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Happy New Year everyone!



^ Pictures taken from Local 14's Christmas Party & Auction.
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13 square inches in area.

LEGISLATIVE News...

Hello to all!

The 95th General Assembly at the Capitol convenes Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 12:00 pm. As this date is before our Jan. CC Meeting, I wanted to give you enough time to get it on the calendars, and to possibly get the date off from work/etc. I will be at the Capitol on Wed. Jan 6th at 11-ish to meet and greet with our Senators and Representatives; we will set up our "official" Capitol Crusader Days during our Jan. CC Meeting. Other than that, hope this finds you well-rested, full from all the holiday leftovers, and a clean kitchen! Any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Katherine Cashell-Legislative Coordinator
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When to Fly the American Flag

United States Flag Code stipulates that as the symbol of a living country, the flag is considered in itself a living thing and should be properly displayed and cared for.

The flag can be displayed on all days but in particular it should be flown on:

New Years Day, January 1
Inauguration Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, 3rd Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
Washington's Birthday, 3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday
Mother's Day, 2nd Sunday in May
Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon*), the last Monday in May
Flag Day, June 14
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, 1st Monday in September
Constitution Day, September 17
Columbus Day, 2nd Monday in October
Navy Day, October 27
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Day, 4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day, December 25

Other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States.
The birthdays of States (date of admission)
State holidays

**On Memorial Day, the flag should be hung at half-staff until noon, when it should be raised to the top of the staff.*

FINANCIALS NOTICE

To All Locals as of 12/1/09 This is The Standing on Financial Statements

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Freedom Rally	- 9/09
RFTW	- 10/09

Don't forget - District & Special
Events Are Subject
to the Same Rules
As Locals Regarding
Financials

If you don't agree with
this report,

Please contact Susan Harris-Rohde
at 816-616-5924 or
treasurer@forr.net

Central Committee Meeting #180

November 8, 2009

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at the Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman Mark Chapman, Vice-Chairman Martin King, Corporate Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer Dallas Chapman, Product Line Manager Keith Cronin, Webmaster Steve "Tanker" King, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson and Legislative Coordinator Greg Mullanix.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. by reading 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 Chapman 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	74	1Vote	ABSENT
Eastern Jackson County	Local 02	30	1Vote *	ABSENT *
Tri County	Local 03	17	1 Vote	ABSENT
Jacks Fork-Summerville	Local 04	26	1 Vote	Larry Tune
South Kansas City	Local 05	62	1 Vote	Steve H
St. Joseph	Local 06	128	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	40	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	197	2 Votes	Layne Shadey
Jefferson City	Local 10	134	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Joplin	Local 11	80	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	70	1 Vote	David Kateman
Mexico	Local 13	122	2 Votes	Scott Fennewald
Independence	Local 14	19	1 Vote	ABSENT
Branson	Local 15	285	3 Votes	Skyler McWilliams
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	101	2 Votes	Bill Wooton
Springfield	Local 18	25	1 Vote	Jim Scheele
Kirksville	Local 19	203	3 Votes	Suzie King
Dexter	Local 20	28	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	19	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
St. Louis	Local 24	49	1 Vote	Steve Comeau
St. Peters	Local 25	51	1 Vote	ABSENT
Maryville	Local 26	73	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	68	1 Vote	Ty Cashell
Waynesville	Local 28	345	4 Votes	Phil McCombs
North Kansas City	Local 29	116	2 Votes	Rhonda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	86	1 Vote	ABSENT
Rolla	Local 31	35	1 Vote	Marty Craft
Bootheel	Local 32	65	1 Vote	ABSENT
Highway 50 West	Local 33	112	2 Votes	JR DeGraffenreid
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Randy Nations
Bethany	Local 40	7	0 Vote	ABSENT
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	37	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	106	2 Votes	Georgia Haley
Greater K.C.	Local 46	34	1 Vote	Dennis Stevenson
Members at Large	Local 00	78	0 Vote	
Total		2969	November 1, 2009	
Corporate Sponsors		12	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer.

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

#Votes suspended due to noncompliance of reconciling Motorcycle Project obligations.

Local 9 has not attended a Central Committee meeting for the past several meetings. Therefore Chairman Chapman contacted their last known president and was advised they have closed the local. Local 40 previously advised the Central Committee they were going to close but have never officially notified the cabinet officers that they have closed. Motion by Local 42, 2nd Local 35 to approve the September minutes as printed, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Membership report: Total of 88 new members and 265 renewal memberships processed in September and October. Total membership 2969 as of November 1, 2009, decrease of 72 since last report.

Treasurer: General Fund beginning balance \$15,868.18, ending balance \$17,106.69; PAC beginning balance \$26,858.72, ending balance \$22,428.06; Rider Education Fund beginning balance \$16,261.80 ending balance \$11,966.27, Homecoming Fund beginning balance \$6,227.49 ending balance \$10,000.00. Homecoming Summary: \$27,805.00 total income, \$19,933.62 expenses, profit \$7,871.38. Freedom Park Fund beginning balance zero, ending balance \$469.93. Expenses for deposit forms and service charge by the bank because the account balance is less than \$500.

Chairman Chapman said that there is a give a way fund that no report is being given on. Treasurer Chapman reported that there is approximately \$11,000 in this account. The Central Committee voted to leave the money in this account for a future give a way project. Future treasury reports will reflect this fund.

Donation Local 13 \$1500 for Freedom Park; Local 11 \$2500 PAC, Local 8 \$4,000 PAC, Local 18 \$150 to PAC, Local 18 \$150 General Fund. The cut off date for donations for local supporter pins is November 30th.

Proposed budget for general fund presented to all Central Committee Reps. Motion by Local 42, 2nd Local 21 to accept the proposed general fund budget, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Chairman: Engineer of Freedom of award will not be distributed this month due to the FEW Seminar and time constraints.

Homecoming: At the last meeting we discussed the idea of changing the date and/or length for Homecoming. Chairman Chapman has been unable to get ahold of anyone at the Shrine about moving the date, he is sure we can shorten the event. The event attendance has been growing over the past couple of years except for this year which was probably weather related. The problem has been a lack of people willing to work the event. Therefore we have discussed shortening the event to cut the Sunday work shifts which have been hard to fill. Motion by Local 42 that the event be shortened and changed to the weekend before Labor Day, 2nd Local 33, roll call vote 22 yes, 18 no, motion carries. This change will be dependent upon the Shrine Club allowing us to change the date.

Legislative: Legislative budget proposal for 2010 presented to all Central Committee reps. Motion by Local 42 to accept the legislative budget as proposed, 2nd Local 19, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Halfbreed reported that at 10:15pm our time Saturday night there was a national health care bill that passed through the House last night. There are two words in this bill that are of great concern, "risky behavior". They are referring to this as obesity and diabetes. You need to be aware of this legislation and really start watching it. The MRF sent out a press release recently about this legislation. We really need to watch this bill to make sure it does not contain anything negative for motorcyclists. If you want to follow it try going to AskHeritage.com for information.

State issues – Driver education back in schools. We have been working on this issue for the past couple of years. The main problem locating a funding source to fund the program. The first job for our new government relations specialist is to locate potential funding for this legislation. This will be one of our main pushes for next year.

Right to Repair – We are working on this at both the federal and state levels. If we continue to push it at the state level it will push the federal people to take action on this matter. It is starting to gain momentum at the federal level. FORR's trip to DC helped to push this legislation with the Missouri delegation.

Katherine will be taking over at the next meeting. Halfbreed thanked by the Central Committee for all of his hard work for the organization.

AMA – No report

MRF – Jim Duyck – Jim attended the Meeting of the Minds and the Mid South MILE. The main things that came out of these

conferences was there are a lot of things coming at us from Europe. We have seen a lot European ideas already implemented in the US such as pass through weight stations, intersection cameras, etc. Need to make sure that motorcyclists are included in these highway projects. In Europe they are trying to get auto speed reduction into cars and bikes to automatically reduce the vehicle speed to the speed limit of a specific area. This might work for a car but could have dangerous results on a bike. Ideas seem to get started in Europe, make their way to Canada and then make their way here. The manufacturers are working towards one global bike. The MRF has had some financial difficulties due to the economy, but they have tightened their belts and the SMRO's have come forward to help where they can. Individuals can help support the MRF by keeping their membership current or joining if you are not a member. Jim is stepping down as the State Rep in January. Wayne Tipton has agreed to step in as the

MRF State Rep for Missouri. He must however be approved by FORR before it becomes effective. Jim was thanked for his work as the MRF State Rep.

