,

Elaine Herron

Local 35

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeaux Pizza****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707**

Don't forget to get out and VOTE!!

Our October meeting had 13 members and 2 guests. We have 33 members and our goal is to have 40 members by the time we have our next riding season. Bob Thompson won the Sept. drawing and David Dobbins won the Oct. drawing. Neither one was present so their names go back into the hat.

Our Toy Run is Nov. 3rd. The District Rally was tabled until we find out what the other locals decide to do.

Nov. meeting is the 6th at Breaduex Pizza in Cameron.

I had my self ready to go to Sturgis because my wife said "go ahead and go". I learned that in wife talk it meant "if you go without me you s.o.b. you wouldn't have any place to come back to". Something about her having to work and no one to watch the kids.

I was told that Kevin is getting married and all I can tell you Kevin after being married three times myself is that the best wife I ever had was someone elses.

Is it true that cannibals won't eat clowns because they taste funny?

PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's easy it's right there in black and white.

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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 - Rick Gish 314-578-6006**

Well it sure has cooled off here long enough to get out and enjoy a decent ride... Went to the September meeting, I think there were about 24 present cause we didn't have to put out the butts. Most of the meeting concerned the bike show so I'm basically wastin your time cause we just had the bike show Sunday...I was only there for about 20 minutes and then I had to leave to pick Eve up from the hospital and help her get lined out... I did see a good start up with the event but I have not been able to find out who the winners of the Show and Games are... I'm pretty sure that bikers won the bike show and more bikers won the games.. So I guess if you want to know, like me, then we'll have to attend the October meeting and find out together... We have Officer nominations coming up, but by the time you read this it will have come and gone. So what good am I you ask...? Well ... Carl and I are going to the Mid



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This is a RAIN or SHINE event!! Everyone Welcome!!
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at 12:30 pm as a group with Santa in the lead and ride to Case & Bucks in
Union for a meet/greet Santa from 1 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be available.
Kids get your picture with Santa on his Harley.

For more information contact: Alma 636-584-5481

South M.I.L.E. at the end of this month so I may have more information on what I learned and be able to share that with you... More details to follow... see YOU at the Meeting, Talk more later, Tex

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday

Check with your local rep for location

The District meeting was held in King City on Oct. 3rd. District 1 is becoming a MRF Sustaining Member. The District 1 Blacktop Rally will be making some changes. It will still be held at Pony Express R.V. Park, but not sure about the date yet. What ever the date I'll be there ready to help. I am glad the rally will continue. The next District Meeting will be Nov. 7th at Breaduex Pizza in Cameron at 7:00 P.M.

Don't Forget coming up in APRIL-----PROCLAMATION RUN and MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL RIDE TO THE CAPITAL. Any and all suggestions on what to do for our Rally are greatly welcomed. After all it is a group effort. Rumor has it that we may have a wedding at the Rally. What do you think Kevin?

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DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove

Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147

Good Day All,

I sat down to write this newsletter submission from District 4 and give everyone a lot of info from the Meeting of the Minds. What do I find? My notes and all the info I received are still with Katherine Fox. Since I flew to North Carolina, I had to minimize my carryon luggage to save money (ie: check in fee) and so Katherine carried a bag back for me. Along with a carload of other goods FORR purchased at the auction. Thanks Katherine and Dave for being the pack mules. I promise to impart all the wisdom I obtained when I am able to retrieve my stuff from Katherine.

The elections are fast approaching. Do your research and make your choices and please VOTE. Those of you in U.S. House District 5 consider Jacob Turk. I met him recently and was encouraged by his responses to our issues. His office is on 3rd St in Lee's Summit stop by and say Hi. Also, everyone needs to also consider joining the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The MRF is the national MRF while FORR only represents the State of Missouri. As you know Federal trumps State so being a FORR member does not influence Federal legislative issues.

District 4 Toy Run is November 4, sign in at VFW 1829, 5904 Crystal, Kansas City, MO 64129. FORR, FEW Seminar coming January 12 in Jefferson City, MO. Check the Freedom Press for times and locations.

I read this poem recently and felt it needed to be passed on.

