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FROM MAC

Hello Brother and Sisters,

Hopefully the weather is getting better for Missouri when you are reading this. I believe the cabin fever is getting to a lot of us. With that comes the time of year that we start thinking of rides to go on, events to attend, and rally season. Its also the time of year that we start to think of our awareness efforts to help remind those on the road. That we are out on the roads more.

To start the Awareness efforts for the year. I was able to join in on the St Joe RV and Boat show event. I have to say I was impressed beyond words of the efforts of this event. I have to thank to the following locals for their efforts with this event. Local 5 St Joe, Local 14 Independence, Local 26 Maryville, and Local 41 Cameron. So many of the members of these locals came together with supplies and man hours to help share awareness to "joe public". During my time there many of our members approached people making the attempt to the people that say "No thank you I don't ride" or "I don't ride but I know someone who does". At the end of those conversations the people still walked away with something that helped promote awareness. Even though there first thought was "I don't need any of that stuff".

On a personal note I would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU for the hospitality that I was personally shown by the members. I have not had much of a chance to meet the members of these locals in my year as MAC. Local 6 helped find me a hotel close to the event and sent me all the information that I needed. Local members were right at the door as soon as we pulled in to help carry items inside. I was welcomed as if we had known each other for years. Some locals even helped chip in to give me a little money back on my hotel. Since I had to drive so far. (Which I would of never expected). I was very humbled to feel the of brotherhood/ sisterhood with these people. I was a pleasure to spend time with the ones I had the opportunity to.

To add to the on going events of the year and meeting new faces. May rally is scheduled for May 2, 2017. I am hoping to see a lot of the membership at this event. I feel that it is a great opportunity for people to come and make a impact that we are out there and we care about the fight for our rights in a positive manner. It gives many people the chance to go through the capital and meet the people that are our voice. I watch a great video that was made by person that held office in the past about getting your voice heard. He reviewed the usual ways of contact such

as letters and email. Yes they are all reviewed and you get a response. Normally the person responding is not the person that you are wanting to get your wishes a citizen across to. Yet the best way is in person and asking a question expecting a civil response. This event is a great opportunity to due just that. If you have hesitation of how to do that. There will be many members with the experience of approaching these powers that be. That we gladly help you along the way. So I encourage you to come and take advantage of the opportunity to stand as a Missouri citizen and a voice for all motorcyclist in our great state. With all of this I am hope that this year brings many blessing to all those out there. May we all come home safe at the end of our adventures and remember that we are just as much responsible for our safety as those we ask to LOOK TWICE.

May the wind always be at your back and the sun upon your face. Hope to see your smiling faces along the way. Shaulene "Lizzi" Frock



Committee Meetings Saturday prior to CC Meeting

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2017 FORR® Ever Working SEMINAR

Training and Education for All Membership March 11, 2017 Lodge of the Four Seasons 315 Four Seasons Drive Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Doors to open at 9:00 am

***Seminar to start at 10:00am

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ noon Meeting location varies

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906 https://www.facebook.com/groups/382590848464563/

Howdy all

Just got back from Yeagers bike show in Sedalia. Real nice showing. Lots of BEAUTIFUL bikes! Had lunch with Heather and Harley at Bandanas - very good eats!.

Seems like things are looking up for local 1. Finally got our officers lined up, big surprise... same as before!

Our March meeting is at our place in Holden at noon. If you need directions please give us a call. Might be moving the meeting locations around a bit so check the newsletter and the reminders for more info. Pres. Rick and his wife Nancy will be attending the Few seminar have to wait till next month to hear how things went.

Lots of events are starting to show up in The Freedom Press as the weather is getting nicer - check out the calendar for 'stuff' to do!

Not much to say this time so.... Have a good one then have another!

See ya later,

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157





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LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m. VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO

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

Vice-President: Gary Snyder 417-644-2789

https://www.facebook.com/groups/602232219915755/

HOWDY FOLKS!!!! It's a new year and we have new people at the Capital. SO.... We have a date to go to the Capital every month but if you have time you can go or call or email when ever you can. Let's be heard. We have Bill- HB-535, HB-576, HB588, hopefully by the time this newsletter gets out they will be further along.

Important notice is in April due to Easter, our meeting date will change to April 23,2017... Mark that on your calendar. Another one to mark on your calendar is Cruisin for Cribs is set for June 10,2017, then on May 11,2017 a escort ride for the Veterans wall-Vietnam Memorial. Will ride in any weather. Will meet Local 27 on the way.

On New Years ride 13 bikes and 23 riders from Local 3 met at Osceola car wash and Road House in Warsaw and met up with Local 35..

Bob, Walt, Deena, Bud, Sue, Bobby, Ken, Chad, Kermit, Jason, Olen, Bill, Tim, and Dave went and captured Local 27 flag and I believe that they are going after Local 7 flag..

I'm so proud to belong to a Local that at the CC meeting on January 8 was presented with a huge trophy for the largest increase of membership 43% for 2016. Good job Dean.

Michelle Wallace is a new member!!! Welcome Michelle.. Now we are at 107 and going strong Dale Roberts won the incentive pot of \$213.00!!!!

We would like to put a big THANK YOU to Jason and Brandy for the

We would like to put a big THANK YOU to Jason and Brandy for the chili after the meeting..

Well be nice to one another and ride safe..peace out Nancy aka Skittles 12303

Local 5 - South Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222 https://www.facebook.com/groups/197130813664644/

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Newsletter Editor Beth Gimse 816-261-5798

Howdy Folks,

I would like to start this article with my Husband, Bill Gimse. He won the Engineer of Freedom award. The first picture is of Bill accepting the Award at last month's CC meeting from Bob Hawkins, Vice Chairman of FORR. He is very proud of it and wanted to say Thank you to everyone who put him up for it.

Our Local was blessed to host Ms. Shaulene Frock, FORR Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator, to St. Joseph for the Sport, RV & Boat show where FORR had a booth.

The event was January 20, 21, 22, 2017. Heck, even the Grand Pooba himself, Smokin Joe Widmer, showed up! Ha ha. He was there most of 2 days. Another character I won't forget was "Dead Eye" from Maine, not Boston! Inside joke. Ha ha.