Treasurer Chapman stated that Europe has determined the cable barriers are very dangerous to motorcyclists and they are replacing them with concrete barriers. When is this going to come over here? Jim stated that it is going to be up to us to fight this issue. Right now MODOT is only looking at the cost savings of these barriers and do not want to listen about the dangers of these highway barriers. These were removed from European roadways as a result of active campaigning by motorcycle rights groups.

Rider Education: Proposed rider education budget presented to all Central Committee Reps. Motion by Local 10, 2nd Local 33 to approve the proposed rider education budget, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Rider Education Coordinator Clawson reported the taxes, insurance and modifications on the new trailer were underestimated when the original figures were developed for the purchase of the trailer. Therefore the 2010 budget includes the funds necessary to complete the trailer the way it really should be done. Rider Ed Coordinator Clawson was able to obtain an 8,000 watt generator for approximately \$400. He is trying to outfit the trailer as economically as possible, but still make sure the trailer is completed the way it really should be done. The \$6,000 miscellaneous figure includes motorcycle purchases, porta potties for the sites, motel rooms for instructors etc. Chairman Chapman reported right now the safety program is pretty much self sufficient.

There have been 23 BRC classes scheduled, 2 were cancelled with 212 people taking the course and 191 completing and passing. 7 ERC classes scheduled, 4 cancelled with 13 taking the course and 12 passing. This was a very strange year with people getting signed up for the classes. In the past he usually has 10-12 people on the waiting list for the last class of the year. People this year have waited until the last minute to get signed up for the class. The optimal time for people to sign up is 3-4 weeks prior to the class as this gives the office time to get the student package out to the individual. Hopefully this will not happen again next year.

One instructor has been certified to teach a sport bike course. He is looking at doing this in place of an ERC class in Jeff City. Instructors have also approached him about certification to teach the trike class. This would be strictly for trikes, not sidecars. He is also looking into the possibility of a scooter only class.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Norris. She recently attended the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Committee meeting at the MMSP. Neil Meyers is stepping down in the near future and interviews are taking place to fill this position. The committee talked about roadway engineering, diamond grinding, signage both on the roadway and motorcycle awareness signs, they are looking into using 2010 funds for awareness signs, rider education course expansion to include trikes, sport bikes, limiting learners permits to one, trike kits where you keep the bike rear wheel and then add two additional wheels causing accidents, and they discussed the 2009 NHTSA review. We are applying for grants with the AMA for motorcycle awareness programs. Scheduled in November to talk with the Blue Knights about awareness issues and the rider/driver education issue. Rider Education Coordinator Clawson asked everyone to go to their local school districts and talk with them about whether they teach any type of driver education issues in their health classes. If so we can possibly include a presentation in their driver's education program about motorcycle issues. We will look into the rider awareness program that was presented a few years back and try to get something developed that can be used by the locals for this type of program. Suggestion that we may want to consider setting up a MAC committee to discuss and coordinate ideas for m/c awareness projects.

Product Line: New sweatshirts have arrived with a new lower price. Looking into several new product ideas. Please remember the product line is designed to advertise the organization. Locals encouraged to bring their local product to the CC meeting.

Newsletter: No problems or issues addressed by the Central Committee concerning the newsletter.

Webmaster: Steve "Tanker" King. The website is being updated frequently and the front page now reflects recent changes. If anyone has any toy run pictures or event pictures please send them to the webmaster for inclusion in the website. This will be Webmaster King's last meeting also. Larry Scott will be taking over as webmaster in January. Its pretty much essential to change a webmaster every so often to keep the webpage from becoming stagnant.

FEW Seminar: JR DeGraffenreid. All of the locals thanked for their support of this project. Motion by Local 19, 2nd Local 42 that we do the FEW Seminar next year. Suggestions – need to have better food, it was good last year but this year was not as good. Kathy and JR thanked for all of their hard work in putting on this event. It's a lot of work. If there is anyone that would be willing to assist in coordinating and putting on this seminar please volunteer to help. Also need ideas for next years seminar topics. Local 16 donated \$500 for the FEW Seminar.

Mid South MILE: Wayne Tipton Just completed the 18th annual Mid South MILE. There were over 175 people in attendance with a profit of approximately \$18,000. There is enough money to put on next years seminar in Texas. Details of where etc have not yet been worked out. Planning a 2012 DC trip which will be paid for by the Mid South MILE. Also looking for a basket for Missouri to take to the 2010 conference. Tip reported he has the whiskey barrel in his garage from this years MILE since Missouri bought their own basket. His intent is to take it back to the MILE and resell it. However if anyone wants to make a donation to FORR for this item please submit your offer to the CC cabinet for consideration. In 2011 the MILE will be back in Missouri so we will have additional expenses to cover that year's event. Would like to take it back to Joplin since that is where it all started but it will probably be Springfield because of availability of an airport.

General Office – Rider Education Coordinator Clawson reported that he has received several comments about how nice and informative the person answering the phone for the safety program was. Office Manager Chapman thanked all the locals for cooperating during the transfer of events from Louise to the general office. There is a policy in effect that if a local does not submit all of the appropriate paperwork from start to finish on an event that the local could lose its vote at a CC meeting. This has not

happened to a local in a long time. At this time the following locals need to contact Dallas as soon as possible regarding event information: District 2, Locals 8, 19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 15. If you have an incident at an event please get the information submitted to the General Office as soon as possible afterwards even if it is just raw information with the rest of the paperwork following in a few days. The policy and procedure manual says all incident/injury reports must be submitted no later than 7 days after the event however the sooner you can get this in the better it is for the organization.

Old Business:

Freedom Park – Chairman Chapman stated that there needed to be a clarification regarding donations to the Freedom Park fund. Asked Central Committee how they wanted to treat donations to the Freedom Park regarding monetary donations by locals and credit towards state donation. Motion by Local 8, 2nd Local 24 that we let the donations reside in the account until the money is actually used and that credits be granted at that time, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed. Donations made to the account will be returned to the donor if something happens and the organization is not able to purchase property.

Chairman Chapman reported he had a couple of people ask to be included in the Freedom Park committee. An email was sent out regarding property size, cost per acre and where the property should be located. General consensus is 40-50 acres, general area of Jeff City/Lake of the Ozarks general area, close to a town, a building already on the property would be nice. Mark said he thinks we need more acreage but this is a starting point. Chairman Chapman has checked a ReMax website and found six pieces of property in the Jeff City area that were around \$120,000.00. No money will be spent unless the Central Committee approves the expenditure. Because of our tax status we can not have this money in an interest bearing account. MoDot is also selling off some of their property which might be something for us to look at. This is going to be a long drawn out process but we are working on it.

Event for Younger Members – Chairman Chapman asked if there were any locals that were interested in helping get this event set up. No one indicated they had anyone interested in helping with the event. Therefore this event will not be pursued any further since there does not appear to be anyone interest helping coordinate the event and this is not something that can be done by one or two people or the cabinet officers. If someone wants to pick up the ball and run with this the officers will be more than willing to share any information they have. Maybe what we need to do is focus on the events that are already being done by locals and districts where children or younger members are welcome.

BUFR Run – Vice Chairman King – No one has contacted him to offer their help or assistance in planning this event. The Central Committee has not actually voted on whether they want to do this event in 2010. There were a lot of planning and coordination issues with last year's event. The support that was needed to do this event was not there last year. However some of this was due to the conflict that happened with the event planning. Motion by Local 42 that we be involved in the BUFR run in 2010, 2nd Local 46, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Issue addressed that if FORR is involved, this needs to be a committee where each organization actually has a say and vote in the planning of the event, not a one way decision with us simply doing the legwork. MAY rally is usually the last Tuesday of April which is April 27th. Also discussion about whether it would be wise to incorporate the MAY Rally and BUFR run into one ride to the capital. Anyone interested in working on this event please contact Vice Chairman King. Tony Shepherd is the chairperson for ABATE for Missouri that is handling the BUFR Run. Georgia Haley volunteered to be the chairperson for FORR for this event.

New Business:

Election of Officers – election by written ballot to each CC representative. Only change from the cabinet previously submitted was an individual has stepped up for the treasurer position. Susan Harris-Rhode will be running on the cabinet as treasurer. 32 yes votes and 4 no votes

Wayne "Tip" Tipton is a long time member of FORR. He recently transferred to Local 12 in April or May. His current work is moving him to the St Louis area. He would like to transfer to Local 25 so he can be more active. Motion by local 42, 2nd Local 19 that the Central Committee allow Tip to transfer to Local 25, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

MRF State Rep position – the MRF requires the approval of the SMRO for the appointment of a state rep, motion by Local 18 that Wayne Tipton be approved by FORR as the new State Rep for Missouri, 2nd Local 42, motion carries by voice vote, with one opposed.

Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 7 that we approve Matt Hill as the new government relations specialist for FORR, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Marketing of the organization – Chairman Chapman reported he has been trying to make contact with Easy Riders about permission to use a video of theirs. While he was looking up Easy Riders on the internet he found a company called Acudat which is a listing company. They have approximately 72,963 registered motorcyclists' names and addresses and for around \$365-370 we can get around 5,000 names and addresses. Is this something we want to consider purchasing to do a mass mailing to these Missouri motorcyclists? Tri-fold needs to be updated with comparative fault information. We need to know if they provide you with bad names, addresses, etc. will they replace them with new information. If people on their list are already members of FORR will they replace those names as well. Can they sort by a specific area. How do they sort names. Request that we get this information answered before the CC can make a decision. Issue tabled to next meeting.

Treasurer Chapman stated that it has been a pleasure to serve as the Central Committee treasurer since 1998. The young lady coming into the position is currently in training and is doing very well. She will be a good asset to the organization.

Chairman Chapman announced the rest of the cabinet – Rider Education Coordinator, Doug Clawson; Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator, Deanna Norris; Webmaster, Larry Scott; Newsletter will be handled by general office as of January 1; Product Line Managers, Keith and Shirley Cronin, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Cashell.

Connections:

District Chairmen – Jim Duyck on behalf of District 4 and Run for the Wall presented FORR a certificate of appreciation for their support of this year's Run for the Wall.

ABATE for Missouri – No report

Motion by local 46 that the meeting be adjourned, 2nd Local 10, meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm

**Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting # 181
January 10, 2010– 10:00 a.m.**

**Truman Hotel & Conference Center
1510 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, Missouri**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Preamble
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - d. Put cell phones on vibrate
 - e. Roll Call of Locals
 - f. Approval of Minutes
- II. Department Reports
 - a. Corporate Secretary
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 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - ii. Homecoming
 - iii. BUFR Run
 - d. Legislative
 - i. AMA
 - ii. MRF
 - e. Rider Education
 - f. Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator
 - g. Product Line
 - h. Newsletter
 - i. Webmaster
 - j. Chairman
 - i. F.E.W. Seminar
 - ii. Mid South MILE
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Legislative Meeting
Saturday January 9, 2010 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday January 9, 2010 3:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday January 9, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday January 10, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Central Committee Representatives are asked to make sure their membership is current before the meeting begins. Contact your Local Secretary to be sure. Only current members are allowed to conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

If your Central Committee Representative is unable to attend please call 800-448-3677

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke – Free

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
Local 2, 3, 14, 20 & 32

The March 2010 Central Committee Meeting will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO
Reservations: 573-635-1234



Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. (Location Varies) Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200

Happy New Year to all! Local 1 is doing well as usual. There has been a 30 yr. patch design for FORR made - it's really nice. This is a product that Local 1 has. (Please see the ad on this page for details) Our December's meeting will be held at Darral & Teri's in Lexington. Can't wait - she really does the place up for the holidays!

Best wishes to our pres. Rick as he is still healing from his accident from the Toy Run in November.

We will be deciding who will be taking over the reigns for the local at the next meeting. If you are interested or have any ideas, be in Lexington at the next meeting. If you need directions contact Mark at 816-690-4200.

Also, great to hear Cowboy Roy Hoard is getting back on his feet after a very serious accident near Whiteman Airforce Base. It's a shame... They just don't look out for the two-wheelers!

Lots of great things going on for the new year - hope you will all be a part of them, or at least a few of them. I use to be able to get around more than I do now, just don't seem to have enough weekends to hit them all - but I'm trying....

Hope all have a safe and happy holiday and a fantastic start to the new year!

Well I guess that's all for now - Have a good one, then have another! See ya, **Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157**

LOCAL 2 - EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY

Contact: Dean at 255-8587 or Charles at 796-6567

Hello! Whats up! We had a good meeting until Charles showed his g-sting off ... This is going to have to stop!! Come join us and get some BBQ. We might have a door prize, drawing, never know. Local 2's wake will be held Dec. 13. This is a Sunday. This will be in Oak Grove, Mo. at Mooshu BBQ. Would appreciate all current members to attend last meeting. We will reminisce our 20 years + . Rumors has it that will make the meeting unique. Don't ask questions, just come and enjoy!! Happy holidays!!

Have any questions call

Dean at 255-8587, or Charles at 796-6567.

LOCAL 3 - TRI-COUNTY

**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Carman Farm
17987 Hwy. C in Lawsom, MO**

Contact: Doug Edmisten 816-516-5869

LOCAL 4 - JACKS FORK/ SHANNON COUNTY

Meetings: 4th Friday @ 7p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Mark "Rusty" House 417-247-1821 or

Larry "Dad" Tune 417-464-8698

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Jacks Fork Local 4. First we all want to send out hugs and get well wishes for our Prez, Larry Tune. We sure missed his mouthing at the meeting... We love ya, Larry!

Our November meeting and potluck was at Brian Parham's house. Todd Dorman opened the meeting. A toy drive and attending the local parades was discussed. Our Christmas party plans were finalized. Flyers were passed out to

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advertise our toy drive. Mark House is working to get final approval for our patch. Todd is working on the web sight that is under construction. Debbie Tune updated us on funds available. Keith Conner brought the meeting to a close. If you missed this meeting try to attend our Christmas/December meeting. Don't forget that our meetings have been changed to the third Saturday of every month. Come out and eat a little, drink a little and visit with all of us. What could be better than B...S...ing' with your buds about biking...

Saturday, November 28th local volunteers were at 5 different locations in the south central area to accept donations for our 1st annual Toy Drive. It was absolutely a gorgeous day to work on your tan in November and help children have a better Christmas and for some their only Christmas. How sad to think that some babies won't have toys to open from Santa. This won't happen if our local has anything to say about it! You can't imagine how good it feels to know that we are going to put smiles, laughter and some tears on children's faces. A huge THANK YOU to all that volunteered and for those who rode around and supported us. I know one chick that was tickled to death for her two Santa helpers that brought Diet Coke.

Sunday, November 29th we gathered on a misty, cool day at the McDonalds parking lot in Mountain View for a Toy Drive/ Bike Ride. Fourteen bikes strapped on a toy and rode to Summersville Youth Center where chili and all the fixings' were waiting for us. A short meeting followed with discussion on how to go about getting gender and age of children for the toy distribution. Several volunteered to work with local schools to get the information needed. Mark House and Keith Conner shared that our local would be receiving money from a family in Summersville for our toy drive. A dear friend, Carol Bell lost her life in a tragic accident a few weeks ago. Carol loved children and her grandchildren especially. With her wishes in mind her husband, Daryl gave all the money donated in lieu of flowers to go to our toy drive. There was only one stipulation concerning shopping for the toys. All of us "bikers" were to dress in our leathers and doo rags to shop for toys. Won't it be awesome to see a bunch of rough ol' bikers shopping for dolls and teddy bears!! There will be a comfort knowing that next year when we ride we all will have a special angel in heaven riding with us.

We'll be riding our bikes in all the area parades where we are inviting all to throw donated gifts in the trailer as we circle the parade route. So decorate your bike, pull on a Santa hat or reindeer ears and come out and ride with us.

Our Christmas party will be Saturday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m. at The Main Event in Mountain View. Please let Lori Conner or Barb Conner know if you plan to attend so we can give them a head count. Let's all party and celebrate a great year of riding.

Our wish for all is Peace this Christmas season and always. jacksforklocal4@yahoo.com

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

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 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks, we had a nomination of officers at our last meeting. The voting will be at our December meeting so we will have our new officers in place. I, Dan Harmon and Joyce Canfield have written this newsletter for the last three years. We've had a lot of fun doing it but we are very glad that another volunteer has stepped up for next year. Change is good for the organization.

We had some hard decisions to make recently and some had hard feelings about the outcome. Sometimes things just work out that way.

There were several members of Local 6 that got together on November 21st and built a ramp for a handicapped family. It is now wheelchair accessible. The people who worked on the project were Bill Redman, Janet Sego, Jim Cross, Mike Daniels, Vickie Harmon, Sherry Harmon, Dan Harmon and Steve Griffin. It was a lot of fun and a little hard work, good job! Thank you to all the people who helped on this project.

A Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 19th so watch for a report next time from our new Newsletter editor.

JIM CROSS SAYS HE IS SINGLE AND AVAILABLE TO THE RIGHT GOOD LOOKING WOMAN. SHE HAS TO BE ABLE TO COOK, CLEAN HOUSE AND POLISH CHROME ON HIS MOTORCYCLE. DOES SHE HAVE TO BE RICH TOO!