Amy Allmon

For My People"
by Gidget Reedy

This is for my people;
Motorcycle enthusiasts and owners everywhere,
Living to ride and riding to live, learning what brotherhood really is;
Learning the terrain from choices made at forks in the road,
United whether they are riding solo or packing a load.

This is for my people;
Dressed in chaps and gloves, and boots and vests, with
helmets and rain gear,

Who wear bandannas on their face like robbers in the night;
All clad in leather riding against the wind and rain,
And cold and fog, and did I mention rain?

This is for my people;
Ladies of Harley everywhere, knees in the breeze and wind in their hair,
Women riding independently but united by a passion for our bikes,



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A motorcycle convoy of women riders feeling empowered by numbers,
Riding for tranquility; surrounded by friends that become family.

This is for my people;

The warm sunlight on your face, and long windy roads of scenic beauty,
Feeling nothing but freedom; freedom from work, and from spouses,
freedom from family;

And from the children's daily demands, letting each bend in the road
take you farther away,

And yet closer to nature and yes, Freedom.

This is for my people;

Who volunteer before being asked; to be escorts in parades, compiling
and delivering toys for tots, taking the kids at the MDA camp for rides
on the trikes, high school athletes that hitch a ride into stadiums when
they win the state championship, and retirement homes that enjoy our
company, hosting poker runs and fundraising for nonprofit groups and
charities.

This is for my people;

That are security at local motorcycle events; who wear our chapter patch
with pride, and collect pins from runs and state events like grown up girl
scouts, and fly the flags on their motorcycles,

As we parade through the countryside smoothly, like an orchestrated
symphony, and people turn to watch the noisy rumbling as we confidently
ride our iron horses to our destiny.

This is for my people;

Who don't realize what they mean to me, always ready to help a fellow
rider in need,

Searching maps for the most scenic and untraveled route, because they
know that four wheels move the body, but two wheels move the soul,
and my fellow HOG members physically here or not; who most definitely
touch my heart and my soul. I love you all dearly and I will always,
Ride with you, in front of you, behind you, next to you, and for you!

From: Women Riders Now, an on-line newsletter for women who rider.
Check it out <http://womenridersnow.com>

Hello to all my riding and non-riding brothers and sisters,

Can you believe summer is over? Everyone who attended the Octo-
berfest will attest to that. Ask them.

My hope is that they will also tell you how much fun and how enjoyable
it was, despite the weather.

Would like to take a moment and profoundly thank Rick Salyer with
his lovely Shelly Kertz, Ronda Felts with hubby Russell Felts, Ailisa Hall
Brennan, as well Randy Joker Garrison, Randy Knobber Garrison, Mark
and Dallas Chapman, Amy Allmon for their extremely outstanding help
and support (Would not have been possible without them). EVERY FORR
member who contributed, assisted and planned for the 2012 FORR D4
Octoberfest is very much appreciated and I thank them as well. Special
THANK you with love to my awesome husband Ken DeMoss, who has
supported and helped me through the planning stages all year long. And
last but certainly not least my THANKS and APPRECIATION goes out to
EVERYONE who traveled, whether from nearby or as far (Kansas, St.
Louis, etc) for attending and supporting this event. I apologize; if I may
not have mentioned an individual's name, but my helpers really were
numerous and I am old and getting feeble minded, please forgive me.
Congratulations to ALL the winners at the Drag Races, Field Events.
The Mr. Octoberfest and Mrs. Octoberfest go to JAMES JESSE and
TINA SEVART

Congrats to the recipient of the *Misfit Award* Amy Allmon from
FORR L5

This is a repeat: It is with sadness that I continuously watch everyone
being subjected to losing a little bit of Freedom, almost daily. Please
stand up for your rights with passion, be VERY active in November at
the polls: VOTE!!!

If you are not a member of FORR or MRF....OUR VOICE in DC, con-
sider joining, because YOU are NEEDED and can make a difference. I
am a firm believer in FREEDOM and JUSTICE for all!

We must do everything we can to preserve the FREEDOM to ride, as

well as our lifestyle, for future generations.