We had Friends from Locals 26, 11, 14, 41, 5 and of course 6 volunteer to help with the booth where we handed out the yellow "Watch for Motorcycles" car magnets, key chains, air fresheners, yard signs and maps of Missouri, all donated by MODOT. We also sold FORR calendars,

selling quite a few.

We all had a wonderful time. Most of us were quite the novelty for good ole St. Joe to see but the people seemed to like it. We made a lot of new friends.

Make sure to get your bikes ready. Spring is about to pop! Ride Safe Ride Free

Reth





LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

La Mexican Kitchen, 1679 S Jefferson Ave, South Dale

Shopping Center

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

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local-7-454739271384794/

Hello once again from Local 7. Its hard to have the winter blues with this mild winter we are having.

We want to give a Big Thank You to all the locals that came to our Valentines Dance, locals 13,28,11,3,22,35,31,30.. It means a lot to me for you folks coming to our dance because we started this thing for the social aspect to build brother hood..

And on that note we are talking about a Halloween Dance stay tuned for more info...

We have a new members James Alexander welcome aboard the freedom train...

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 https://www.facebook.com/FORRLOCAL8

Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm

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

Contact: Rich Northeimer (573) 257-1122 or Denise Taylor (573) 353-4127

https://www.facebook.com/groups/385138914887025/

Hey Everybody... I'm back! This is going to be short and sweet until I can get back in the groove, so bear with me!

Hope your 2017 has been good to you so far! I heard that the pesky groundhog seen his shadow so I guess that means 6 more weeks of winter BUT I don't feel like our winter has been really all that bad. I have seen quite a few bikes out and about and I know we have been out

amongst them a few times. Well anyway with that being said, spring is right around the corner! So make sure those bikes are up and ready to go!!!! Hope to see you all at The Annual F.E.W. Seminar for 2017 March 11 – at the Lodge of the Four Seasons.

Mark your calendars for Solid Rocks "Bike Blessing 11 am Service" – May 6th, which is the first Sunday in May!

For all you FB people, I hope you have been checking out these FORR—Local 10 and Freedom of Road Riders (FORR)—Local 10 Group Facebook pages. If you have any events or anything else you would like to put out there, post it to the Timeline. If you have any problems finding or getting on the pages, call me at 573-353-4127 or send me an email at taylord34@embarqmail.com. I added some people to these groups and if you go out there to check it out and don't find your name... request to be added and I will do so as soon as I see your request. Trying hard to keep this updated with events, photos and files. If you wish to add anything, please feel free to do so.

LET'S RIDE!!
Denise Taylor
taylord34@embarqmail.com

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S Main, NW Door Contact: Sparky@(417)439-5908 or Lizzi@(417)439-0399 https://www.facebook.com/groups/375042675119/

Hello my Local 11 family,

Wanted to start off by saying we have the FEW seminar coming up March 11th it will be held at the lodge of four seasons at lake Ozark, there is a good line of speakers and a lunch will be served. Very fun and educational so please make plans to attend if possible. There will also be a silent auction with lots of cool things to bid on. Also wanted to say that ladies night was a success we all enjoyed each others company, and I feel like we all grew a closer bond with one another. Please make plans to visit the capitol as well this year with all of us for a better chance to get something through to the governor we will be needing everyone's help. We are also needing to find a venue for our event this year I know some of us have been out looking for options and have found a few Jack Lawton Webb Center, Joplin Convention and Trade Center, and Elks Lodge in Joplin please make sure to provide your feedback on these venues and get more info about each one I believe both DC and Mark have the info on them, so we can make a quick and educated decision at our next meeting. If anyone has any ideas on how to improve our local, organization, or product line don't just hold back we want to hear your ideas and creativity feel free to sketch something out or make a plan of action as to how we can all do better in our local remember we are the voice of our own local and we all want to hear and see what each has in mind or would like to see out of our local. Thank you for reading and we look forward to hearing all of the new ideas until next month my friend's.

Thank You Brittney Macias "BB"

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

MEETINGS: 2ND SUNDAY @ 1 PM Contact: Jim (660) 529-3142

https://www.facebook.com/groups/463789827071828/

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Melissa Palmer 573-554-4575 or email mapalmer2@ cougars.ccis.edu

https://www.facebook.com/groups/FORRLocal13/

Greetings from Local 13,

Winter is just about over. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to get out and ride on the unseasonably warmer days that we have been granted. With warm weather (hopefully) around the corner, we are working on tentative activities for the year. Our goal is to spend as much time riding together as possible while spreading the word of what FORR is all about to new and potential members. I would like to welcome some of our newest members to Local 13, Jeff and Whitney McCormick. One person can do great things, but as a group we are stronger!

There are a few dates to keep in mind for upcoming events. Demo Days is being held in Hannibal March 3-5. FEW Seminar will be the following weekend, March 11 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. Sign in is from 9-10 a.m. CC Meeting will also be held there on the 12th. The Mike Sloan run will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd. FORR needs 10 volunteers to guide people through the capital.

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





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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-690-8557

https://www.facebook.com/groups/199315240260246/

Greetings Local 14

The District 4 Crock Pot cook off has come to past, there was lots of good food and everyone had a good time. Much silliness! The first order of business is Local 14 is having our first pool tournament for 2017 on April 1. (No, this is not an April Fool's joke. Ha Ha) You can get all the information for this on the Local 14 Facebook page or see the flyer in this edition.

The Crash Harrison Memorial Ride will be in June this year. More information to come at a later date.

Local 14 will be helping with the Sugar Creek VFW's Hog Roast and Bike Show that will be held in August the weekend before Labor Day weekend. More information to come at a later date.

The local 14 product line has new hats for sale and Local 14 patches have been ordered.

And finally as promised, here are the newest members of Local 14: Chayton Sanders, Shirley Roberts, and Donnie Whitcanack became members in November of 2016. Rich Cook and Paul Koontz became members in December of 2016. I hope I got the months joined right and I apologize if there is anyone that I missed. If so please let Donna or myself know so we can get it in the next newsletter.