Happy Trails, til we meet again,

Ride safe. Dan



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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

MEEERYYYYYY CHRISTMAS LOCAL 8!!!!!!

I hope you've all checked with Santa to see which list you're on. If you didn't make the nice list, I sure hope you've sweet-talked him into leaving you a little something under the tree anyway! ?

A big thanks to those of you who renewed your membership for another year: Jerry Shafer, Ron Singer, Liz Doolittle, Rhonda & Ted Tedrick, Josh & Kim Barnes, Lee Boyles, Butch Fore, Ed Johnston, Dale McCollum, Tim Ogle, Bessie Sawyer & Brent Engelhard. We appreciate your dedication to Local 8!

Tis the season for Officer Elections for Local 8 and this year's 2010 officers are:

President – Gary Bears, Vice President – Kenny Barnes, Secretary – Glenda Ely, Treasurer – Kim Barnes, Membership – Glenda Ely, Legislative Liaison – Layne Shady, CC Rep – Layne Shady, Alt CC Rep – Bob Reasoner, District Reps – Meredith Alexander & Louise Reasoner, Alt Dist Rep – Liz Doolittle, Product Line – Misty Shady, Safety Coordinator/Instructor – Carl Hanes, Historian – Amy Heldenbrand, Road Captains – Pete Wooden & Ron Singer, Sergeant at Arms (2 male & 2 female) – Brian Heldenbrand, Dennis Moss, Mauricia Bears & Kim Barnes. Thanks to everyone who made our meeting to elect these dedicated members into office and good luck to them in the year to come.

Scholarship Applications are available now, and they will be due by our April meeting. For an application or for information on the requirements please contact Kenny or Glenda.

Layne reported there will be some changes in our Capital Crusader dates for 2010. Rather than just being on a Tues, they are going to try having them on Tues, Wed & Thurs. They are hoping this will increase participation. He also said if you see a road hazard or something that needs looked at you can call MoDot at 1-800-ASK-MODOT. Tell them the exact location of the hazard and they are supposed to check it out.

Cabin Fever this year will be on February 13 at Rumors in Chillicothe. Outlaw Jim & the Whiskey Benders is the band. The cost is only \$5 and members are asked to bring a finger food. Spring Fling dates are June 17-20 at Rafter "C" Arena. The committee is already hard at work. They have come up with some really interesting new ideas and are working on some more. So mark your calendars for a very full exciting weekend.

Our next meeting is set for January 3, 2010 at Rumors in Chillicothe. We will have a noon carry in dinner and a 1pm meeting. Kenny will have a Spring Fling committee meeting to follow!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas with their loved ones, say a prayer for the ones that can't be with their families and we'll see ya'll in the new year!! Until then – KEEP SMILIN ~ Glenda ~

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr. Contact: 573-694-0074

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Everyone!!!!!! I can't say enough about our Annual Barrel Day collection of Toys, Dance and Parade; which were all a HUGE success! It was one of our best years in many years, considering the economy. Cash collected from area stores for Barrel Day (\$2,505); cash collected from the Dance (\$480); cash collected at the parade (\$405) for a grand total of (\$3,390). There were also tons of new toys turned in at the Marine Corps League and lots of nonperishable food items donated to the Samaritan Center. A BIG Thanks to everyone for working the local stores! There were approximately 88 bikes that made it out for the Toy Parade. It turned out to be a beautiful day and several didn't let the rest of the day go to waste, they broke out in groups and went on long rides! See picture to the right. This is only part of the bikes that were out for the





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parade, taken at the Marine Corp League. By now we have had our Christmas Party, gift exchange and have selected new Officers for the New Year (2010). I will list them in the next Freedom Press.

Again, keep checking the webpage for any and all upcoming events at www.forrlocal10.net.

Denise Taylor - taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Carthage Family Restaurant 125 N. Garrison, in Carthage.

Contact: 417-793-4899 OR www.FORR11.net

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2010. Greetings from Local 11, I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season, and now its time to get a kick off on the new year, time to make 2010 the best year this organization has ever had.

But first some announcements.. The first announcement is to offer congrats to Doug and Samantha Laney on their Wedding day, November 20th. We wish you the best married life can offer. Next I would like to announce the winner of this month's member of the month award. Shawn Riley AKA Doc. Congrats to him and Emmitt had a close second. Both of these members have done an outstanding job.

Now for the election results, first up the Chairman of the local: Mark Capps (yes that's me), Vice-chairman: David Wells, Treasurer: Larry Hale, Secretary: Kaime Johnson (Nemo), Membership: Kathy Stines, Legislative: Don Maki, CC Rep: Ron HurlBut, Safety: Tim Bridges, Product Line: Janese Johnson (JJ), Newsletter: Mark Capps, Sgt at Arms: Cliff Conway, Dep Sgt at Arms: Doug Laney, Events: Charolette Conway, Historian: Brandy Vogt.

In other notes, Local 11 is looking forward to attending L18 and L30's Leather and Lace, still waiting on those flyers Jim.

Its time once again to start thinking about our rally, we want it bigger this year. So those plans will be in the works very soon.

I want to send out a special thanks to L27, who we have become close friends with, we had a great time playing with you guys last year, I know this year will be better. Thanks to all the other locals who came down and showed support. I feel the brotherhood part of this organization is growing stronger, we have met some great people and we look forward to meeting more. Warmer weather is upon us, so its time to service those bikes, change a tire or two, and maybe wax it and polish the chrome. Local 11 will be seeing you at the rallies and shows soon.

Til Next Time, Keep Dry, Warm, and Safe... And don't let your ol' lady tell you that you can't park your bike in the living room. If she gives you any trouble tell her Sparky said it was ok.

Peace, Mark "Sparky" Capps - L11 Chairman/ Newsletter editor

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: Meeting place & day varies - please call for info.

Contact: 660-784-2231, 660-631-7324 or Smokey Strodtman - 39415 280th Road, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

Greetings and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends out in FORR land! This month's news starts out with two big congratulations. First to my own wife Gloria who recently received her lifetime membership patch, way to go, dear! Congratulations also go out to Courtney for winning \$147 from the membership incentive drawing at the November meeting. You go, girl!

Our November meeting was held at the Beak on Nov. 19th and was called to order by Mike at 7:30. The minutes were read and approved with one correction. Courtney reported a total of \$6,096 in the treasury. John gave his legislative report and stated that the helmet modification bill will be filed but our odds are very bad with Jay Nixon sitting in the governor's chair. We will still have Capitol Crusader days to visit with our legislators.

Dave reported on the C.C. meeting. State membership is now at 2,959, a decline of 75 members. Local 12 has 70 members and local 9 has folded. There was no Engineer Of Freedom award. Next year we will have a homecoming that is one day shorter and will be held the weekend before Labor Day. We are still supporting driver's education in schools, MO was no. 1 in the number of teenaged traffic deaths last year. We are also supporting the right to repair bill, which will help independent shops get the same repair information as franchised dealers. Without this, they will not be able to compete with them.

Halfbreed has retired as state legislative coordinator. The product line has been updated. The F.E.W. seminar was a



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success. The Mid-South M.I.L.E. will be held in Texas next year. The state will accept donations toward the Freedom Park fund. Lyndal stated that we need to try to get better attendance at the meetings and welcomed everyone who had shown up. Mike had no president's report and, since there had been no meetings, Bert had no district two report. Jeff and Pam gave details on the banquet: the chicken breast meal will be \$10, the pork chop meal will be \$12, and the ribeye steak will be \$16. The Beak is having a band that night with a cover charge. We are donating \$200 towards the band so our members are not charged but you need to bring your membership card to get in.

In the safety report we were once again reminded to watch out for incompetent and/or impaired drivers. This includes drivers that use cell phones and do text messaging while driving.

In old business it was brought up that a savings account may be illegal and more trouble than it is worth. Joe from Rocktoberfest will meet with Jeff in December. The Derrick Krueger Memorial Fund donation had not been made yet and we voted to send them \$100.

In new business, we voted to begin STARTING THE MEETINGS AT 7 PM INSTEAD OF 7:30. They will still be held at the Beak on the fourth Thursday of the month except with months with holidays on that date. We held officer nominations and the candidates are: President- Mike, Lyndal, Jeff, and Bert; Vice-President- Lyndal, Mike, Jeff, and Bert; Secretary and Newsletter Editor- Smokey; Event Coordinator(s)- Jeff and Pam; Treasurer- Courtney; C.C. representative- Randy, Dave, and Tanya; Legislative rep- John; Safety coordinator- Tim, Lyndal, and Barry; Dist. 2 Representative- Bert and Mike.

