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## Letter to the Editor

A leader is..... You can fill in the blank with many different things depending upon the day, the month or the specific circumstance. However one thing that all leaders have is a vision. That vision may be to fix something that is broken or a goal that needs to be achieved. It may also be to take on a task that no one else wants to tackle for one reason or another. We have seen the later many times in this organization both at the local and at the state level. Unfortunately some of the reasons behind the difficult task do not lie with the task itself, but with conflict, both real and perceived, by others in the group.

The chairman of Freedom of Road Riders is the individual whose primary to make sure that everything the organization does remains focused on the core goals of Freedom of Road Riders. Those core goals are set forth in our preamble: to guard the rights of all motorcyclists; to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists. It is the Central Committee Officers obligation and responsibility to ensure that any issues brought before the Central Committee are done with those core values in mind.

If issues arise which are not directly related to the business of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. or its core values, it is up to the Central Committee Officers to decide whether it is appropriate to allow time during our Central Committee meeting to address a non FORR related issue. The time we spend during our bi-monthly business meeting is limited and it should be solely focused upon one thing, the direction in which this organization is moving forward towards its goals.

The jobs performed by our Central Committee Officers are not easy. Each person sitting at this table gives up a substantial portion of their life to fulfill their obligations to this organization. Many spend sleepless nights thinking out how decisions or recommendations will affect this organization both now and in the future. You don't volunteer for this position because you want to be the popular kid on the block. You volunteer because you think you can make a difference. Because you care about the future of this organization and want to make it the best it can be.

We, the membership of Freedom of Road Riders, elected Smokin Joe Widmer and this entire cabinet to serve as the leadership of our Central Committee and Freedom of Road Riders because we had faith in their ability to perform the jobs necessary to keep the Freedom Train focused on the tasks at hand. Sometimes keeping the organization on task and focused towards our core values requires a heavy hand. Sometimes that means there will be people who won't like a decision that is made by this cabinet or a particular officers. When that happens and you're the one on the outside take a step back and consider the reasons behind the decision. If you're still unhappy with the decision talk directly with the cabinet or officer about their decision. Maybe through talking about the situation you can at least understand where they are coming from or why they made the decision they made. In most disagreements there is not clear cut winner and loser. Both sides give up something to reach an agreement somewhere in the middle that all parties can agree to live with.

The members of Local 33 after having heard from many parties regarding the situation which occurred at the last Central Committee meeting stand behind the decision made by Smokin Joe and the cabinet. Issues that do not directly involve Freedom of Road Riders, even when those issues are between two members of this organization, have no place on our central committee floor. While the state officers of FORR can be consulted about the situation, bringing this type of business before the Central Committee takes up valuable time which should remain focused upon the core job of this organization and that is to protect the rights of all motorcyclists. Local 33 would like to thank Smokin Joe and this entire cabinet for their dedication, time and commitment to Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. and for their unwavering vision to keep the Freedom Train headed straight down the track.

Local 33  
Hwy 50 West

## Notes from Bill

As I write this the election is just two days away. There will be lots of new faces at the capital this year both in the senate and house. We will also have a new governor and a brand new hope in our chances to get something through. But we need to be sure that the new faces on the block will be voting our way. Please get in touch with your Reps and senators to see how they feel about our issues. This year things will move slow at first with all the new Representatives and senators. They will have to set up the new committees first. We will have to see who gets the chair of the committees and see if they are favorable and we can get a hearing.

We are working with MODOT along with a lot of other groups to see if we could get a hands free driving bill. This bill would make it illegal to use any kind of electronic device while you are driving. How many times have you been riding down the road and see people looking at their phone instead of the road? We have a couple of meetings already and have a draft of the bill the group now is looking for a sponsor for the bill. There are a few other bills that we will be looking at supporting this year.

We will be asking for a lot of help again this year. I would like to see all locals to pick a week again to make a trip to the capitol. I will defiantly need the help. I have a lot of things going on along with trying to go to the capital every week. My wife just had a little scare and I will need to paying close attention to her, along with that I will be getting a new grand baby around February. I will try and do as much as I can but I will need some members to step up and help with the session.

Then we have Lincoln days again this year. This year it will should be held in Springfield. I am hoping locals 30,27. And 15 will help support this along with any other people that can make it. There is also DEMO days that should be in Hannibal like it is every year. It's going to be a busy year so we need to get busy and GET ER DONE  
Bill Kempker



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## Notes from Valerie - Membership

My statements are not directed at any one person or situation but I feel that the Membership Coordinator title is not something I have been able to do with much success. When Deanna started this quest 2 and 1/2 years ago I was asked to take notes and put them together to come up with a way to inspire our membership. I was thrilled to be part of a committee that could possibly kick start and revitalize our Organization, one I might add that I truly believe in. When I first started I spoke with many grey Beards and Silver Streaks so that I could try and become aware of what Freedom of Road Riders was meant to be. The pride they felt when first starting and promoting this Organization. Fighting for the rights of all Motorcyclist in this state for Freedoms we are still fighting for today. My only thought at that time was, how do we, the membership honor those before us? How do we bring back the true meaning of Brotherhood that was so prevalent in the beginning? I felt the answers had to be found in the archives of the Freedom Press because that is all we have to explore the past in this Organization. In truth I have always thought that we can not have a future if we do not reflecting on the past. So I set out to find what had worked and what had not. I am sure I am not the only one who has taken the time to do this. There are so many truths that somehow get lost or forgotten some where along the way.

To break it down one must not only read but understand our preamble, as a starting point to the mission set before us. "The main purpose of this Organization is to guard the rights of all motorcyclist to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder the as motorcyclist" This statement means we follow bills that will either help our fight for Freedom or take away from the Freedoms of motorcycle community. If you think about it this is quite clear we are political Organization and our focus is on our Freedoms. We simply want to be recognized as equals of our roadways as well as protected. The next statement is "to promote safety and rider education." This is something we should be proud of. The accomplishments that this Organization has been able to set up for future riders. We are the only MRO that has started and maintained a Rider Educational program that was completely started and maintained without state funding. People like Smokey Strodtman did everything to get this program off the ground by writing a program for the course as well as securing motorcycles for the students to learn on. Also In the beginning our instructors traveled throughout the state without pay because they believed that educating people on proper riding skills as the first line of defense when facing different situations on the road. They believed this could and would make a difference. With time, dedication, not to mention to down right passion, in what they were doing in preparing and educating motorcyclist they collectively were able to start the program that we have today. The next statement in our preamble says "to promote Brotherhood." Something that has in some cases has become just another word thrown around that has lost meaning in some cases. I have heard the term Brotherhood described many different ways. The best explanation that I have heard and truly believe it to be is. Brotherhood isn't just one thing. It is shared experiences and can be on many different levels not making one better than the next. True Brotherhood come with working together towards the same goal and respecting each person for who they are. The last phase "Freedom for all motorcyclists." I have always thought of this as not just one way or viewpoint, as long as we treat each other with respect and are collectively and conscientiously working towards the same goal. We do not have to be friends with everyone, as long as we are respectful of each other. Fighting amongst ourselves is not proving very productive. As a newer member I can say it seems that we are disregarding the purpose of this Organization and why it was formed in the first place.