Just a little reminder, the local meeting will be on March 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sugar Creek VFW on Kentucky Road. Hope to see you all there.

That's all for this month. See ya down the road.

Shelly Bryan, Local 14 Secretary and Newsletter. starts at 7 pm. Come early for supper.

That's it for now. Have a wonderful month. Hope to see you soon! Lou

LOCAL 16-SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

Winter will soon be coming to a close. If you haven't got your winter bike repairs finished yet, you are running out of time if planning on having them completed before spring. For those of you that will be getting out on the roads soon be careful and watch out for the sand, salt and cinders that have accumulated over the winter.

I am not sure if you will receive this Freedom Press before our next couple of events. If you do we will start the weekend of Feb. 24 with a local meeting the night before the Broomstick Tournament at Bill's Place in Biehle. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

Then the next day on the Feb. 25th, the Broomstick Pool Tournament will be at JR's in Cape Girardeau. Sign ups start at 1 pm and we will begin play at 2. How many of you have ever tried to play pool with a broomstick? It is can be quite a challenge but great fun. It is a great time to get out and socialize after being holed up inside during the cold winter months.

Local meetings will be March 24th at the Bayou in Pocahontas, MO. Next will be April 21st at Martin's place. Call for directions. Both begin around 7 pm.

The elections were held at our January meeting and the officers for the coming year are:
President - George Reitzel
Vice President - Whitey Pohlman
CC Rep. - Martin King

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Call for information Contact: 417-334-0291

https://www.facebook.com/groups/279926618687174/

Hey everyone,

Hope you're getting some riding in when you get the chance! Here at Local 15, we usually use our FB page to let everyone know when we want to get together for a ride. This past Sunday, our Prez gathered a few people and rode to Eureka Springs for bite to eat at The Cat House.

Coming up on our calendar we have our March BS meeting. It will be at the Missouri Ridge Distillery, 7000 State Hwy 248. I'm not familiar with this place, but I love trying out new places. We start gathering around 7 pm.

Right after that is The FEW Seminar. Ron and I haven't been for a couple of years, but we're pretty sure we'll make it this year. For those of you who are unsure of what that is, check this news letter for more information.

Next we'll have our Highway spring clean up. This is the curves on Hwy 160 between Forsyth and the exit to Rockaway. We toss treasure into the ditch to make collecting trash a bit more fun. The date will be decided at the next Business meeting.

Our Spring Swap Meet is scheduled for April 23rd. It again is planned to be held at Shadow Rock Park in Forsyth. Last year we had an amazing show of vendors and visitors. We're planning on another great year. Don't forget about the campground. The Mid West Drifters are also planning on having their Pre Swap Meet Party the night before. The will be a flyer on our FB page with all the information on it.

Don't forget our monthly business meeting. We have it at The Lone Star Steakhouse, Green Mountain Drive in Branson. The meeting



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Have a good month and again we hope to see everyone at one of the local events or meetings. It could be a good year for FORR to get our issues signed into law with new people in our state offices. We need everyone's help to accomplish this. Be sure to call your legislators or if possible make a trip to the capital and talk to them in person. Dudely

LOCAL 19-KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Meeting Location Varies Contact: 660-626-4340

https://www.facebook.com/groups/203378816472124/

Hi there everyone! Hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy, I know the flu and cold has been going around. Its came knocking on my house which caused me to miss the 29th Annual Auction & Dance. With the completion of the yearly action and the Super Bowl that just means that spring in right around the corner. Hope everyone is was able to complete a few winter projects and activities, so the spring one can get started soon. It wont be much longer before we all can get back out on the road and ride!

From the sounds of it everyone had a good time at the 29th Annual Auction & Dance. Thanks goes out to the Comancheros who provided great entertainment for the night and a big thanks goes out to everyone the pitched in last minute and to all the merchants that made donations to help make the action a great success. Without the hard work and donations from everyone it would not have been a success.

There are some officers that will be attending the F.E.W. Seminar on March 11. 2017.

Local 19 has many activities in the works that should keep us out and about all season. Come join the meetings to help plan and give input on theses activities. Visit Freedom of Road Riders Local 19 page on Facebook to share information and get last minute updates. The next meeting for Local 19 will be March 4, 2017 at 6 pm, it will be held at the Shack in Kirksville. For directions for the meeting place for the March meeting please call 660-626-6367.

For information on Safety activities call 660-665-8186, leave a message your call will be returned.

For any general information please call 660-626-4340 text or leave a message your call will be returned.

Stay safe and have fun.

Henri

Local 20 - Dexter

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Eagle's Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012

https://www.facebook.com/groups/189905384430744/

Spring is just around the corner now Woo Hoo!!!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those that have celebrated and will be celebrating in February and March. Welcome to our new members thank you for joining our efforts in keeping our Freedom Train on track and to those that have renewed thanks for hanging in here with us.

We have patches ready for Mindy Reif and will have Darrell Swinger's soon along with more patches for Gordon Noland for those that may have not received one. All of the patches will be selling for \$6.00 each.

We have began our event planning and will be having the bike show again this year but will be earlier in hopes of avoiding the heat we dealt with last year. We will remain at the Dexter Fair grounds. Will fill you in

with more details later. Darrell Swinger's memorial ride is set for Saturday May 21. This will be an all day event. This is not to raise any type of funds just to give him one more ride with us. I will be riding on the back of his bike so my ride is covered. We will also be planning a memorial event for Mindy before the summer is over.

Now that the dust has settled from the FEW seminar I would like to thank everyone that planned and executed the FEW. It was great to get back to the basics especially for those that may had been feeling over whelmed by the office they held I know our treasurer was relieved after her session with Lynn. Congratulations to Dave Garner for his Power House award he is definitely a great member of FORR. It takes a lot of time and effort to organize an event like the FEW and it is easy for some to think they could have done it better but it is usually the people that don't attend meetings or this event but to those people I say step up and take the reins. If I look out at the members in a meeting and don't see the faces of those complaining I just keep doing the best job I can and don't give them the satisfaction of upsetting me. So basically it is a "Put up or Shut up" attitude. Oh wow I said that out loud.