With that said, just a reminder:

FORR District 4 meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month and
open to the public. IRON SKILLET (Petro Truck stop) of I-70 (exit 28)
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Folks who want to enjoy a bite to eat prior
to the meeting should get there around 6:30. Hope to see YOU there

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss

District 4 Activity Chair

2012 Meeting of the Minds Durham, NC



“ENGINEER OF FREEDOM” AWARD

How many FORR® members do you know the really exemplify the spirit of freedom? The member who has belonged for so many years, no one can keep track. The member who, when the call went out for a work session or a shift at an event, has always been there. The member, who has held every office in a Local and has been in one or the other as long as anyone can remember or the member who has jumped in there and helped to spark a Local to success, seemingly overnight. We all know these members, we see them every time there's a Local or CC meeting, or we go to an event and it's their smiling face that greets us and signs us in. And now there's a way to recognize those special members who have made up the heart and soul of Freedom of Road Riders®, the “Engineer of Freedom” Award.

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

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

Q. How can a member be nominated for the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, PO Box 308, Oak Grove, MO 64075-0308 or secretary@forr.net

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

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations at the officer's meeting the night before 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 the day following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Q. What does the recipient get for being selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

A. Recipients will receive a red, white and blue “Engineer of Freedom” patch (which will be one of the rarest patches around FORR®) and their names will be listed on the roll of “Engineers” maintained by the Central Committee and published in the Freedom Press.

Engineers will serve FORR® by passing on an example of the dedication that has led FORR® to the triumphs of the last 30 years. We owe it to those members (you know who they are!) who have helped to make this the biggest and best motorcyclist rights organization in Missouri, and one of the most successful in the nation. So, think about the special people that YOU know, and let's start nominating those “Engineers” who have helped to drive this Freedom Train.

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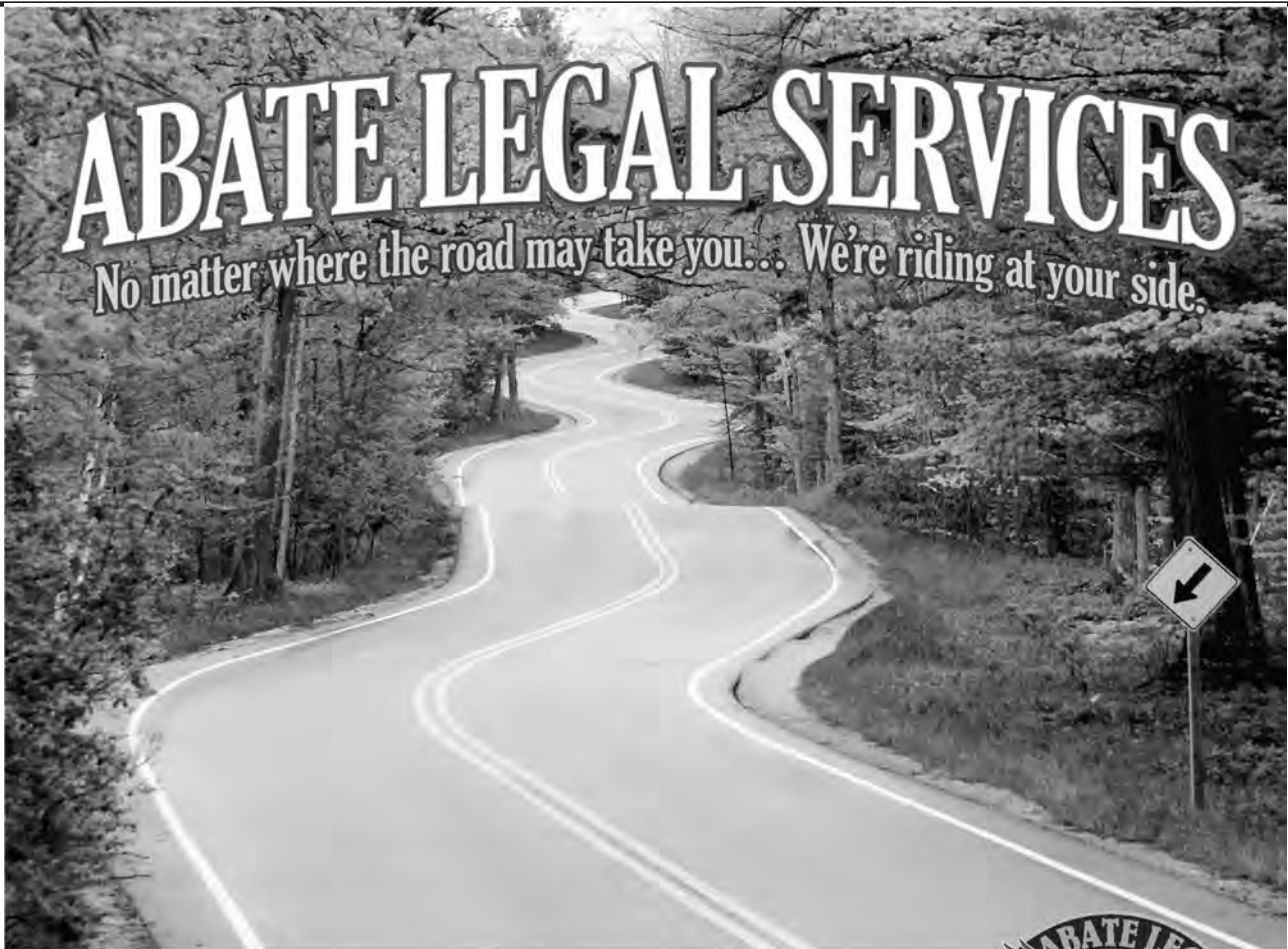
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12NR28 - MRF News Release - Dr. Samir Ahmed has resigned from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) motorcycle crash causation study.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