There is no one reason that our numbers are falling other than we are not utilizing the tools we have been given. We have been sitting in the membership meeting for a little over two years. The people who do show up are the same faces. These people truly care about the direction we are headed as a whole. Which leads me to a few questions. Are we so comfortable that we not worried about our declining numbers in new

or renewing members? Are we at all worried that life time members are rising and feeling the burn because they are not seeing anyone willing to step up and do the work? We have been going over the same issues for over two years and only a 1/3 of our Locals are being represented at any given time. There are only so many ideas that the same group of people can come up with. We have put in place several promotions without much feedback from Locals because they are not represented. Meaning there is no way to truly know if any were successful. All of our Locals should be concerned about this subject. The only answers that come to mind are that the Local you belong to has enough members, so showing or sharing the passion about this Organization is not a priority. When I receive my copy of the Freedom Press I'm excited to see what is going on around the state only to find there are a number Locals did not care enough to submit anything at all. This does carry over to potential interested or new members. They are left to wonder. Why would I want to be a part of something that speaks of safety, education and Brotherhood when no real interest is shown by their potential Local? This could be as simple blurb about local events or we would love to have you visit our Local. Instead of nothing more than contact information. Every Local has members that may have stepped back for one reason or another My question to each and every one of our members is are we truly reaching out to potential members at all? Are we showing them the passion that started this Organization? If we ourselves are not putting forth any effort how can we expect to get anyone excited about being a part of the largest Organization for Motorcycle Rights in the State of Missouri? Much less ask them to be willing to stand side by side to have our voices heard when it is coming down to a handful of people who truly care. I do not say this with any disrespect towards anyone only what I am seeing, sadly, more division than Brotherhood. With everyone complaining on how things are done with no willingness to help make any kind of positive change.

What I am trying to say is without the input from all Locals this committee will not be able to do much more of what it was put in place to do, no input, no result. I also feel I may not have been the best person for this position. I came into this venture full of hope and promise. Only to find there are many more of those who are comfortable with the way things are. That are either not paying attention when the membership totals are read at each CC meeting or simply don't care. For me it is heart breaking because my whole intention was to help breathe new life in to Freedom of Road Riders to help restore it to the once proud Organization it was meant to be. I do feel there must be a way to accomplish this goal but at the same time my fire has burnt out, So sadly, I am stepping down from being the Membership Coordinator it was never seen as an official office to begin with. I have spoke with Big Jim and he will stand in until a resolution can be made on this matter. I was asked to come up with a way to self fund this committee and I could not come up with a feasible way to justify asking more from our potential members or standing members to do so. Membership should not be about profit, some have trouble just keeping their dues paid, it seems disrespectful to ask more of them, with no return. I will always look back and be able to say I tried and I love all those I have met along the way. In my honest opinion, the money that has been set aside for the membership budget, should be used towards furthering the Organization through another avenue. That decision ultimately will be in the hands of the committee as well as our cabinet.

With much Love and Respect to all of you,  
Valerie "Windy" McDonnell



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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*

*Pre-registration by February 9 is appreciated*

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## Notes from Valerie - F.E.W. Seminar

Hello and Merry Christmas to everyone,

As many of you know I have had a lot going on outside of FORR and in my personal life. Mainly figuring out to best help BL to make changes to improve his health as well as his well being in general. I kind of love having him around, so that is my priority at this time, family first is what I have always been told. I am trying to put as much into this seminar as possible with the support of a wonderful committee who have been nothing but supportive during this years planning. Big Thank You goes out to Bill "Mad Dawg" Thornhill for being there as Chairperson for the meetings I was unable to attend and Mona Morgan for keeping me up to date and acting as secretary for this committee. Also to Anna Kabler for making sense and explaining the contract for us not to mention also making calls concerning contract that was put in place in my absence. Instead of having our usual dinner as we have in previous FEW seminars, the committee has opted for luncheon. Which will be held at 12-1 We are still in the process of finding the perfect MC for this event. So if you would like to take this position or think you may know the perfect person for the job, all suggestions are welcome.. We are still speaking with folks we felt would be best to speak in each class. With that being said I can not give you a set agenda at this time.

We have moved the date of the FEW seminar to March 11th this year for several reasons. One of which was the thought January is to close to holiday season making it hard on some members to attend. We are hoping that by moving the dates more members will be able to attend this event. We are also hoping with the change of dates the weather will be working with us, but it is Missouri it is well known you just never know . There is no way to guarantee that we will have better weather in March but fingers crossed, we will. We also changed the venue this year in the spirit of showing our members that they are appreciated,. We will be holding the seminar at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. We will be asking that you pre register for the event by sending your RSVP's early information will be in this Freedom Press. Also if you are planning on staying at the Lodge reservations must be made by February 9th and can be made by calling 888-265-5500. Modifications to your reservation can only be made up until 7 days prior to your reservation date without charge. Please be aware of this because no refunds will be made after deposited is charged. Long and short of it if you make the reservation you will be charged, if you do not cancel before the set date.