We voted after some discussion to donate \$1,050 to all three state funds; General, Safety, and P.A.C. We voted to donate \$200 to Brendon Adcock, who was born prematurely and has a lot of medical bills. Steve McQueen Days will be held on April 24th, 2010 in Slater. The Slater paper has reported that local 12 will not be involved. They will be holding a raffle on a Checker motorcycle and we tabled a motion to donate towards it until next month. We adjourned at 8:24.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 28th- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak, Glasgow, 7 PM.

If you have any news you would like to see in the newsletter, contact me at **660-631-7324 or e-mail me at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com** or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free. **Smokey**

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo. Contact: 573-473-8017 or 573-386-2226

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.

Contact: Cheryl Buell - buellblast13@yahoo.com

Hello Local 14, Can you believe we are already into 2010?

WE elected new officers as follows:

President: Dave Copeland

Treasurer - JR Hansen

Legislative - Dave Phipps

V President - Stuart "Hoss" North

Secretary/ Newsletter - Cheryl Buell

We still need a CC Rep. Please someone step up to the plate. You only have 6 meetings to attend for the whole year. Now that the new year is here it's time to plan out our year of events. If you have any ideas for fund-raiser, speak up. We will be holding our annual Christmas party & auction as usual in December!

Meetings will still be held the third Sunday, 2PM, same location.

Happy Birthday to all our members who have a birthday in January!

JR & Becky Hansen hosted a cookout at their house. We all had a good time! We had good food & great conversation. Thank you Becky & JR for hosting.

We held our annual Christmas Auction and Party December 5th. (See pictures on the next page) We had an awesome amount of donations. Three families benefitted from the money raised. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated items, bid on items, or brought food. It was the combined efforts of all these generous donors who made this happen. A special shout out to the crafty ladies of the local that made items for this auction. party - Becky Cat, Kandie.

Tim next time, Ride Safe, Be Safe,

Cheryl - buellblast13@yahoo.com



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LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Downing Station, Hollister, MO
Contact: 417-334-0775

How long ago were we all saying "Wow, I can't believe that it is the year 2000". Now we are breaking in the new year of 2010. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Let's not forget our New Year's Ride on January 1st. We will have 2 meeting places and will rendezvous with the other group to finish the ride ending at the Midnight Rose.

The End of the Year Party this year was a huge success and great fun. A special thanks to Les and Cindy for providing 15 with a great place for the memories. The silent auction went well and saved a lot of time not dealing with the gift exchange. We just don't have the time, with all our members, to spend hours going through a gift exchange and still have time for the great dinner and get the band kicked off at a decent time.

I want to thank everyone that participated in all the Toy Run's in the area. Local 15 made a great showing and supplied a lot of kids this year with a nice Christmas.

I want to issue a challenge to all our members for 2010. I would like to see Local 15 break 500 on our membership by December 2010! We are better than half of that now so if everyone recruits only 1 person we will have no problem reaching the 500.

A little note from our Safety Officer – Keep the paint up and the rubber down! We have a lot of wildlife moving around this time of year and combine that with the somewhat slick roads and your odds of staying upright decrease greatly!

Just a reminder for those computer fanatics! The Local 15 website is live. Here is the web address for those that need it: <http://www.forrlocal15.com>. I am also requesting any pictures that anyone has to make our photo gallery a little more interesting. I have added some category's on the initial page of the photo gallery that explains what pictures I am looking for.

Take a tour and send me some pictures via email.

Stay safe and remember these words:

"I'd rather be riding my motorcycle thinking about God than sitting in church thinking about my motorcycle."

To Be Continued..... **Rick**



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Christmas Party & Auction

spoken from....

As usual a perfect night.

Good company and a good auction!





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LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info) Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-768-2424

Happy Holidays everybody! The weather is now feeling like winter and before we know it the snow will be flying, if it's not already by the time this letter comes out. Local #16 held the Annual Christmas Dance on November 28th and good time was had by all. Unfortunately there was not as big of a turn out as in years past, but considering many may have been out of town or had other obligations due to the Thanksgiving holiday it was still a pretty good turn out. The dance also brought us three new members that we would like to welcome: Linda Wooten, Karen Brown and William Lindner. It's good to have you all!

I would like to remind everyone of our upcoming elections in January. On January 22nd we will meet at Bill's Place in Beihle at 7:00 pm for the election of officers for 2010. With so many members in Local #16 now we would love to see more of your faces at the elections and meeting. If you are interested in nominating someone please bring them with you to the meeting on the 22nd.

Also with the election of new officers, begins the new membership competition. Any member that signs up 5 or members between Jan. 22, 2010 and Jan. 22, 2011, will have his or her membership paid for by the local at their time of renewal.

February 20th - Annual Broomstick Pool Tournament at West End Tavern. This is always a good time and you don't have to be a good pool player to participate. You might be surprised how well you can shoot with a broomstick....or not. ? Regardless is it always a lot of fun.

I really do not have a lot to report on at this time, so I will just say....

Local #16 wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Be safe and enjoy! **Bene**

LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Local 18!!

The 22nd Annual Leather & Lace Valentine's Dance is getting closer to reality. We now have a date, February 13th, a location, Footloose and a band, Big Rumor. Doors open at 6:00P.M. and admission is only \$8.00 Footloose is a new club that is just opening in Ozark, it is located just west of Hwy. 65 & CC behind the Rapid Robert's Convenience store. Big Rumor played at Leather & Lace two years ago in 2008. I know I've slept since then too, but I know I had a good time and enjoyed the music.

Now for the serious stuff. Our good friend Representative Gary Dusenberger has pre-filed HR 1217: Requires only persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motor-tricycle.

Representative Joe Smith has pre-filed, HR 1265: Prohibits the use of global positioning systems or other technology to monitor the mileage traveled by any motor vehicle in order to impose any mileage tax. (if the government taxes by the mile traveled instead of by the gallon of gas used this would mean that I would pay the same amount of taxes to use the roads with my 50 mpg motorcycle as uncle Sam would pay to drive his SUV).

Representative David Sater has pre-filed, HR 1248: Requires gasoline kept, offered, or exposed for sale or sold at retail which is advertised as premium gasoline to be identified as containing or not containing ethanol.

Representatives Don Wells, Tom Shively, J. C. Kuessner and Rodney Schadt have all pre-filed bills to prohibit text messaging by all drivers.

Our next monthly meeting will be January 20th. Don't forget, you get a FREE meal when you renew your membership.

Come out and meet your new officers and wish me a Happy Birthday.

ZZ (a motorcyclist campaigning against Jay Nixon's reelection)

LOCAL 19 -KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 6 p.m. Opie's Bar and Pool Hall on S. Hwy 63 Contact: Pres. Darek Fowler 660-665-6983 or Secy./Treas., Sally Schwaner 660-665-2083

Holiday Season is here again and it's getting colder out by the day.

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Phil and Joni James's place in October of 1985. So, we coming up on our 25th Anniversary in 2010.

From Joe Epperson who was our first member in the area and who pushed to get us together for that first organizational meeting in Phil's shop to the other 10 members that joined that night to start Local 19 – CONGRATULATIONS! Thanks also to the state officers that came up and got us going. Ed Dodson (St. Joe), Smokie (Glasgow) and B.L. (Mexico).

24th Annual Auction and Party plans are moving right along with it set for Jan 23 at the Shrine Club on South Hwy 63 in Kirksville. Band this year is coming to us from Kansas City – THE PEABODY'S. As usual looking forward to seeing all those friends that we only see at Auction time. Good time, Good Friends and a party – life doesn't get much better than that. (See flyer to the right)

December meeting was held on the 20th of December with Election of Local officers taking place.

November meeting was a lively affair even though Derek was just a tad bit late showing up. Everyone overlook that fact and didn't say a word or rub it in a bit.

TANKER (me) and Susie's house Jan 1st at high noon for the Annual Freeze Your Buns Run. Beverages and Chili supplied to help warm up before and after the Run. Run will be to ride 1 mile for each degree of temperature, plus or minus measured at high noon that day. Hopefully there won't be ice and snow like last year. But even if it does Doug might still ride by himself again and the rest of us will have a few drinks and wolf down some chili and lie to each other in the spirit of the season.

From very far north, **TANKER**

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

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

Hello from Local 20. I hope everybody had a good turkey day!

Well we had our meeting for Nov. and would like to thank the member's that attended. Our new officer's are guess what Rob Reif, President, Mindy Reif Treasurer, Tom Ott Vice President and Sheri Whitehead Secretary. Yeah we have the same officer's! Nobody wants to take the positions Thank you to our officer's for taking another year!