I want to express to all of the members of Local 20 each and everyone one of you are important to this Local and to the organization I know that life happens it should always be family and work first the door is always open when you can attend a meeting or event and you will always be treated like family.

That is a wrap for this month and as always....... Keep it Between the Lines Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L 20

Local 21 - Eldon

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO

Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989

Local 22 - South Central

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Senior Center, West Plains

Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-

1465

https://www.facebook.com/groups/

FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/

Dear Brothers Sister and Friends of South Central Local 22,

First of all we would like to THANK LOCAL 7 for their hospitality and I can say without a doubt we will be back. Also another THANK YOU goes out to Local 19. As well as Tanker and Susie King for hosting, BL and myself for Local 19's Auction and Dance. It is truly amazing to have some of our newer members attend these type of events. Being able to introduce them to members from all over the State. To watch the friendships begin and the feeling of becoming family with such an amazing group of people it makes my heart smile. We will be attending Local 30 Leather and Lace dance later this week, so I would also like to thank you for inviting us to what I am sure will be a awesome time.

January we had a good turnout of our membership at the meeting, with three signing up. I would like to Welcome JJ Travis, Matthew Rowlett and Ken Thompson. We are honored that you have chosen South Central Local 22 as your home Local. We had all of our new officers in attendance. Everyone did their reports, some for the first time. They shared the goals for the year or what they would like to see happen. Road Captain's Jimmy and Derald brought to the membership that during summer months we pick a town with members that live there and move the meetings throughout the summer. The motion passed and will begin in April or May, please watch the Freedom Press for designation. We

have members in 12 towns that our Local covers. The challenge being can we visit all of them? We are also looking at doing rides between meeting dates this may help in the goal of riding to each town \square We are very hopeful that by doing these rides as well as other we will in fact begin to work better together as a Local and create a stronger Brotherhood..

Our event coordinators have several events they would like to enter us in, Blues Bash in May, also a couple of Bike Nights meet and greets as well as Awareness. We voted to keep The Ozark Mystery Tour, Haunting in the Hallows, Truck or Treat and the Christmas parade. It was also discussed doing a family day just for our kids maybe open to the public (opening to public was tabled, but I will report next news letter.) Since it will be a family orientated event we ask the no alcohol be at this event. Our overall concern is Safety, so it was voted and we will enforced at the Family Day event.

Meet and greets will be done as, Awareness and Membership drives we are still going through dates and times that will work for all members. Bike nights are still in consideration although, at the time being tabled. This does not mean we are not interested, we are very much. The concern is that the days be changed. Moving them to a Saturday or Sunday is more beneficial because many of our members work during the week. This was originally Bikers United event they had asked us to do every other month during spring and summer months. We plan to go ahead but needed more time to determine dates, places and times. We would ask that you plan on attending the next meeting the third Sunday at Senior Center 1 pm in West Plains. Thank you

Live Life to the Fullest, Valerie "Wyndy" Taylor~ McDonnell Questions Concerns feel free to Contact me valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail. com or 573-291-1465

Local 24 - St. Louis

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW Post 4105, 410 Rue St Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624

https://www.facebook.com/groups/225526100855350/

Hi ladies and gents!

Happy St. Pats to you early! We hope that you can come out and join us for our St. Patrick's Day Mystery Poker Run on Saturday March 18th. See our flyer in the Freedom Press. Registration is from 9 – 10 a.m. at VFW Post #4105 410 Rue St. Francois in Florissant, MO 63031 and kick stands are up at 10 a.m. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and the Worst Hand (Horse's Ass). Noid will let us know what the 2nd stop will be when we register. Everybody loves a good mystery right????? Come on out and ride with us!!!! For more information contact Noid at 314-550-9172.

On Sunday April 23rd we will be having our Blessing of the Bikes at Some Other Place (SOP) at 2280 South Old Highway 141 in Fenton, MO. Gates open at noon and it is a \$5 donation. We will have vendors, food and drinks, bike show, biker games, and live music by Euphoria. We are having a remote sign up at Jim and Debs Lakeside Pub 10600 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Lake St. Louis at 11:00 a.m. This is a Rain or Shine event. Some Other Place has done a lot of work to the grounds so come on out and check it out and have your bike blessed to help keep those ROAD GREMLINS away!!!! For more information contact yours truly, Tammy Crider, at 636-359-7497 or our fearless leader Ken Lewis at 314-546-1624.

As always, our meetings are held at VFW Post #4105 410 Rue St. Francois in beautiful downtown Florissant, MO 63031 at 7:00 p.m. We LOVE to have visitors and would love to see the bright smiling faces of our members!!!!

Love you all! Tammy Crider

Local 25 - St. Peters

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 am

KT's Bar & Grill, 407 Sonderen St, Ofallon, MO

Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-

293-5998

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1409228462622561/

Hello friends and family, hope you are having a great March and getting out to ride when nature permits.

I had a great time at the Troy, Missouri Chamber of Commerce with some club members and other motorcycling organizations where we gathered with Reine and Jan from Chariots of Fire to schedule our upcoming events for 2017. As usual, there was some overlap but that is to be expected when there are so many fine organizations with so many kick-ass events. I remember the days before I joined FORR when I was riding alone and wished I could find a person or a group to ride with or an event that helped kids or needy families, or even a group ride just for fun. I'm happy those days are gone but it has caused the new, almost pleasant problem of having to pick and choose what events to attend. Speaking of events, the ones to mark on your calendar for Local 25 are: Sunday, October 15th - Leaves in the Breeze and Sunday, November 5th - Local 25 Toy Run. The Shriners Hospital tour is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 10th. This is when we deliver the toy donations to the hospital. Also, we will be slinging hot dogs this spring and summer at St. Charles Harley Davidson and wrapping gifts during the Christmas season.

We are discussing doing something for folks who attend/assist the three events, (in one calendar year) that benefit Shriners Hospital. We are still in the discussion phase but the idea centers around a patch that would be given at no cost to those members. Everyone loves patches!