The committee has decided that the price will remain unchanged for this years event. We do however request that you pre register so we have a better idea on materials that will be needed. Pre registration will be 20.00 and at the door 25.00 We will be opening the doors at 9 am to 10 am please plan on signing in and readying yourself for the day. Because of all we are trying to offer our members, timing will be crucial. Please keep this in mind. The program it's self will be focused on Education for new and returning officers. We have expanded each class to 90 minutes allowing speakers to cover the information they feel is necessary as well as allowing for interaction with membership in the allotted time frames. We will hold classes at the same time to insure everyone can attend classes and insure that group presentations are able to be held with entire membership having the choice to attend. Group presentations will include "What to do and what not to do at the scene of a motorcycle accident." Because of the time of year we holding this years FEW Seminar it is felt that this subject is a valid one. Considering it will be much closer to the kickoff of riding season, we are making information available to our membership. We feel this useful information in case any of us are ever faced with this situation.. This presentation is hoped to have a impact on all of our members by making them more aware of the dangers faced every time they mount up for a ride. We also will have Amy Allmon presenting a MRF presentation on lobbying, "How do go about Lobbying effectively and with confidence". This is subject we all need to look at. This subject being presented at the time of year will hopefully allow members of Freedom of Road Riders lobby with self confidence and be able to walk into a Reps or Senator's office knowing full well

they are our employees and it is their job to listen to us, not the other way around. Shaulene "Lizzy" Frock also will be doing a presentation on "The proper way to prepare and as well as execute a community event for Awareness". These will be done as a group presentations. Meaning all members will given the option of attending, with the hopes everyone will take advantage of the opportunity, this after all is a teaching Seminar.

We will also be honoring awards for this event, from previous years. Meaning we need input of all Locals, it is your chance to honor those who may otherwise go unnoticed. The awards are as follows; 1. Power House Award-Submissions are from the Locals themselves and honor those members, both men and women, who go the extra mile to keep the wheels of the Locals wheels turning. This award is a certificate and the letter of nomination 2. Full Throttle-In recognition of new members, two years or less, who have hit the ground running in their support of FORR. Submissions for the above stated awards can be submitted to myself at [valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail.com). 3. Young Engineer-This is the equivalent of the Engineer of Freedom Award but is in recognition of members 17 and under who set the standards for the next generation of freedom fighters. 4. Engineer of Freedom-Last year we awarded this recognition at the F.E.W. as well as the CC meeting the following day. It is our hope we can do this again this year. The process for this special presentation will follow the standard procedure for submission found in the back of the Freedom Press. These submissions go to the corporate secretary, Cheryl Singleton, [secretary@forn.net](mailto:secretary@forn.net). The Buck Stops Here award will also be presented by BL McDonnell this year and nominations are closed for this years award.

Once again Stampede from Local 13 will be putting together a video just for the FEW seminar. She has asked that all Locals please submit photos of events throughout the year so that all Locals are represented. She can make this possible with the help from the membership. We hope that every Local can help her make this video and work her magic the way that only Stampede can do. So please send submissions to [eventsforn13@outlook.com](mailto:eventsforn13@outlook.com) She also asked that you let her know which Local and the event that the photo's were taken at. Also we will be holding a silent and live auction it would be nice to have donations from each Local for this event. I want to thank everyone for their patience with me this year, my hope is we can lift each other up at this event and come away more confident in our guest for the Freedom's of all motorcyclists.

Thank you again and hope to see many of you at the F.E.W. 2017, Valerie "Windy" McDonnell





**LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/382590848464563/>**

Howdy all;

Hope everyone is doing well. As of this writing the days have been in the mid to upper 70's, pretty sweet for this time of year. All is good with local 1 doing some moderate growing, yea! We're hoping to start the planning on some events for next year.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and hopefully it was a safe one for all of you.

As I sit and write this I am thinking on the big upcoming election – much to ponder on ..... who knows what will be happening by the time this letter is printed. Let's hope for the best.

VERY IMPORTANT – I need to mention that our Local 1 elections are coming up and we could sure use some help. If there is anyone that has ever been interested in being a local officer or would just like to pitch in, please come to our next meeting. You will receive a reminder in the mail on the locations and times. It would be great to see some of you there.

With the Holiday season getting into gear it's always gets kinda crazy sometimes so.....Have a good one, then have another.

Happy Holidays!

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor

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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/>**

Here we go again, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It seems like the years go by faster and faster. I hope everyone had a great Halloween. Our Local kicked A--, at the Trunk or Trick this year. Thank you everyone. Great people, great costumes, great participation and great help. There looked like there was a lot of kids and I bet they had a sugar high the next day!!!!

I would like to take a paragraph and thank a few people. My dad passed away September 25th. And the meaning of friendship and love is Local 3. I would like to thank Deena for writing the newsletter for me. I would like to thank Cheryl for the sandwiches she brought out. I would like to thank Steve and Myra for EVERYTHING. I would like to thank the WHOLE local for riding for my dad. You guys are the bomb!!!!□

Our local is up to 108 members!!!! At our last meeting we had 30 of them there. It was a good meeting. Our new member is Michael Stewart.

We start nominations in November and elections are held in December and so is our pot luck dinner. December 18,2016. So think of something yummy to make and bring.

Leaves are falling and the deer are in rut so ride carefully. Shiny side up and be nice to one another. Peace out.

Nancy Martin 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,

We have been a busy group of people. I've got a lot to tell you!

Today, November 6th, we had our Annual Toy Run for The Noyes Home For Children. The picture is of our "Santa" Dan Harmon. Dan has been Santa for our ride for over 30 years! He makes a wonderful Santa and the children love to see him coming on his sleigh, pulled by a custom built trike, driven by Mary Jackson. It's quite the spectacle rolling up historic Frederick Avenue. This year we had 60 riders with over 40 bikes. I and my Brothers and Sisters are proud of this tradition.

In other news.... On September 18th, 7 members from Local 6 joined 20 members of Abate of Kansas, District 11, to support and ride in the March of Dimes Bikers for Babies ride. Together, we helped raise \$ 620,000 and there were 3,300 plus riders for 2016, keeping the Missouri/ Kansas event the largest Bikers for Babies ride in the Nation. Jointly, \$ 3,380 was raised for the event. A huge Thank You from Abate of Kansas, District 11, to all that rode and supported us for this event. Thank You for helping promote our mission of education and awareness for Motorcycle Safety and for supporting the kids that will be fighting the hardest battle of their lives. Picture included is at the Kansas Speedway where the ride begins.

On September 24th, John and Barb Eidenshink left for Maggie Valley, NC. That night they met up with Dennis Hague and his wife Cassie at Lambert's in Sikeston, MO. They all arrived in Maggie Valley Sunday night and on Monday toured the Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum. During their stay they rode in the Smokey Mountain National Park, did a tour of Beautiful Waterfalls, rode the Blue Ridge Parkway, and visited the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville. On the last day, John and Barb rode the Dragon Trail. They only saw one bike down, hope he was OK.