We here at Local 20 have already started planning our event's for 2010. got to get a head start so we will be ready for 2010! Would like to see more member's show up but oh well the best ones do! I want to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas from Local 20. Keep it in the wind and "FREE", **Darrell**

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzzer Magee's 108 S. Maple street, in Eldon, MO Contact: Dan at 314-941-8989

Hey Local 21! Sorry I missed the last couple of newsletter deadlines but I've been busier than a one eyed cat watchin' two mouseholes. Can you believe it's 2010 already? I just want to know why I don't have a flying motorcycle yet!!

I did want to take this time to thank all those who are supporting Local 21. We all ask that you continue your hard work, time and support for 2010.

We had a lot of good rallies out there in 09, some of the Honorable Mentions of course would be the Freedom and Homecoming Rallies, Local 12's Firecracker Classic and Local 25's Rally in Moscow Mills. All first rate Rally's with good people and good times! Also Local 7's Toy run could only be called a big success this year, a Parade and Free Chili and Toys For Kids, Can't get no better! Our January meeting will be at Steve Bartos House at 4:00pm 3rd Sunday. Buzzer McGee's is closing on Sundays so we will be discussing other meeting.

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7 p.m. Gringo's on South Broadway in St. Louis, MO Contact: 636-343-2876

Some of us probably never thought we would live to see 2010 but here we are! A new year so why not resolve to be more active in the fight for motorcyclist's rights?

Staples and I went to Jefferson City for the FEW Seminar. He attended the 3 different classes: Legislative, first aid, a& Leadership. He found them all to be very informational. We also attended the CC meeting on Sunday. A couple of things to be aware of that FORR is going to address in the next legislative session are:

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- 1) Mandatory drivers education in schools.
- 2) "Right to Repair", although a federal issue, it needs to be pushed from the state level.
- 3) FORR will again submit for the helmet bill.

New officers for Local 24 were elected at the November meeting.

President - Staples

Vice President - Tree Top

Secretary/ Membership - Newbee

Treasurer - Noid

CC/ Legislative - Staples

Events - Honda Hank

Safety - Ratwinger

Webmaster - Noid

Newsletter/ Historian - Chinuts

This is my last newsletter. It's been fun to see Local 24 thrive again and to have more people want to be involved. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and as always, ride safely. **Vickie**

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

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

December

Hello All,

Our "Leaves In The Breeze" Ride went well. It started out kinda cool but turned out to be a nice day. We had 26 attendees. Kenny and Brenda took \$75 for 1st and \$50 for 2nd, and Mark Roloff scored \$25 for the worst hand.

The "Invaders MC" had a run the following day, Mark Roloff, Greg Leesman, and Myself attended along with Staples from Local 24. Thanks to all who turned out for the "Toy Run" on Sun. Nov.1st. A Big thanks to the Wentzville and St. Charles County Police Departments For leading this ride.

The "Freeze Out - Or Not" Ride will be on New Years Day. Call Tom "Hitman" for details.

C.C. Tony Shepard reports that F.O.R.R. is looking into purchasing some centrally located property for use by any local for events, Homecoming, Etc.

He reminds us that new Legislators will be coming into office. Please contact them and encourage there support for our bills. Do not forget to also contact those who will be returning and remind them we are still out here. Please thank those who have supported us in the past.

MODOT has been a big help to us on several bills that were passes in our favor this last session.

I put this off until last, not because of it's importance, but because I don't like bringing up bad news. If you haven't already heard, Matthew Thomas Michel - Chairman of the Tri County A.B.A.T.E. passed away on Oct. 29th with Lukemia.

He had a heart for fighting for our rights and was a true asset to our causes. He will be missed by all of us. Where he is riding now he no longer has to worry about drives on cell phones, pot holes, bad weather conditions, or someone taking away his rights to ride. He can now truly ride Free. Please be in prayer for his friends and family.

And as always Remember... Leather Up & Rubber Down! **RASCAL**

January

Local 25's Christmas Party was December 12th. If you missed this one you missed out on a Holiday blast, hope to see ya next year. The annual Freeze out ride on New Years Day went well, thanks to all who attended. As you have probably read, the Legislative session pre-filed bills on Dec.1st. Session will start on January 6th 2010. Please keep up with the Legislative Coordinator for a productive year. Please remember to inform those you know that ride of the importance of belonging to either of Missouri's Motorcycle Rights Organizations. Preferably both, for the reason that Legislators in Jeff City do not see that someone who belongs to both are the same person, they see two bikers. So your seen as two people. Kind of like getting to vote twice. So if you can, it is important that each of us belong to both, and encourage your friends to do the same. Things are getting ugly for bikers around the globe, there are massive restrictions coming our way, so lets get our numbers up before they hit Missouri. Lets make it clear that there are a lot of us out here and we do vote. It is obvious politicians don't care much about what we think, but they do see numbers when their re-election comes up, so let's grow in numbers all year because this is a mid term election year and many of them will be up for re-election. Let's make it clear that we do no support those who do not support our Freedoms on the Road.

Especially when the pavement is icy...remember to slow down...and keep the Leather Up...and the Rubber Down !

"Rascal"

Editors Note: Local 25 member - Huge apologies..... Please don't pick on Rascal too much, the error in Decembers issue is all on me. Rascal "done good" - Rebel "boo-boo'd"

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Letter from Rebel...

In December 1995 I received a call from our current Chairman asking if I would lend a hand and take the position of The Freedom Press editor. With a little break after the birth of my daughter in 2000 I was allowed to continue again as editor, and now in 2009 - I've been given my hand back.

As of January 1st, 2010 (*man that seems weird...*) all duties of The Freedom Press will be the General Office Manager responsibility.

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I want to thank all of you that have contributed over time and helped to keep The Freedom Press on it's track! Through all of the years, this has truly been an awesome ride.

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157 (18 Yr. Member)

"Four wheels move the body - Two wheels move the soul"

(Thanks to Local 15 for the cool quote...)



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LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

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

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's 1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079

Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or V.P. Jim Poe 417-276-6370

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

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

Contact: President 573-337-0088 - Vice President 573-512-1596 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

Local 28 is inviting all members and friends to ring in the New Year with good friends and good music at the Shrine Club, December 31, 2009.

This year's celebration, includes the sounds of classic rock for the 70s and 80s from Hot Bottom Hunters, party favors, and of course the bar tenders will be ready to serve your favorite spirits and suds. And to ensure the safety of all our brothers and sisters, there will be designated drivers available to take you home throughout the night. You get good entertainment, good friends, good music, and a safe ride home all for \$15, check with the Shrine or Local 28 for more information.

The collections for Toys at Walmart, November 28, was a huge success and many Local 28 members helped fill the sleigh full of toys and collected over \$800 in donations to help purchase toys for those children in need. All of the donations were delivered December 12, to help make Christmas merrier for some families in dire need in the community. Activities such as

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this are what Local 28 stands for, helping those less fortunate, those who have fallen on hard times, and providing assistance for families within the Local who may need our support. Its what has made us the largest and best Local in the state and what will keep us the best Local, helping others and caring for our brothers and sisters.

Santa got to have his sleigh rocked during the Annual Waynesville-St. Robert Lions Christmas Parade, with many members donning their warmest gear and cranking up their bikes to ride along with many other float, area clubs, organizations and emergency responders.

Local 28 will begin 2010 with a new cabinet of officers, but many are familiar faces in Local 28, the elected officers are as follows: President Mitch Parson, Vice-President Sean Morgan, C.C. Representative Phil McCombs, Treasurer Sundae Morgan, Membership Secretary Manda McCombs, Safety Officer Danny Gartin and Secretary Tasha Prothro.

Other elected positions include Historian Barb Payne and Newsletter Connie Feighery.

There will also be another big change for the Local 28 website, Taz has unplugged is keyboard from being the webmaster after many years and Buffy Cornett will be taking his place to keep all the Internet savvy members on top of all events for Local 28 and links to State FORR site, legislative information and links of interest to the Local.

Don't forget about the Annual Polar Bear run to shake out the cobwebs from New Year's Eve. Polar Bears will meet at the Shrine Club and the ride will begin at noon on January 1, 2010.

There will be a change for the January meeting, it will be held the second Friday, January 8, 2010, due to the first Friday falling on a holiday, New Year's Day. I'm sure everyone will need a week to recover from the good time.