The sun is shining, (still cold though) the roads are dry and I mean to get out in it for a while so it's time to wrap up this month. Stay safe!



LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.

BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St, Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-26-Freedom-of-

Road-Riders/210883762255451

Greetings riders,

Spring is here and the new riding season has begun, or at least it will be by the time you read this. Actually, the riding season didn't totally end for many of us. Despite having a few days in negative numbers, there were several days in the upper 40's and 50's in January and February. Still cold in the morning, but warm enough to at least get out for a bit in the afternoons and early evenings. It's always good when you can brag about riding in every month of the year. I'm just hoping this doesn't mean it will be extremely hot this summer.

We had our meeting in January to determine our ride schedule for the first half of this year. Looks like out first scheduled Eat & Ride will be March 21st. A small departure from our usual April starting point. We are also planning on having a booth at the Maryville Home Show again this year. That will be March 26th. Try to attend and show your support or, even better, volunteer to help. Do your part to make everyone aware of the issues that are important to our motorcycle riding community.

Remember to check the tags on your motorcycles. Motorcycle tags are Due in April in Missouri so yours is due either this year or next. Check your tires. Check your oil. Do your spring maintenance so that you won't miss out on any of the spring and summer happenings because you have issues that you put off correcting.

March 4,18,25? - Spring Fever Fling -Still waiting on the results of the vote.

March 21 - Meeting Night - Milt's loop (Destination to be

determined at the ride)

March 26 - Maryville Home Show

March 28 - Eat & Ride - Milt's Loop

April 4 - Hwy 136 Roadhouse

April 11 - Gambino's

April 18 - Meeting Night - Junction Café - Bedford, IA

April 22 - Fun Run - O'Malley's Pub - Weston, MO

April 25 - Edson's - Stanberry

April 29 - Motorcycle Awareness Run - Begin-Maryville ->

Camaro's-Bethany

That's all for this month. Get your full ride schedule at the Meetings. Until next month,

Safe Journeys,

Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

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

Contact:: Pres. Bill "Mad Dawg" Thornhill (417) 955-0941; Vice-President. Tim "Tool Man" Taylor (417) 399-1986; CC Rep Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941

https://www.facebook.com/Local27FORR

Hey guys, I have some exciting news to share with you this month. Our local has been busy. Let me start off with this, Thank You Local 3 for coming and taking our flag, It was nice seeing you, sharing stories and schedules with you. We are looking forward to riding with local 3 this season. February 11th is the 29th annual Leather and Lace, Local 30 knows how to throw a party and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us all there. We have our Annual Blessing of the Bikes & Fallen Brother Run coming up, it will have been on March 25th. There was a



FREEDOM OF ROAD RIDERS® Sac Osage Local 27 4th Annual Blessing of the Bikes&Fallen Brother Run March 25th, 2017 \$5.00 donation per person Blessing at 1:00pm Ride leaves at 2:00pm Sign-in at Noon Dinner, auction and giveaway at the end of the ride. Polk County Fairgrounds Old Highway T West of Bolivar, MO Contact Person: Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941 Contributions to FORRErare not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income tax purposes. Proceeds for this event may be used to fund a PAC.

Dinner, Auctions, and giveaways at the end of the ride. We always have a great time, Hope you were there, if not you missed a great time. Now Local 27 has been asked by the city of Stockton, Mo. to stand guard of "The Wall That Heals" AKA the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall. With Great honor we accepted. The Wall That Heels will be at the Stockton Football Field on Thursday May 11th Thru Sunday May 14th. It is open 24 hours and NO ADMISSION CHARGE! Memorial Ceremony is Saturday at 10:00 AM. Wall Closing Sunday at 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to see a traveling wall that honors those who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. If you would like to volunteer during this event, call or make a monetary gift, please call Mayor Mary Norell or Dana Dawes at Stockton City Hall @ 417-276-5210. More information can be found at cityofstocktonmo.com. If you have never seen this wall in person don't miss out I have seen it and let me tell you it's so much more than just a wall,. you will feel so much emotion when you see it. The names are of men and women that gave it all up for what we have today as far as freedoms. The experience is priceless. So that is all I have for this month fallow us on Facebook (FORR Local 27) you never know what we will post but I promise ya'll will either get a laugh, smile, river of tears or find out something new, ya never know.

LeAnn "Baby Girl" Taylor

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club. Contact: President Eric Price 573-512-0265; Vice President Vice-President Larry Hudspeth 573-433-0805; Shrine Club 573-774-545

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

Well we are a month into the new year the weather has been crazy ice storm them 60 degree weather not complaining about the 60 degree weather tho

It has been fairly quiet we had our meeting on the 3rd with 23 members and 3 guests present. February birthdays Eric Johnson, Ana Lozano, Joseph Mathews, Dee Moeller, and Eddie Wilson.

Anniversaries Dee and Mike "Taz" Moeller Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!!!!

Currently we have 121 members...The Rally committee has decided on Lit for the main band on Saturday night Sue has started on the advertising and she has all the bike show and all but 1 of the field events trophy's covered.

Come to the next meeting so you can hear the complete breakdown of all that has been taken care I hope that we have some volunteers for the shifts, next meeting is March 3rd hope to see ya there.

Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

20803 Jesse James Farm Rd, Kearney, MO Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184

Facebook: FORR Local 29 - https://www.facebook.com/

groups/106652842710031/

We were finally able to have our meeting and have voted for our leadership. President Paul McCormack, Vice President: Robert Wescott, Secretary: Donna Duyck, Treasurer: Bob Neal, CC Rep: Paul McCormack, MAFR Rep: Jonathan Miller will take over in July, Newsletter Editor: Robert Wescott, Safety Officer: Don Lawrence, Chaplain: Chris Keune, Membership Secretary: Donna Duyck Sgt-At-Arms: Tony Porter, Product Line Manager: Shirley McCormack. All

members of Local 29 are Historians and can provide information, pictures and the like to our local and to our Facebook page. Again, Congrats to our new leaders and a Thank You to those who have served our local.

Meetings are still the 3rd Sunday of the month and will be held at the Kearney VFW Post at 2 pm.