On the way home they came through Nashville to see Danielle at Antique Archeology but the line was way down the street! It was a great time of riding in a beautiful part of our United States of America!

Local 6 would like to wish all of our Brothers and Sisters and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Stories attributed by Robin Ruhnke and Barb Eidenshink and embellished by me. Haha

Ride Safe Ride Free

Beth





**LOCAL 7 - LEBANON****Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****La Mexican Kitchen, 1679 S Jefferson Ave, South Dale Shopping Center****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627****<https://www.facebook.com/Freedom-of-road-rider-local-7-454739271384794/>**

TIME IS GETTING SHORTER THE COLD IS MOVING IN... NOW IT'S THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WINTER...

THE FALL BEAUTY IS IN FULL SWING LEAVE ARE FULLING.. DEER ARE RUNNING SO PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THIS ON THE ROADS WHEN YOU ARE OUT RIDING.....

THIS MONTH MEETING RIDE WAS A NICE ROUTE..

AT THE MEETING WE DISCUSSED ABOUT THE UP COMING EVENTS...

THE FUN DAY WAS AWESOME.. WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT WITH HAMBURGER HOT DOGS, LOTS OF SIDE DISHES, HORSE SHOES, BADMINTON, AND LOTS OF GOOD SMILES..... THINK YOU TO DON BROWN, MR. AND MISS ROBERT YOUNG FOR GETTING SUPPLIES AND COOKING....

SOME OF US VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE SHRINE CLUB HALLOWEEN BASH THE WORK DAY WE CAME UP WITH SOME GREAT IDEALS.....

They razed 2,200 for the shrine hospital think you to the members who came out to help this year I know I had a lot of fun.... So start thinking of what we can do next year.....

Ride safe my friends

Buck

**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>**

Hello Sisters & Brothers!!!!

What great weather we're having fir the first of November. We're blessed with a lot more riding weather than usual. Just remember when out riding to watch for deer.

We had a very successful toy run, lots of toys went to the Salvation Army to put smiles on the face of the kiddos. Thanks to everyone who came out to support, donated money or joined the ride.

It's time to nominate new officers, remember the nominations remain open until Dec. meeting. If you'd like to make a nomination please let



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me know. 660-247-5713. So far here are the nominations:

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District Rep: Layne Shady, Cissy Wilcoxson, Kris Critten

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Millie Hutchison

Road Captains: Jason Howard, Eric Hughes, Scott Hurst, Paul

Fields, Ted Tedrick

Historian: Cissy Wilcoxson

We created two new offices..

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator: Ted Tedrick

Chaplain: Kris Critten

Remember to come to Royal Inn Sunday, December 4 at 1 pm to vote.

Hope everyone has a fabulous Thanksgiving/Christmas Season.

Keep Smilin'

Glenda

**LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY****Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159 or Vicky Stafford 573-690-5750****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385138914887025/>**

Hello Local 10,

Well this is the December issue and the last one for this year 2016. It's been a fun ride as your newsletter person and Freedom Press writer. Elections should be done by this time and new Officers in place. There will be a learning curve with the new positions and maybe a time lapse before the new person gets up to speed. Please be patient as finding new officers comes at a premium!

The Toy Run was a success as always, even with a few glitches. Thanks to all that came to represent FORR and for the Generosity shown by our Biker Community-You all ROCK!!

Deanna Rhodes achieved her LIFETIME MEMBER with FORR. WOO-HOO!! Thanks Deanna for all your dedication to this organization.

The Mid-South Mile took place the last part of October and again it was a great learning experience for all members that attended. Please take advantage of this opportunity as a FORR member to attend one of these seminars when they are held. The camaraderie is amazing and the hospitality is Awesome.

I'd like to wish all my November and December Biker Peeps a Happy Birthday, YEAH CAKE!!

As this comes to your door step days before Thanksgiving, I'd like to Give THANKS. I'm thankful for the new friends I have made this year and for all my family and old friends that I am still Blessed to have. I'm so very thank God for my Health. I'm also very thankful for the FREEDOMS we do have and so, I THANK GOD for AMERICA.

Many Thanks to my Local 10 peeps for the opportunity to represent Local 10 in our FREEDOM PRESS this past year. We have a great bunch of Bikers in our Community and I'm proud to be one of them.

Happy Thanksgiving

Later taters and go easy on the gravy!

Vicky a.k.a. Wild Angel

**LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI****Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S Main, NW Door****Contact: Sparky @ (417) 439-5908 or Lizzi @ (417) 439-0399****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/375042675119/>**

Hello FORR Family,

Oh my how the year has flown by. It seems like it was just the beginning of summer and here we are in the holiday season. I hope everyone has had a great year, I know I've had one. Hopefully the weather stays fair so we can enjoy a little more riding.

Local 11 would like to invite you to our November pot luck the fourth Sunday of Nov. and our Dec. meeting will be a dirty Santa gift exchange the Sunday before Christmas. We will have finger food for the party. Everyone please come and join us. The more the merrier. Location is at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 1321 S Main, NW Door, Joplin, Mo. @3 pm. You also need to check out our Facebook page. It's kept up to date with our upcoming events and activities.

I would like to wish Sonya Mix a very happy birthday. I hope you have a wonderful day.

With Christmas right around the corner please don't forget about the less fortunate. I know for me I would much rather give than to receive.

Until next month,  
Ginger

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****MEETINGS: 2ND SUNDAY @ 1 PM****Nov. 13th Jim and Terry's house****Dec. 3rd Christmas Dinner Becketts****Jan. 8th Laura and Johnny's house****Contact: Lyndal (660) 631-3808 or Jim (660) 529-3142****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463789827071828/>**

First of all, all of our thoughts go out to Kim Archer of Local 13. I met her at our Firecracker Classic this year. A very nice person.

Speaking of the Firecracker, the tent has been secured with Chris for next year's Classic.

Jan. 8th at Laura and Johnny's house will our January meeting.

Have you been seeing a green light thru out your neighborhood? It's Greenlite a Vet campaign to honor our Veterans. Change one light in a visible location in your home or office to green, and keep it glowing every day as symbol of support and appreciation of our veterans.