If there are any suggestions to help make the newsletter better or more informative, please contact me through the Local 28 website at www.local28forr.com.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Until next month,

Connie Feighery

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LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Brent DeFord 816-695-6592 Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am sorry for not having any submission in last month's Freedom Press AGAIN. I could go on and on about how busy my life is, with assuming responsibility as my high school's Student Council Sponsor, writing Science Curriculum...I have just been totally exhausted for the past several months and so on, so on. The honest truth is that I am unable to give this position the time and attention that you, the members, deserve. Therefore I have decided to take a break and will not be running for the 2010 Local 29 Newsletter Editor or Recording Secretary. I hope that by 2011, if the need for a Newsletter Editor is there, that I will be in a better position to resume responsibility for keeping the membership informed of the on-goings of FORR Local 29. I am planning on running for the Webmistress again (I have missed that this past year) so hopefully I will be able to keep in touch! In the meantime I will pray for good riding weather and wish all a Great Year!

PAST: There were 33 members and 2 guests (Cathy Stout and Steve Graves) present at the November Business Meeting. Planning for the 2010 Kearney Bike Show is underway. Get involve in one of our largest fund-raisers of the year, second only to the Mid-America Freedom Rally (of which our involvement is new this year). Although our membership voted to keep Homecoming as it has always been, Russell brought back from the CC Floor that the final vote was that it will be the week-end before Memorial Day Weekend. The Membership Incentive of \$70 would have gone to Mary Beth Garrison had she been present and Suzie James won the \$30 Attendance Incentive. The Toy Run report was favorable. There was a lot of in-town riding and the Sunshine Center was very appreciative of the donations provided to them by District 4 of FORR. The Synergy House Thanksgiving Dinner was also a smashing success! Thanks were given to all individuals who helped make it so, especially Ann Dodson, the member who organized it all. There will be a \$5 T-Shirt sale during the December Business Meeting. Nominations for 2010 were made. They will be finalized and voted on during the December Meeting...where we will also enjoy a potluck lunch provided by the membership! Good Luck to all Candidates!

PRESENT: I'd like to remind the following members that their membership is due to expire in December: Nancy Martin, Cheryl McCutchen, Amanda Moore, LA Ross, and myself, NeQuelle Wolfgeher. I'd like to acknowledge all the December Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too, including, but not limited to, Del High (12/11), Larry Wilson (12/16), and John Owen (12/23)...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: As riding weather leaves us our outings also deplete. Not much is happening in January. The Local 29 is a Sponsor for the HD-ERA Polar Bear Run on the 1st. Many of our members will be joining in that (at least to sample the Chili Cookoff at the end!). The Local 29 Business Meeting will be on the 17th.

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

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Bumstead's in Ozark Contact: Pops at 417-830-6900

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Location varies) Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 & Debra John 573-762-3808

Hey Guys & Gals, it's that time of year when our riding time is few & far between. This is when many of us fix up the ole bikes, maybe even a new paint job. Some of you are saying, yeh, that's a good idea. Just don't tell your other half it was.....my idea!

We had our November meeting at Moreland's, there were 12 members present & everyone enjoyed a really good dinner. I don't think anyone went away hungry. We were happy to have 1 our new members show up, Pete we welcome you, glad you joined us. We discussed the family we adopted for Christmas. Plans were made for some of our members to do the shopping & how we would get the items to the family. There is no greater feeling than to know you've helped a family in need during the Christmas holiday. I taught my children when they were young how giving can feel as good as receiving & they have never forgotten. We as a Local know that feeling, & it feels great. We also had our yearly elections, the results are:

Brian Swift.....President	Mike Adams.....Vice-President
Secretary.....Sabrena Shivers	Treasurer.....Christy Craft



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C.C. Rep.....Marty Craft
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We still are looking for a good meeting place, if anyone has a good idea give one of us a call. Our January meeting will be at "My Place" (across from McDonalds) at 7pm, January 26th. We will be planning our 2010 calendar of events so, if there is a ride you would like us to take, bring your info. & come join us.

Till next time this is "**Kickstand**" saying "May this be a wonderful year for all of you, Happy New Year!" See Ya!!

LOCAL 32 - BOOTHEEL

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. The Vikings Club,
 805 Bypass, Kennett, Mo. Contact: Jerry 573-695-1785

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50
 West. Knob Noster. Contact: President - Doug Weiss
 660-233-3949 For newsletter input Contact: Marti
 Walborn 660-563-0494

Howdy Local 33 and a COLD one to you: Well at the November monthly meeting Mary Roberts would have won the incentive pot drawing, but she wasn't there. And they drew my name out for the George Washington pot drawing and thank god because I was unemployed. Oh yeah a BIG thanks goes out to my better half because she bought my George Washington chances. Ok so it my warm up and dry out just enough to get the old bike out and go for a putt. So if you do remember to check your tire pressure both front and back. Motorcycle tires can look ok, but are in fact low or even flat. Over the winter you need to trickle charge your battery so it will be fully charged when you are ready to ride. Wally World has trickle chargers for about \$20 bucks, much cheaper than I paid for mine at a bike shop. Also gas can go bad just sitting in as little as 7 days. When you put up the old scooter make sure the tank is full of fuel and use a fuel stabilizer or another excellent product is techron chevron in a little black bottle.

We need ideas for a BIG name band for Saturday night of the 2010 Homecoming at Buckhorn. Let me or Chairman Mark Chapman know your ideas, remember Homecoming is for your entertainment.

The first Capitol Crusader day is January 6th and our new Legislative Chairman said she would be there around 11ish, so go to the Capitol and meet and greet the Senators and Representatives to talk about our issues. And you might get a FREE doughnut or a really cool pencil bent into the shape of the state of Missouri.

Don't forget to check www.forr.net for the latest updates on everything motorcycle. See me "**Moose**"



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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 5 p.m. The Pit Stop Pub Sports Bar in Clinton, MO
Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589 or (Day) 660-885-5741

Happy New Year;

Great news or maybe bad news, but I was elected to continue this job for 2010. We did have our election of officers at our last meeting and did have a few changes. The new Officers are; Pres. Bob Hawkins, Vice Pres. Randy Nations, Secretary, Linda Browning, Treasure, Linda Hawkins, CC Rep, Bob Hawkins, Membership, Linda Hawkins, District Rep. Randy Nations, Newsletter, Me.

At our meeting we also decided on our Christmas donations for this year. They were Faith Inc, Samaritan Center and Our Local Hero's, who are deployed.

It is December and our Bill has been pre-filed by Rep. Dusenberg again this year. How far will it go this year? Only time will tell. To help him out, WE of FORR® need to educate the general public about the truth on Helmets. All they know is the crap put out by the Gobment, safetycrats and MODOT.

Maybe with the General Office, a new Motorcycle Awareness Officer and a new Legislative Officer we can come up with new ways to combat the safetycrats and Modot. We need the cause of death in all motorcycle crashes, head injury verses body injuries. As we know, the Gobment and Modot, more or less, list them as head injury deaths.

Down the Road,

Bob #5960

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LOCAL 40 - BETHANY

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

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thurs @ 7:00 p.m. Bredeaux Pizza Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Rick Gish 314-578-6006

I call this article a F.E.W. C.C.'s or a close encounter of the blue kind...

Hello everyone... Tex here from Local 42. I saw a flyer for the F.E.W. seminar and decided that since the date was the same as my 7th wedding anniversary that I should go. I had been invited by Georgia to attend and was told it was their third annual seminar. I left early that morning and arrived about five minutes before they started. I noticed there was someone pulled over right at the top of the street that the banquet center is on... Didn't pay a whole lot of attention cause I didn't see anyone sitting in the car. Later on I found out who it was and they were aggravated at the State Trooper...

Sat the whole day in the seminar listening and taking notes only to realize at the end of the day I was sitting next to the Chairman of F.O.R.R. I thought he was just another guy there like the rest of em. I heard a lot of good things and I left there more informed than I did when I got there and even with this ADDDDHHDDDD thing I got I was able to focus on a few of the more important things. All this time I thought we're just trying to get the helmet thing going. I was deeply wrong. There is way more going on with motorcyclist's rights. I am so grateful that I took the incentive to go and find out what is going on at these functions. I left a changed person. But since the wheel has already been invented, I chose other ways to pass on the educational seminar by bringing it into conversations with people that don't know what is going on even as we speak. There were many dedicated people there. Some were a little burned out because of the load they have been carrying for so long. I have a hard time remembering names but I tried to remember faces. If more people would attend these things I wouldn't spend so much time here typing. I met the people whose names are in the Freedom Press that I have been reading for years. I would highly recommend the seminars to everyone in our Local and would be hoping that you as a member of your Local would too. I would tell you all of the great people I met but then I would feel like I am robbing you of your opportunity to hear about them and meet these wonderful people yourself. There are a lot of women that do a lot more work than they get credit for and if you ever get a chance like I did then give em a pat on the back like I did or shake their hand or just give em a smile to let them know you appreciate the work they do. Nuff said the trip was great and I am still motivated by the motivational speaker we had. Also picked up a cool red wooden cross and a beautiful necklace donated to the auction. Not sure which one to give the wife for our anniversary.