11 September 2012

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

Breaking News!

Dr. Samir Ahmed has resigned from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) motorcycle crash causation study citing "serious reservations about the value of the study".

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned that the chief engineer of the FHWA motorcycle crash causation study has removed himself from the project.

In an e-mail sent on Tuesday, September 11 2012 by Ahmed he announced the following: "I am writing to let you know that I am no longer working on the motorcycle crash causation study. I have serious reservations about the value of study with the existing FHWA involvement. My expectations of the study are very low."

Dr. Samir Ahmed, PhD, PE, was in charge of conduction and then evaluating the Federal motorcycle crash causation study for the FHWA.

The study was mandated by Congress in the SAFETEA-LU bill (PL 109-59). The study was supposed to collect data from 1200 crashes, however when the cost of the study more than doubled it became necessary to shrink the size of the project now the Feds are estimating that the number of crashes that will be investigated is down to less than 120. That's just %10 percent of the original number.

The mandate directed the FHWA to work with the Oklahoma State University Transportation systems engineering school, a leading research center for all things transportation.

The MRF has had some serious questions about this study since its conception. The MRF did not lobby Congress to have the study mandated.

"It is no question that we need more information on why motorcycles crash, but with such limited resources in the motorcycle safety world we should be putting them toward proper motorcycle rider education and motorist awareness to prevent crashes." Said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The full results of the study should be out sometime next year.

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Four-gallon minimum fuel mandate: EPA fails to meet deadline in response to congressional letter seeking answers

Please urge the EPA to respond!

On Sept. 10, the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology sent a letter (<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/FOOMSDBSKT/KDNDSDBYY/8755160211>) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency addressed to Administrator Lisa Jackson (<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/FOOMSDBSKT/JNVISDSBYZ/8755160211>). The congressional letter is seeking answers from the EPA on its recent decision to mandate consumers purchase at least four gallons of fuel from certain blender pumps that dispense both E15 and E10 gasoline-ethanol blends. To date, no manufacturer has introduced a mass production motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle designed to operate on E15 fuel.

The letter had a Sept. 24 deadline to respond. To date, the EPA has not responded to the congressional letter.

As the American Motorcyclist Association previously reported, the EPA revealed the requirement to the AMA in a letter (<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/FOOMSDBSKT/GIQSDSBZA/8755160211>) dated Aug. 1, responding to AMA concerns (<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/FOOMSDBSKT/OPAWSDBZB/8755160211>) that E15 -- a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume -- could be put in motorcycle and ATV fuel tanks inadvertently when consumers use blender pumps. A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose.