Until next month, later. Jim T

**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](mailto:mapalmer2@cougars.ccis.edu)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FORRLocal13/>**

Greetings from Local 13,

This year's toy run was a great success. I believe it is the biggest turnout I have seen in at least three years, and we have to owe that to the beautiful weather we have been having. We had the regular crowd, plus many more come out and support this great cause. Local 13 delivered a trailer full of toys and canned goods to the Mexico Help Center with Santa leading the way! Huge thanks go out to all who rode in the event and also those who served behind the scenes in making sure this went off without a hitch.

Our December meeting/Christmas party will be held at the Centralia Masonic Lodge on December 10th. Please come out to vote in our new officers for 2017. Turkey and ham will be provided. Bring a side dish and a gift if you would like to take part in our "white elephant" gift exchange. Aside from the December meeting, it was voted on to move our winter meetings to a new location. We want our local to be seen by as many possible in the community. In order to do this, we decided to hold the rest of our winter meetings at Brick City Buffet and Grill. Come on out, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy the company!

Melissa Palmer

Secretary L-13

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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/>**

Hello all,

Christmas is right around the corner and we all here at Local 14 want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We had a great turn out at our last pool tournament and would like to thank everyone that came out and participated and supported this fun event. Now I guess you would want to know the outcome or the winners, right? Too bad I forgot. No, I have it but did kind of a little. First place went to Lynne Adkins; second place went to David Voigts and third went to Bladen. Congratulations to you all and thank you for having a great evening with us. We may have another one next year before spring and again in September, who knows. Would also like to thank Side Pockets for letting us continue to have them there and good food and great people.

There isn't much to report on as we didn't have much of a meeting in October due to Doug Hilburn's mother passing away. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Hilburn family. Our elections will be held in

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November and I will give you the full details next time.

By the time you get this our Christmas Auction and Bake sale will be over or if not come join us at the VFW Post 3976 in Sugar Creek and help us with this wonderful event. It will be on December 3rd at around 5 pm. I hope to see many of you there and give a full account of it in the January newsletter.

That is about it for now and we hope everyone out there has a Wonderful Holiday season. Enjoy your family and friends and especially the younguns. See you all next year in 2017!

Down the road and movin' on,  
Smokin' Joe

**LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**

**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.**

**Call for information**

**Contact: 417-334-0291**

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

Merry Christmas everyone,

Tomorrow we gather for our 27th annual Branson Toy Run. To me this is what Christmas is all about, giving to others. I want to thank everyone ahead of time for coming out and showing love to the families in our community!

Last week was the Mid- South M.I.L.E seminar. We at L-15 were honored to have it here in Branson. There was a great turnout from the motorcycle rights world and everyone enjoyed the time together. A BIG SHOUT OUT to the following:

EMS Angels and Sunfest Market for sponsoring the lunch on Saturday. We appreciate you so much!

CLK Smoked meats for smoking the pork. Everyone agreed it was amazing!

CMA for the easy ups, bringing side dishes and serving.

ABATE of Kansas for the cooler full of beverages

And the following Locals that donated time as well as other essentials that made the weekend so successful. Locals 14,5,11,10,26,35, and 42

A huge round of applause to all the Local 15 members that spent their time insuring our guests had an enjoyable time here in Branson. It could not have been done without you!

The Scavenger Hunt that we had last month was a lot of fun. The list was "too hard" for some and they just enjoyed the scenery. To others it was a challenge to find the most creative object. We all laughed and had a great time together. Thanks to all who showed up.

Our next business meeting will be held at The Lone Star Steakhouse at 201 Wildwood drive in Branson. We will vote on officers that night. I urge everyone to come out and support our Local!

December 3rd is our annual Christmas party. It will be at the Honeysuckle Inn again this year. Scott Lancaster's Band will play for us that night. Dinner will be provided by Bill Kitchin and Branson Center Stage. More details will be decided at the Dec. meeting.

Our last BS meeting was at The Pirates Canyon in Lampe. We had a blast there. Please take time to ride out there and tell Kevin the owner hello. BTW, they have the best homemade Philly nachos that I have ever had!

That's all for now. Hope to see you soon,  
Lou





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**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com****Happy Thanksgiving Local 16**

Nothing new to report this month as we haven't had our local meeting as of yet and I have to get this in before the deadline. In 2 days we will have our Toy Run and local meeting. The weather is supposed to be very nice but cooling off just a bit. There is another Toy Run scheduled in Cape Girardeau for the same day and we will meet up with them somewhere along the route to form a bigger group.

Don't forget about the Christmas Dance we will be hosting at the Perryville VFW. This will be the last reminder. It will be on Dec. 2nd at 8 pm. Jimmy Lee Band will be playing and we will be giving away a Henry Silverboy rifle that evening.

We have got a few new items for the product line and will have them at the next couple events. Hope to see everyone sometime during the holidays. Stay safe if out riding in the cooler weather. Deer are crossing the highways and riding through leaves can get a bit tricky.

Dudely

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

Hello everyone,

October was a life changing month for me. My mother passed away the day after I got my first bike and motorcycle license, so this month's new letter is short. Well the clocks have turned back and it is just about holiday season, hope everyone is ready.

The Local 19 Toy Run was held on November 6th. Starting at North Park Complex and ending at The Salvation Army. We could not have asked the weather to be any better for a Missouri November day. A huge thanks goes out to all the Kirksville officials that escorted and blocked the roads that allowed the group of 47 bikes to safely go through town. Thanks goes out to Debbie, Nancy, Brenda, John and everyone else that helped to make the Toy Run a success.

There is a correction from last month's letter. It should have read that Joe gave the report from the CC meeting, sorry Joe, thanks to Fred for pointing it out. At this time the Auction will be held on Jan. 21, 2017.

On a very important note for the life of Local 19, we need officer nominees. At this point we need nominees for every position. The December meeting will be held on the 3rd at Action Cycle at 6 pm. For information on our next meeting or questions please call 660-988-1708.

That is all for now, until next time.

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/>**

Hello December

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that have or will be celebrating last month and this month.

I missed last month sorry the deadline came and went before I realized it. Life has been happening. I finally had my neck surgery and now the process of healing has started. I am not allowed to drive for at least 4 weeks or as long as 6 weeks. I will not be able to help decorate our spot

at the lake this year but am trusting that some of our members will help out and make the Local and organization proud.

We were suppose to have nominations for officers at our last meeting however there were not enough members at the meeting so we will try again at the December meeting. Our secretary will be moving away before her new term would expire so we need someone to please step up for the secretary position.