I have found a great resource for motorcycle events and ride information at www.where2ride.com. There is also a mobile app available. Seems have a wealth of information at your finger tips. Please check it out and add events that may be coming up. If you have a favorite ride route or area, please share.

Stay safe and Keep em Shiny Side Up.

Robert "KC Cruiser"

Local 30 - Springfield/Nixa

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m. Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

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

Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

Odd months: Sputs Place Hwy 63 Vichy, MO.

Even months: Traveling, check out "local 31 Rolla MO"

on Facebook for the latest info.

Contacts: Mike Thompson, 12080 County Rd 8010, Rolla,

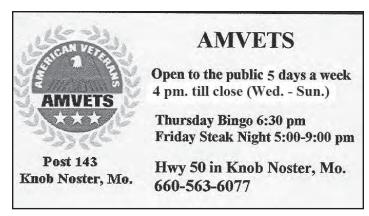
MO 65401; Debra John 573-647-0129

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.

AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster. President - Ricky Sarge Salyer 660-441-0604 https://www.facebook.com/FORRLocal33

We ended up postponing our January meeting due to lack of interest because the Chiefs was playing a playoff game or was it because of the ice storm that day. We did have the January monthly meeting on the 22nd. We had a good turnout, a couple of new members and some that we haven't seen in a while. We were brief on the Mid Missouri Freedom Rally coming up May 26 to 29. We always have great bands and this year we are adding a Firewalker and guy who builds cannons which will be fired during the rally. For more info go to midamericafreedomrally. com. We also have Metal Look Twice Motorcycle Signs for sale. They



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are \$15.00 and can be purchase at our local meetings or events and CC meetings and soon we will have magnetic bumper stickers for sale. March 15th our local will be going to the Capital to walk the halls and talk to representatives and senators about the Helmet Bills. So if anyone wants to join us, give Sarge a call for details. March 25th at 6 pm is Local 33 Crock Pot Cook-off and Shuffleboard Tournament at Amvets in Knob Noster. If you don't have any plans, bring your crockpot with your favorite eats and join us. Spring is just around the corner and our April Fools Poker Run is Apr. 2nd. Sign in between 12 and 1 at Amvets in Knob Noster. So brush those cobwebs off your bike, check the oil, kick the tires and join us.

Several of us from the local this winter have been riding with the West Central Missouri Polar Bear Club. Rules are pretty easy, you just show up at the destination on the date and times they post on facebook and sign a book. As soon as you get 7 rides in you will receive a rocker to go along with the patch you brought. Most of the destinations have been eating places and the food has been great. So check them out for next winter. They start up in October – March each year.

Spring is not far off now. So if you haven't been riding any this winter, make sure you check your bike out good before you take off for a ride.

I will leave you with this: Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window SKÜPES

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact: President- David Nelson (660) 678-2034 https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043516439034654/

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm

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

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

Hello fellow bikers I am sending this as the Super

Bowl game came to a record breaking end. If you missed it, you might be the only person in the state that did. Now on to more important things that might affect you. Our anniversary party will be held on March 25th at McCorkles in Cameron. It is just causal dinner with everyone invited. Come and enjoy the food and great friends. Now on to the next thing on the list and that is the Few Seminar which is being held at The Lodge of The Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks on March 11th with the CC meeting the following day. As the riding season gets closer we will once again be getting ready for the Mike Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You Ride. We will be doing our Awareness Ride on April 22nd then going to the Capital in Jeff City on May 2nd. When it gets closer to the time more info will be available, so stay tuned. As of right now the bike show is still in limbo, but after a meeting with the City of Cameron we will have more info. There have been several days that a person could have done some riding if the old scoot is ready to go. The only thing is that you need to be ready for the weather to change before you get to where you are going. Like I have asked before if you have anything that you would like to have noted, please let me know.

So till the next time RIDE SAFE and FREE STEVE G



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Local 42 - Franklin County

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Danny Carbone 636-584-9708; Vice-President Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

https://www.facebook.com/groups/118270741593141/

Local 42,

Yard signs and mailbox post signs are in. The yard signs are always free but the post signs are \$15.

Auction items are needed for our Leather & Lace Dance. Need works too. I heard that 50% of Missouri locals have lost members. In L-42 we have lost 33 of them. So if you know any of them, ask them to come back. Last year there were 671 reports bike crashes. In 2015 there were 634. 49 fatalities in 2015, and 60 fatalities in 2016. Please be care out there. No one has signed up yet for this year's safety class.

We had left over toys from the Christmas Drive and they went to a couple assistance programs in Franklin County. No word on the Blessing of the Bikes event yet. But I will let you know. We had 18 members and 4 guests at the meeting. The attendance prize was picked by Lauren K. and the lucky winner was Biker Tom P. See you all on the road or at the meeting. Tarzan = J.K.

LOCAL 47 - RAY COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am

Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 3917, 14305 State Hwy Y,

Excelsior Springs, MO

Contact: President Jack Garrison 816-591-2497 or Vice-

President David Voigts 913-634-9557

https://www.facebook.com/groups/100791843447368/

Meeting called to order by president Jack Garrison(Scooter)

Had some interesting info on the memberships and our local voted and appointed Linda Nicholas as our Membership Coordinator and Liaison.

Kevin Fredricks was voted in as Sgt. of Arms

Our Vice President David Voigts went over the upcoming events and passed out information on Motorcycle Crash Reports furnish by FORR Inc. for 2015 -2016.

Cut off for FEW Seminar Reservations is Feb. 9th, 2017.

It's this newsletter reporter's opinion that when we go to the State Capital to show our support and concerns, is that we invite those legislative Reps and Senators to our Local Meetings before we go, and when we do this to invite other locals to come and show numbers and solidarity.