By the time you read this we will have had our Christmas party for the Foster Care children of Franklin Co. Can't wait till the next meeting so Georgia can tell all, that I can't remember... I also saw a couple from Local 42 at the seminar. Actually I saw em through the weekend too. I didn't realize that the State meeting was on Sunday so I stayed for most of the meeting and saw how the adults do this stuff. Lots of people from a lot of chapters. And it was cool. I cannot stress enough to get more members...get more educated... go to meetings...attend functions! Talk later, **Tex**

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Deb 816-868-9369 or Tina 816-289-6408

Hello, it's Christmas time! Turkey day is over and all of the holiday decorations are up. I like it. Let's enjoy our holiday together and make it a good one. We are having a White Elephant Gift Christmas party on December 12 at Deb's house for our celebration. We have two January birthdays in Local 46: Bobby King Jan. 18 and Megan Maddox (ME!) Jan 23. Happy Birthday! This Holiday season our local is participating in the children's Christmas Party for the Salvation Army on Dec. 19.

Well that's all folks, ta ta for now. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (don't party too hard!)

Quote of the Day: "Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it." ~Confucius

Megan Maddox - 30029



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Letter to Editor's

Letter from roy

A great big thank you to Local 18 from the Hoard Family. The money from their fund-raiser to help my family and me was very much appreciated! I was involved in an accident involving a F-150 and me on my bike. He turned left in front of me and we hit head on. This happened at the Lamay gate at Whiteman Air Force Base and airforce personnel were my first responders. Thank you to them. I was thrown over the F-150. Air ambulance took me to St. Lukes in K.C. I had a very badly broken pelvis. Broken left wrist, and ankle and brain injury. The accident happened at 7:30 am June 9th 2009 and I finally got to go home at the end of September. I have been in several different hospitals and rehab places between KC and Sedalia, including Sweet Springs. I am two days a week at Bothwell in Sedalia now. I am doing fine now and can walk with the help of a cane. To local 33 - I will attend meetings again when the doctors say I can drive.

Save travels, "Cowboy Roy" Hoard. #9121

Thank you Local 29 for the Thanksgiving Dinner provided for the less fortunate all I can say is WOW. I have not worked with such organized individuals in ages. Dinner provided for 32 at the women's shelter, (women and children with 5 women out working) 11 teens from the Emergency Teen Shelter. A special thanks to each and everyone for all the hard work and worry, especially Bob/Vinetta and Joe/DeeDee for all their shuffling around with their mom, Betty, being so sick and in the hospital. Steve Walters you did not show me your bells SHAME ON YOU!!!! Wonderful baked beans you provided, best ever! Sam DeFord, Ben DeFord, so proud of you two, couldn't have done it with out you. Even if you guys did eat all the olives.

Love you guys! Tristen Utter, between you three boys wanting to play cards; thank you for all your help and hard work, even if you did eat all the deviled eggs and olives. Carl "Pumpkin Head" Laber and Jackie Smith, sorry your crock pot didn't work for the taters. You came through like troopers. Cindy Crozier/Dan Woods, fine job, mighty fine job on your green bean casserole, sorry about your lid on the crock pot. Brent DeFord, your noodles, FANTASTIC; next year? Perfect amount so the teens could take some back to the Emergency Shelter. NeQuelle Wolfghere, Ben/Sam said you worked your fingers to the bone making this pretty pink fruit salad; next year too? Mr. President, the bread is in the freezer and the rolls are in everyone's belly. Mighty fine. Sure did miss your storage containers you always donate. Maybe next year, ya think? We used all your butter too. Louise/Bob Reasoner, Local 8, your \$25.00 contribution bought sodas and something else but can't remember... (Peach cobbler). We thank you for your support in providing this outstanding Thanksgiving Dinner. Chris/Laurie Turner, thanks again for the cranberries and corn. Missed you, but we do understand. Ken DeMoss, your deep friend turkeys were out of this world. Joe Loyd and Bob Garnett did a fine job, wish you could have eaten some...NOT! Ursula, pies gone in a New York second. Thank you so much for your kindness regarding this event. Your passion to local 29 is applauded. Vinetta Garnett I am not going to brag on your deviled eggs.....people will get jealous. Nancy Martin, veggies, gone, just like that!! Thank you very much. Beryl/Dana Speiser, bless you for your olives. Could not keep Pumpkin Head, Tristen, Ben and Sam out of them!!! Two spiral hams that were to die for. Local 2's life time members Carol and Kim "aka Crash" Harrison. Thank you for all your support for Local 29. To my neighbors, Terry and Marsha Buckler, for apple pie, pumpkin pie, German chocolate cupcakes and chocolate cupcakes. So cool to get nonmembers involved.

Another year behind us, and what an event it was. Again thank you my friends and I love you all from the bottom of my heart.

Ann, J.A.M Local 29





Connections

FORR District 1

1st Friday

We just had our 1st meeting of the year, getting ready for the events ahead. We talked about our Blacktop May Awareness Rally and The May Awareness Proclamation Run. We have several things that have to be worked out.

We also installed new officers, as follows Pres Steve Gallus, VP Roy Brown, Sec Sherry Frazer, Tres Angie Gallus.

I will make this short and try to have more info in months to come. If you need to relay any info contact Steve at 816 449 5037 work 816 449 2707 home.

Steve

ABATE of CALIFORNIA

THUNDERSTORM!

by John Del Santo

The forecasters are predicting thunderstorms in different parts of the state for this weekend.....and so there are a few things to think about while we are riding.

Lightning has a tendency to strike the tallest thing around. When we are riding down the middle of the road.....we are probably the tallest thing around. Your rubber tires will not insulate you and keep you from being electrocuted.

If the sound of the thunder and the flash of lightning are one-second apart.....the lightning is about one mile away from you. This is WAY too close for you to be outside. A building is the best thing to be in.....Hiding under a big tree will keep me out of the rain, but I am now standing under...the tallest thing around and have become part of the perfect lightning target "KABOOM"! It would seem that in the middle of a concrete highway overpass would be pretty safe from lightning..... The only hazard I have heard referred to with hiding out under overpasses is the threat of cars not seeing you and riding into you. One rider said that you would probably be more visible near the far end of the overpass where you are back-lit from the light outside.

Here is probably the best info I have seen concerning thunderstorms, riding, and motorcycles:
DO NOT ride into a lightning storm. If you absolutely cannot get to a safe building or vehicle, here are some last

resort choices. If you wait out the storm below an overpass, DO NOT touch steel girders. Move away from your bike. Remain on dry surfaces if possible. Overpasses are engineered structures, and are likely to be properly grounded. Although an overpass is likely to be higher than the surrounding landscape, if it is struck by lightning, the electrical current will likely be channeled safely into the ground.

Look for a bridge.....Stay away from water.....Stay away from any metal surfaces.....Be alert for rapidly rising water if you are under a bridge. HIGH TENSION WIRES..... If high voltage electrical tension wires cross the road, you may want to seek shelter directly underneath these wires.....the lightning will seek them out instead of you. Do not get too close to the large metal towers which hold up these wires. Stay at least 50 feet away. Electric companies design these high tension wires for lightning strikes.....If lightning should strike the wires or towers, the current is designed to safely go deep into the ground.

If you are caught in the open and lightning is occurring within 5 miles., stop, move 50 feet away from your bike (you know...that big metal target) and try to find a ditch or low spot to sit in and wait out the storm. These recommendations are a last resort...You are NOT safe in these places....just marginally safer than in the open.

Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. You are in danger from lightning if you can hear thunder

Many strong thunderstorms produce hail.

If you can't get inside, or if you feel your hair stand on end, which means lightning is about to strike, hurry to a low, open space immediately. Crouch down on the balls of your feet, place your hands on your knees and lower your head. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize contact with the ground.

~~ If there are no reinforced buildings in sight, take shelter in a car. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles. Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

And if you make it through the storm.....You'll have a Great story to tell !

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5 L-14 Independence Christmas Benefit Auction

11 L-3 Tri-County Bowling Party 816-740-4249

20 L-33 Hwy 50 West Adopt-a-family 660-233-3949

JANUARY 2010

9 L-26 Maryville Holiday Party 660-562-9859

10 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433

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