We will be concentrating on doing more traveling to other locals and their events this year instead of planning events at our local. Our Sierra Osage event will happen and we will combine our Toy & Food event with our Christmas party this will eliminate the need for a planning committee and expense of as much insurance. We will be putting in more effort in getting the attendance up at the meetings once this is accomplished we will begin to have more events however there will be rides and once a month ride and dines to help get everyone reacquainted and just have a good time being brothers and sisters. We also need to plan more trips to the capital during legislation session.

It is time for our local to restructure and I am looking forward to hearing from the membership with fresh ideas you can call, text, email or contact me on Face book there are no dumb ideas just ones I haven't heard yet. Mary Reeves and Gene Todd are also available.

That catches everything up from this end of the state so until next time.....

Keep it Between the Lines  
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20

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

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**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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/)**

Dear Brothers Sisters and Friends of South Central Local 22,  
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year.

We in Local 22 have been busy working with community outreach. This month we will wrapping up the year with supporting our Local AMVET Riders with their toy drive, as well as doing a float in the West Plains Christmas parade. We will be holding our elections at our Christmas party because of deadlines I will not be able to officially name officers until the next newsletter. I will take the time to thank everyone for their support and participation this year. Everyone has stepped up in one form or another. In anywhere from awareness events throughout the year. Volunteering with the Senior Center or simply helping clean up, loading and unloading everything before and after each meeting. Collecting Lottery tickets, planning routes, handing out flyers down to just attending meetings Sadly I lost a very proactive member this year and his memory will not be forgotten Rick Jewell was such a sweet soul. Through his loss we have grown together, each and every member is like the family we get to pick ourselves and it is honor to have you in our Local, thank you all for your continued support.

We would like to thank Bikers United for inviting us to two local Halloween events that has helped us to get The Freedom of Road Riders name out in our community. The first being the Haunting of the Hallows, we set up carnival games for the kids. We also gave prizes out to the winners, but everyone walked away with something, we handed out key chains, air fresheners and candy of course ☐. It was very successful, we had kids waiting in line to participate in the games. Giving us time to speak with their parents. We could have never pulled this off without the help of fellow members Jimmy and Shanda Housley along with their wonderful family. (When I say this I mean it whole heartily, this family is amazing) Three days later we attended The West Plains Trunk or Treat with the help of Sarah Holder, Billy Duncan, Bruce Womack, Darrell and Cindy Upton, Jimmy and Shanda Housley and their wonderful crew. We set up as another awareness outreach. Shaunda set us up for this event and made arrangements for next year, way to go girl. This time we wanted to break barriers that are associated with the biker image. So some of the guys in South Central Local 22 filled their saddlebags with candy and asked all of our little trick or treaters to remind their parents to watch for motorcycles. The expressions on their faces was nothing short of priceless. I think I can honestly speak for all those involved it was a really good night full of fun and laughs. I was on the sideline hoping we had enough candy to complete the event, which we did with 10 pieces to spare. I am telling you, I was holding my breath. There may or may not have been a unofficial "Who's bike do you like better?" contest going on....Darrell, Jimmy??? To be honest, I am still not sure who won that one. I am sure one of them will let me know. Overall we were able to walk away with the feeling that we may have changed the view of some through this outreach. We appreciate all of our members who were apart of these events and your dedication to helping promote and grow our Local has not gone unnoticed.

Last but not least, Congratulations to Jerry Housley Sr. and Debbie Davidson on your surprise engagement, we are so excited for you. Well done Jerry ☐

Until Next Time  
Live Life to the Fullest,  
Valerie "Windy" McDonnell

**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/>**

Greetings .

This last year has been a rough one here in the big STL.

Lets take 2017 in a new direction.

Let us focus on maintaining the members that we have.

If you have not been to a meeting in a while or if you are a new member come to the next meeting and see how you as a member in the big TWO FOUR can make a difference.

For those you have stuck with us over the last year your fire for this organization has warmed this old grey beards heart.

Lets start planning on the where, what and when this local wants to go in 2017.

2nd Tuuuuuueeeeeeeessdaaaayyy of the month we gather at 7:00 pm at VFW 4105, 410 Saint Francois, Mo. 63031.

Hope to see you there and bring a friend

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

Ralphie Parker

**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/>**

Hey y'all... Short, sweet, and to the point. I hope each and every one of you had a most awesome Thanksgiving.

Not much to report but Local 25 will be at St Charles Harley Davidson gift wrapping on November 27th, December 4th, 10th, 11th, and 18th. Please, please, please stop in and say hi.

I certainly hope everyone's election turned out the way you wanted. In FORR and The Nation.

Toy ride for Local 25 would have been Sunday the 6th with kickstands up at noon. So I am going to predict now that is was a success. Thanks to all who donated.

If you don't hear from me or see me before the New Year... MERRY CHRISTMAS...

And always remember.... Nobody cares that you can't dance... So get up and dance..

Peace my friends

**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>**

Another month is behind us and it appears it in the end of the official riding season. Not that there won't be days where we ride, but our planned rides are over for the year. We'll have to play it by ear for the rest of 2016. Nobody expected it to be 70 degrees for the ride on November 2nd, but it was. Even though it was dark before we got to the destination, it was still decent on the ride home.

October was a month with a bit of rain, but a lot of exceptionally warm weather. We had a good turnout for most of our Eat & Rides and even at the meeting. Our one rain date had a low turnout, but Friday's are always

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light during the school year, so it wasn't unexpected. Had to dodge a bit of farm equipment along the way, but we weren't troubled by much wildlife and I only saw a few deer in the distance. Very lucky this year.

Our Toy Run will be held on Nov. 6th. Hopefully the weather will be good and we can catch some wind and maybe find food or dessert along the way. Details next month, as it hasn't happened at the time of this writing and will be passed by the time you receive it. That's also the day Daylight Savings Time ends so it will be getting dark early from then on.

As winter approaches, I remind you to winterize your bike if you are planning on parking it for an extended length of time. Drain or condition your gas. Change your oil. You don't want it to sit all winter with grimy sludge on all the parts. Not to mention some of the impurities are corrosive. Now is also a good time to find sales on parts and tires for next year. If you get your new tires mounted and balanced during the winter, you don't have to worry about starting the spring with shallow tread and then waiting in line to replace them. Put your battery on a tender. Remember a tender and a charger are not the same. You can leave it on a tender, a charger will ruin the battery if you leave it connected. It's also a good time to put those goodies on your Christmas list. Installing new chrome, lights, and other shinies helps keep your mind off the cold and your lack of riding. Parked Motorcycle Syndrome (PMS) will rear its ugly head soon enough in the spring when it's almost warm enough to ride. When the roads are almost free of salt and sand. When the sun starts to shine during the day. I know I can expect a month or more where the only handlebars I'm going to be grabbing will be on my snow blower so I can get the car out of the driveway to go to work. Trust me, it's not the same.