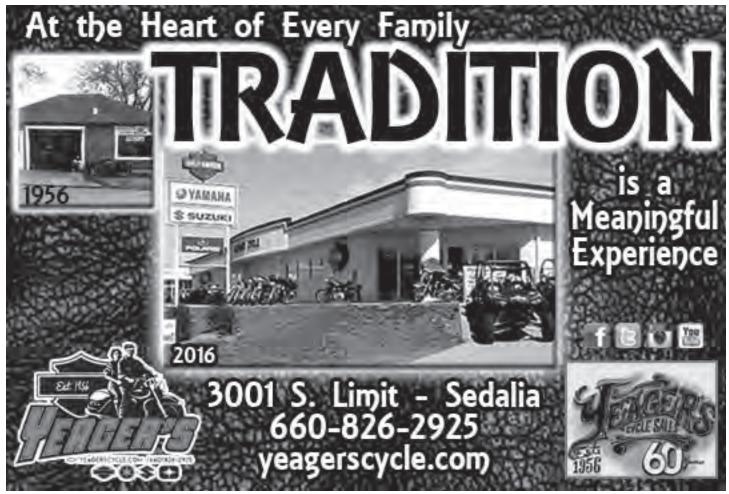
So, when we go to the Capital we let them know we are coming so that they better be there to greet us, remember we hired them not the lobbyists. OK enough about Politics.

Birthdays for February were: Birthdays for March Russell Felts 02/14 Linda Nicholas 03/31

Bob Kilgore 02/18

March 7th – District 4 trip to the Capital

Ride Safe Grandpa Juli



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DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 2nd Thursday

Check with your local rep for location

Steve G 816-449-5037

Let's get ready to do some riding this year! We already have been doing something with the other Locals in the DISTRICT. Locals 6, 26 and 41 ,which are District 1 along with Local 5, 11, and 14, manned a info booth at the Sport Show that was held at the St Joseph Civic Arena January 20 thru 22 I think we had a good showing and time. Now I think that the next district event will be the Awareness Ride on April 22nd. Which happens before The Mike Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally at the Capitol on May 2nd. Let's get our ride routes lined out. We will have had a meeting on February 9th to address this event. As at the top of this letter we will meet on the second Thursday of the month, check with your district rep. for the location of the meeting. So Ride Free and Safe.

STEVE G.

DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm

Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011

Contact: 816-665-7243 or 816-690-8557

Hello everyone,

I don't know about you all, but I for one am ready for Spring & Summer! Just a few things to mention: District 4 had our crockpot cook-off and it went pretty well, the winners are as follows

Presentation:

1st place Luau: Rebecca Sutton, Amy Allmon & Laura Wilson

2nd place Donna Hilburn

Dessert:

1st place: Rebecca Sutton

Main dish:

1st place: Donna Hilburn

2nd place: Laura Wilson from L5 and Rick Long from L1

Scraped Clean went to Melissa Scott L47

Dale Perrigo won the 50/50 pot Darrell Coy won last biker standing

Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped make this another successful event and congratulations to all the winners.

District 4 lobbing at the Capital is set for March 7th meeting places are as follows: Lees Summit Home Depot: leaving at 7 am..... Warrensburg Wal-Mart leaving at 8:15 am & Sedalia Wal-Mart leaving at 9 am, please arrive before these times if you want to ride as a group.

So Rebecca and Geezer's Anniversary is in July we have discussed having a "Geezer gathering" to help them celebrate, this will be July 14th and 15th, we are trying to do this at the KOA camp ground in Oak Grove, MO, Friday night would just be sitting around visiting, Saturday we are discussing leaving the camp ground around 1:00 pm and riding over to the Memorial Wall in Lexington MO to take some pictures then riding back to the camp ground and have a pot luck dinner where everyone would bring something to contribute to the pot luck, play some games. go swimming and just have some all around fun without all the work. Rebecca is going to gather more info on the camp ground, like how much it will be to rent a piece of ground to pitch a tent and how much for RV parking, and how much for cabin rental. REBECCA & GEEZER HAVE REQUESTED NO GIFTS JUST THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS. We will have more info on this soon, so mark your calendars so far it looks like July 14th & 15th for this. I MUST STRESS THAT THIS IS NOT A FORR EVENT, THIS IS JUST FRIENDS GETTING TOGETHER TO

CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF A COUPLE FRIENDS.

District 4 Chair Donna Hilburn







Rider Education Sponsor Location List

Sponsor Name	Address	Phone
Big St. Charles Motorsports	3830 West Clay SAINT CHARLES 63301	636-946-6487
Cape Girardeau Career and Tech Center	1080 S Silver Springs Road CAPE GIRARDEAU 63703	573-334-0826
Central MO Motorcycle Training Boone County Millwork	2112 Vandiver Dr COLUMBIA 65202	573-575-6784
Crowder College	601 Laclede NEOSHO 64850	417-455-5596
Docs Harley-Davidson	930 S. Kirkwood rd. KIRKWOOD 63122	314-965-0166
Forest Park Community College STLCC Forest Park Campus (Lot-D) East	5600 Oakland Avenue SAINT LOUIS 63110	314-644-9175
Freedom of Road Riders	1415 Oklahoma Avenue TRENTON 64683	800-309-7433
Freedom of Road Riders	1515 S Cottage Grove KIRKSVILLE 63501	800-309-7433
Freedom of Road Riders	Missouri Highway Patrol CDL Testing Site 5621 Raptor Rd JEFFERSON CITY 65103	800-309-7433
Gails Harley-Davidson Buell	5900 E 150 Hwy GRANDVIEW 64030	913-620-0166
Gateway to the West Harley- Davidson	3600 Lemay Ferry Road ST. LOUIS 63125	314-845-9900
Hideout Harley-Davidson Joplin Convention Center	3535 Hammons Blvd JOPLIN 64804	417-623-1054 x 235
Hillyard Technical Center	2602 Edmond St ST. JOSEPH 64506	816-671-4170
Jefferson College	1000 Vicking Dr HILLSBORO 63050	636-481-3144
Lake Career and Tech Center	269 Dare Blvd CAMDENTON 65020	573-346-9260
MCC-Maple Woods	2601 NE Barry Road KANSAS CITY 64156	816-604-3011
Mark Twain Lake Training Site	20642 Highway J MONROE CITY 63456	573-565-2203
Mid America Harley-Davidson Boone County Millworks	2112 Vandiver COLUMBIA 65202	573-875-4444
Missouri Safety Center	1200 S Holden WARRENSBURG 64093	660-543-4081
Ozark Tech CC Community Enrichment	800 E. Central St. SPRINGFIELD 65802	417-447-8888
Rolling Wheels Training Center, LLC	4804 D Noland Rd. KANSAS CITY 64133	816-478-3677
Route 66 Motorcycle Safety Course	3950 East Newman Road JOPLIN 64801	417-291-5939
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St. Charles Park Rangers	3731 Mueller Rd SAINT CHARLES 63301	636-949-3372
State Fair Community College	3201 W. 16th St SEDALIA 65301	660-596-7286
Surdyke Harley-Davidson	2435 Highway 67 South FESTUS 63028	636-931-8700
Surdyke Motorsports	1030 St. Pius Drive FESTUS 63028	636-931-9166
Waynesville Career Center	400 GW Lane WAYNESVILLE 65583	573-842-2500
Worth Harley-Davidson	9400 NW Prairie View Road KANSAS CITY 64153	816-420-9000