"With E15 gasoline, our members who make a concerted effort to fuel their motorcycles or ATVs with E10-or-less gasoline may be unknowingly refueling with residual fuel left in the hose," Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations, wrote in a June 20 letter to Jackson.

"Unlike an automobile or SUV with a large fuel tank, the residual fuel left in a fueling hose could be detrimental to the performance of motorcycle or ATV engines due to the small size of their fuel tanks and the higher concentration of ethanol that would, therefore, be present in the fuel," Allard wrote.

"In addition, the use of E15 will lower fuel efficiency and possibly cause premature engine failure," he wrote. "Use of E15 fuel voids many manufacturer warranties. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users."

Byron Bunker of the EPA National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory responded to the AMA on behalf of Jackson.

"EPA requires that retail stations that own or operate blender pumps either dispense E15 from a dedicated hose and nozzle if able or, in the case of E15 and E10 being dispensed from the same hose, require that at least four gallons of fuel be purchased to prevent vehicles and engines with smaller fuel tanks from being exposed to gasoline-ethanol blended fuels containing greater than 10 volume percent ethanol," Bunker wrote.

"Additionally, EPA is requiring that retail stations that offer E10 and E15 from the same hose and nozzle use additional labeling to inform consumers about the minimum purchase requirement," Bunker wrote.

"Since motorcyclists and ATV users, as you suggest, have relatively small fuel tanks, they should pay careful attention to the labeling of blender pumps to ensure that an appropriate fuel is chosen, in this case E10 or E0," he wrote.

The problem with the new EPA policy is that not all motorcycle and ATV gas tanks hold four or more gallons.

"Not only do we find it unacceptable for the EPA to mandate that our members buy minimum amounts of gas, but the EPA answer simply won't work because of the sizes of many motorcycle and ATV gas tanks," said Allard. "Furthermore, off-highway riders take containers of gas with them on their trips, and most times those containers are much smaller than four gallons.

"The EPA needs to come up with a better solution," he said. "The EPA also needs to back an independent study to determine whether E15 is safe for motorcycle and ATV engines."

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, and has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

In October 2010, the EPA approved the use of E15 in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles). Then, in January 2011, the EPA added model year 2001-2006 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.

Riders should pay attention to this list because no motorcycles or ATVs are currently listed.

The AMA is concerned about E15 because it burns hotter than gasoline that contains a lesser amount of ethanol. In engines not designed to dissipate that extra heat, damage in the form of premature wear can result. Although this is a concern in all motorcycles, it's particularly problematic for air-cooled engines found in many motorcycles and ATVs. Moreover, use of E15 may even void the manufacturer warranty.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. The new EPA policy should concern all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts because this can affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

Please send a prewritten message to the EPA asking Jackson to respond to the congressional letter that seeks answers on the recent decision by the EPA to mandate consumers purchase at least four gallons of fuel from certain blender pumps that dispense both E15 and E10 gasoline-ethanol blends.

Also, please join the AMA to help us fight these efforts. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights -- on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.

WHO AM I?



Last month the mystery member was Ursula DeMoss from Local 29. Very beautiful person both inside & out.

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News From Around the Globe

Dallas County deputy suspended without pay for seizing biker's camera

DALLAS MOTORCYCLE, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012, BY: RAINE DEVRIES

The Dallas County Sheriff's office issued a 38-day suspension today to Deputy James Westbrook after footage showed him seizing a camera from a motorcycle rider. The case received a large amount of media coverage in the days following the incident which took place over the Memorial Day weekend.

The majority of outspoken commentators freely acknowledge that they sympathize with the challenges that law enforcement personnel encounter; however, it was not justifiable for Westbrook to seize the camera that belonged to rider Chris Moore.

The video has been viewed almost 500,000 times on YouTube at this link and Westbrook is on camera issuing this comment to Moore:

"The reason you're being pulled over is because I'm gonna take your camera and we're gonna use it as evidence of in the crimes that have been committed by other bikers."