Enjoy the weather while it lasts. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. May it be filled with food, family, and friends.

Safe Journeys,  
Harold

### **LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**

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

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

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### **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**

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Another year in the bag. Halloween bash was a success there was approximately 1100 come through the haunter village raising 2214.50 for the shrine hospital. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped set up, work it and tear down.

We have 120 and 24 at the meeting.

November Anniversaries

Deborah and Morgan Dowling

Congratulations on another year of wedded bliss!

November Birthdays

Emily Cox

Amanda McCombs

George Petty

David Preble

Ann Price

Jaime Roberts

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Sue Miller gave us a short review at the meeting of what is going on with the Freedom Rally committee. \*Ozark Mountain Daredevils were brought up for the band. Please if you have anyone That you think would work for the rally let us know. \*Wanting to have state match the advertisement budget. \*Have a sample patch to show the locals. \*Looking for ideas for the rally T-shirts. \*Price of the Rally will be going up \$30 for members \$35 for non-members, Saturday at 5 non-member price will be \$30, Sunday after 12 \$15 for MRO member, \*Working on getting new vendors at the rally

We had Elections for 2017

President	Eric Price
VP	Larry Hudspeth
Secretary	Mayra Preble
Newsletter	Mayra Preble
Product line	Vivian Hudspeth
Safety	"Spuds" William Boies
Membership	Ann Price
CC Rep	Merle Johnson
Treasure	Mayra Preble

We still have a lot of merchandise we want to get sold so we can bring in some new products. Vivian has dropped a lot of prices so please check it out

Door prizes announced Congratulations Steve. Larry, Anna, Eric and Spuds

Membership incentive winner: Ann Price (Membership)

Attendance incentive Missy McDowell

### **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/>**

As the riding season has come down to a slow crawl with a few days of nice weather and winter upon us I thought I would put a few tidbits of information that I have learned for winter storage of bikes.

I use WD40 to coat engine and frame areas to keep moisture and rust down. Give a good coat of wax over the rest. Use a breathable cover to allow for that moisture and condensation to escape. Make sure that brake fluids are topped off. I cant say that I like the fuel stabilizers such as Stabil. I thought it caused my engine to run too rough when I did get it out the next spring. Keep up on tire pressures for the cold weather.

As for our local, we are getting ready for a changing of the guard in our elections for local offices. I can only wish the best of luck to those coming in and know that all members are behind them. To the officers leaving their posts, Thank you for what you have done. Our Membership Incentive award was to Steve Williams and our Attendance Incentive went to Shirley McCormack who donated back to the local. Congrats and thank you.

As always, keep em shiny side up and stay safe  
Robert

### **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: Spits Place Hwy 63 Vichy, MO.****Even months: Traveling, check out "local 31 Rolla MO" on Facebook for the latest info.****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129****LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST****Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;****Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403****<https://www.facebook.com/FORRLocal33>**

This is my last attempt at writing an interesting news letter for this monthly publication, as I am, stepping down to give another service member and fun loving individual the chance to express her opinions and give light to Local 33's agenda. With that said lets move on.

October the 16th was Local traveling our 33's meeting at AM-VETS and as usual J.R. brought the meeting to order and preformed the proper protocol. Pat gave a warning about colder weather on the horizon with natures big game animals crossing our highways and by-ways, so heads up folks and dress properly. Larry gave an accounting of the last meetings minutes and they were approved. Donna gave an accounting on our financial status and both the Adopt a family and general fund are in good shape. Cowboy Roy, gave his CC Report, which was the shortest one yet. We have posters to put up to get our word out and Roy has the posters. The trivial B.S. with Lynn our state treasurer is over for now thank god. It takes only one **Toxic Member to destroy and entire organization.**

Allen and Marks report on the Freedom Rally was that it is on track and this years will be a little different. Like most of our planned agendas we still have to weed out the phrase **You can't do that!** We can pretty much do what we want, we just have to figure out the proper way to do it. Prior to closing our meeting, nominations were taken for next years officers. **The nominations are in so next meeting we vote on new officers.**

October the 29th was our local 33 Halloween Party, which was a great success due to Larry and Nancy who did all the decorations and gathered up prizes and held the costume contest. Great job you two! The band they hired was "The Gypsy Boys" who are a good band, but they didn't know how to play "I Put A Spell On You" or "The Monster Mash." They'll have till next year to get that perfected.

There were some pretty good costumes too. Nicole, who won the costume contest looked pretty hot in her witches costume, Karen was a beautiful Cleopatra and Nancy was a hot Vampire, but this one chick was ugly as hell, had a heavy 12 o'clock shadow, large out of place breasts and ugly enough to make a train take a dirt road.. This woman was all over the place trying to find a man. This broad was just plain scary looking. I cringe just thinking about her.

We had a drunk Werewolf, who kept saying he couldn't find his hole. He meant in his mask so he could drink his beer and there was also present Death or, the Grim Reaper. This reaper was evidently trying to get on the TV show "A thousand ways to die", because in his full costume he walked across our semi lit parking lot to a car that had broke down on a dark driveway with two stranded girls in the vehicle. We warned him he may get shot. He moved on to the car and tapped on the drivers window and gave a blood curdling scream. He then came back running and screaming, those girls are scarier looking than me and aren't wearing costumes. They must have been friends of the ugly woman at our party.

What's up for December?

**December 18th 1 pm @ AM-VETS.**

The 18th annual Adopt a Family Christmas Dinner. 1 pm at AM-Vets. Plenty of Food and all Members are welcome and bring a friend.

**Local 33 Meeting will be on the 11th of December @ 1 pm.** Short meeting and then off to shop for the families.

After that is Christmas and New Years Merry. So to everyone in the FORR Family **Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!**

My departure from this position would not be complete without one last Granny story so here it is.