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Jefferson City – Experienced Riders Course April 15 April 30 June 4

Jefferson City – Advanced Riders Course April 29 June 3

Jefferson City - 3-Wheel Course May 19-21 September 22-24

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Senate Joins House in Support of the RPM Act

WASHINGTON, DC – It was a one-two punch for motorcycle and race car enthusiasts during the month of January. Following the January 6th introduction by the House of Representatives, the Senate released its version, (S.203) of the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017 (RPM Act). Introduced by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), the bill already has a

number of supporters from both political parties. Similarly, the House version (HR.350) has 73 supporters though this number grows by the day. Like the version pending in the House, the Senate bill ensures that transforming motor vehicles, including motorcycles, into race cars or racing bikes used exclusively in competition does not violate the Clean Air Act. The issue came to a head when EPA officials insisted that they have the authority to regulate the racing industry according to the Clean Air Act. The RPM Act would clarify that the Clean Air Act does indeed allow motor vehicles, including motorcycles, to be converted into dedicated race vehicles without fear of EPA penalties or enforcement action. Similar bills surfaced last year but ultimately fell short of passage before the 114th Congress adjourned in December of 2016. Proponents of the amateur racing industry and others including the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and the Specialty Equipment Market Association have included passage of the RPMAct as one of their key priorities in the 2017 legislative season. Both organizations among several others were listed as supporters on Senator Burr's press release on S.203: http://www.burr.senate.gov/press/releases/burr-introduces-bill-to-keep-epa-from-devastating-amateur-motorsports "The Clean Air Act was never intended to allow the EPA to regulate race cars or motorcycles," said Megan Ekstrom, Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "This is, unfortunately, yet another example of an agency's overreach." Over 200,000 letters were sent last year to Congress in support of passage of the RPM Act last year. The bills will now go through the legislative process in which many are hopeful the proposals will cross the finish line. There are some issues coming up in other States that we here in Missouri should keep an eye on: A South Carolina House subcommittee has unanimously passed a bill to allow trucks to follow each other much closer than they're allowed to now, a process known as "platooning." The bill would apply only to trucks with new technology that links them to the trucks they're following. The new technology includes cameras, radar, and lasers, as well as the ability to link trucks' accelerators and brakes. That way, if the technology on the lead truck spots a problem ahead, all the trucks would slow down or brake without the drivers having to take action. PennDot introduced recommendations on Tuesday for self-driving vehicles, an emerging technology Pennsylvania wants to encourage. "One of the main goals of this policy was to allow the technology to grow in an appropriate way, and to mature as it should," said Leslie Richards, the state's transportation secretary. "We don't want to restrict that growth." Legislation that could pass next year would give PennDot wide latitude to regulate the development of autonomous vehicles in the state. The transportation department has sought a free hand in regulating the industry because, the report issued Tuesday stated, "the conventional oversight mechanisms, such as the formal regulatory process, are too slow and inflexible to keep pace with the fast changing technology." The recommendations were the result of six months of deliberations by the state Autonomous Vehicle Task Force, a group that included government officials, engineers, industry personnel, advocates, and academics. They are posted on PennDot's website, and the department is hosting an online session Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. that will let the public offer comment. Pennsylvania's variable climate and geography make it an ideal testing ground for self-driving vehicles. Pittsburgh has taken the lead as a friendly home for developers. Carnegie Mellon University is a leader in the field, and this fall Uber began offering passengers rides in its autonomous vehicles around some parts of the city.



Bill introduced to block BLM Planning 2.0 rule

U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) introduced H.J.Res. 44 on Jan. 30, which would use the Congressional Review Act to block the implementation of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 rule. The American Motorcyclist Association is concerned the planning rule's focus on landscape-level management minimizes input from local governments, public officials and private citizens and fails to address economic impact and administrative costs of the proposed changes.

The AMA supports H.J.Res. 44 and sent a letter to Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) urging Congress to block the planning rule using the CRA. You can use our convenient tools to send a prewritten message to your representative.

The BLM rule changes are based on a presidential directive and four secretarial orders-all of which circumvent Congress, states and a wide range of national, regional and local stakeholders. The importance of this cannot be overstated.

"Under the Obama Administration, lands in Wyoming and all across the West were the target of aggressive federal regulations that were devastating to our jobs, our land and our way of life. Following weeks of consultation with fellow members of Congress, Gov. Matt Mead and numerous state industry and local government groups, I'm pleased to introduce legislation to repeal BLM Planning 2.0," Congresswoman Cheney said.

According to the U.S. Government Publishing Office, "a joint resolution is a legislative proposal that requires the approval of both houses and the signature of the president, just as a bill does."

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- 11 <u>Central Committee</u> F.E.W. Seminar (417) 955-0941
- 18 Local 42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance (314) 482-6311
- 19 <u>Local 24 St. Louis</u> St. Patrick's Day Mystery Run (314) 546-1624
- 25 Local 27 Sac-Osage 4th Annual Blessing of the Bikes & Fallen Brother Run (417) 955-0941

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