Legal experts state that Westbrook's reason does not constitute probable cause to make a traffic stop nor is it illegal to wear a camera on a helmet.

Westbrook ended up arresting Moore and then trying to slam the door of the patrol car on the leg of the biker before taking him to jail. Moore was finally released and issued a ticket for an obstructed license plate. Moore's attorney, Hunter Biederman, is prepared to take the case to court even though an obstructed license plate is a small matter, it is more to address the principle of the situation in how Westbrook opted to handle himself.

Of further note is that eight of the 38 days of suspension are due to Westbrook leaving a drunk driver at the jail without booking him before going out on the call relating to motorcyclists riding on I-35.

Westbrook does have the right to appeal his suspension.

Automated license plate readers

The NMA first raised the alarm on automated license plate readers (ALPRs) two-and-a-half years ago (E-Newsletter Issue #61: Here, There, Everywhere). With more and more police agencies throughout the country employing the technology, we thought an update was in order.

ALPRs are cameras (either stationary or mounted on patrol cars) that snap a photograph of every license plate that passes by them. (Check out the previous newsletter for a video clip.) The devices then check the plate number against a variety of databases searching for things like stolen vehicles, owners with lapsed registrations, outstanding fines or warrants.

By all accounts ALPRs have proliferated rapidly. But just how fast and how far this troublesome technology has spread remains an open question.

Here are a few things we do know about ALPRs: Enforcement agencies in all 50 states have adopted the technology due to its ability to efficiently process vast amounts of data. One plate reader can scan up to 3,000 license plates per minute. Patrol-based units use a laptop computer to quickly identify and pinpoint the location of a suspect vehicle in real time.

With enough cameras, ALPR systems can blanket a city and essentially track the day-to-day movements of thousands of vehicles at a time. For example, Washington D.C. has quietly installed more than 250 ALPR cameras throughout the district. That's more than one camera per square mile.

Millions in federal grant dollars have been made available to law enforcement agencies for the purchase of ALPR systems. System suppliers have been quick to facilitate the grant-making process by offering extensive assistance to agencies looking for grant money.

The result? Countless police agencies adopting a surveillance technology capable of tracking countless motorists, all with the financial support of the federal government. What can go wrong?

In an effort to target relatively few drivers for legitimate law enforcement purposes, detailed information on millions of others is swept up in the

process, creating what amounts to a warrantless tracking tool. The privacy implications are staggering: How long is that information stored? Who has access to it? How can they use it? What protections exist to make sure abuses such as mistaken identification don't occur?

The length of time data are retained varies from agency to agency. Some keep data for as little as 30 days, while others, like the New York State Police, retain the data indefinitely. The potential for data sharing is huge. The ACLU has reported that states are beginning to pool their ALPR data into huge databases which are easily accessible by law enforcement officials at all levels. All with no judicial oversight. Speaking of oversight, only two states (New Hampshire and Maine) have enacted laws controlling the use of plate readers and the data they generate.

Back to our original question, how fast and how far has ALPR technology spread? To find out, local ACLU chapters recently sent public records requests to nearly 600 municipal and state law enforcement agencies seeking detailed information about their use of ALPR systems. Freedom of Information Act requests were also filed with the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation to learn how the federal government uses the technology and how it has been funding ALPR programs around the country. You can track the progress of this effort here.

We commend the ACLU and believe their work will help protect motorists from the inevitable abuses posed by ALPRs. However, it's worth noting that some of the largest compilers of ALPR data are not public agencies but private companies.

Vigilant Solutions, a California-based company, has built what may be the largest repository of ALPR information anywhere. Using the same technology as law enforcement, the company claims to have compiled a database of more than 825 million license plate records. All of which it makes available to law enforcement agencies.

We've all seen what happens when public officials ally themselves with for-profit private firms (i.e., ticket camera vendors) in the interest of public safety. What, if any, motorist privacy policies Vigilant has put in place remain unclear. Establishing ALPR oversight in the public sector is important, but doing so in the private sector may be more critical in the long run.



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4 Local 28 Waynesville Toy Run 573-433-0702

4 Local 33 50 Hwy W Toy Run 660-233-3949

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