I was riding behind Granny and her boyfriend on a ride one day, when all of a sudden I saw Granny jumping all over the back seat and flailing her arms under her butt and yelling. Her boyfriend pulls over and they both jump off the bike and start yelling at each other. I saw this same antic three more times during the ride. Bee's it had to be Bee's. Later on I was talking to her boyfriend who told me the real story. It seems Granny was trying to smoke a cigarette when her helmets visor came slamming down and guillotined the end of granny's cigarette off, sending the burning ember onto her chest down her stomach and then into her crotch sending her flying it a fit. He then showed me the burn notch in Granny's visor and the numerous burns in the seat. The more he talked the more upset he got. I've noticed recently a very familiar Red "T" handle on the side of his bike. It was obviously the pull hand for a military style fire extinguisher! Oh Granny, what next,

The Ed-itor



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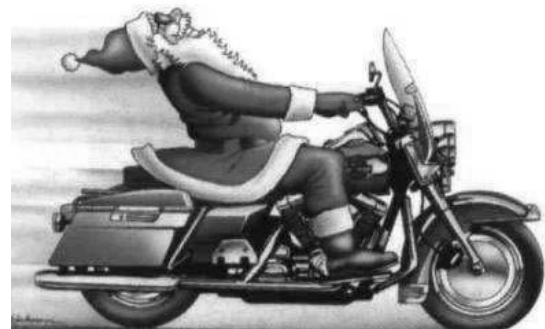
**Adopt-A-Family Christmas 2016**

Local 33, Freedom Of Road Riders®, is adopting area families at Christmas and need your help to be successful. We'll gladly accept toys, canned goods, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations. Donation boxes are located at AmVets in Knob Noster, Woods Supermarket and Pharmacy in Warrensburg.

Santa and helpers will deliver gifts on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 1 p.m.!

**FORR information:** [www.forr.net](http://www.forr.net) [www.forrlocal33.com](http://www.forrlocal33.com)  
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**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/>**

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone.

It's hard to believe it's November when the temperature right now is 66 degrees at 5:15 pm. Let's hope it keeps coming till at least March.

Not a lot going on at this time in the Golden Valley Area. We still have people riding but home before dark.

Local 35 has had a Give-A-way going to raise money for the Local. We will make a profit.

We have had two members dealing with strokes this last month, Cliff Moreland and Doug Cooper. Happy to say the last I heard, they're both doing quite well.

We will be having our traditional Christmas party and meeting this year December 17 at the Calhoun Colt Show building. Everyone is to bring a \$5.00 gift pertaining to male or female.

November is election time. I hope everyone got out and voted.

Everyone please make an extra attempt to attend our November meeting as Local 35 will be having our election of officers. Please don't be just a member show up and help us keep this great Local going in the right direction.

If you are riding please be extra careful as the horny deer are moving. Early morning and sunset is when they are most active and of course this is when your lights are least effective. Don't forget about all the dam leaves on the road, when they're wet they are as slick as ice. They love to hide on the inside of every curve and in every dip in the road.

Ride safe

Bob LM # 5960

**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 Local 41 how has this weather been treating you? Can't bitch about it because one more nice day means that we are one more day closer to spring. When it is this nice that is one more day to ride! The Local meeting was held on Thursday November 3rd and I will say if you missed it you were the only one! The meeting was well attended with 14 members present, 4 guest and of the guest one signed up. Thanks goes out to John Hahn for joining the group. The local discussed the Bike Show that has a tentative date of May 13th 2017 at McCorkel Park here in Cameron. Now on to more info about what has gone on. The toy

run was another great success this year. Once again we got together with Toys For Tots here in Cameron, which is pretty easy being that Roxy Fry is also a member of the local and the Chairperson of Toys For Tots here. A few of us went toy shopping the night before the toy run. If you can imagine a bunch of adults turning on every noise making toy in the toy section and then laughing about how annoying it is you have a good imagination. Well on to the toy run itself, we meet at McCorkel Park on Saturday November 5th at 11:00 am. We had 22 bodies and 9 bikes and around 200 different toys that will be added to all the other toys that the Toys For Tots will collect and then divided up in the local counties of Caldwell, Clinton, and DeKalb. Now that is just the toys. Santa was there also and all that he could say was that it was to warm for him and if we could get on the bikes and get some breeze. After a lunch break a few of us did just that. I myself put over 100 miles on the bike but had to cut it short because of a wedding. That Wedding belonged to Larry Griffey and Sarah McBee who are members of the local. It was a great ceremony. Let's wish them many happy years. With the elections being over lets hope that you voted. If you didn't, don't bitch! With the weather being so nice, I think I will go enjoy some of it. BYE STEVE G.

**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/>**

My people of 42,

Dedication, Communication, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Effort, Attention, Participation, Cooperation. Some major changes are on the way. Gonna shake this bitch up. Who's with me?

To be continued.....

**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE 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/>**


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**DISTRICT 1**

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

Hi District 1 there is not anything going on at this time other than I hope that you got out and voted! If you didn't vote you shouldn't bitch Steve

**DISTRICT 4**

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm  
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## More DoT Guidance Issued Relating to Cyber Security & Driverless Vehicles; Critics Voice Concerns

WASHINGTON, DC – Despite the year winding down, the Obama Administration continues to be active on issues that affect bikers, particularly within the U.S. Department of Transportation (DoT). As part of their latest effort to keep up

with rapidly developing car technology, this week the Agency issued proposed guidance for vehicle cybersecurity for automakers. This issue is closely related to the continued advancement of autonomous or “driverless” vehicles on the nation’s roadways. Motorcyclists have raised concerns that the technology and cybersecurity systems must have strong enough standards to ensure safety and security precautions and therefore eliminate any risks to motorcyclists who are likely to share the road with self-driving cars in the not so distance future.

According to the guidance issued this week, the Agency recommended that automakers and tech companies include multiple layers of protection in their designs and consider digital threats based on their level of risk. This is in an effort to address instances of hacking, an increasing concern not just limited to transportation. In recent weeks there was a massive internet outage experienced by many Americans caused by unknown hackers. The issue of the cybersecurity has also become a reoccurring theme in the U.S. elections; the Democratic National Committee was hacked by assailants likely in an effort to interfere with the upcoming election.

Clearly, the aforementioned instances demonstrate a vulnerability within the U.S. government’s ability to help protect against breaches and other security failures that can put motor vehicle safety at risk. As more and more automakers shift towards developing autonomous vehicles for use on the nation’s roadways, cybersecurity of these vehicles must be a key consideration for not just the drivers, but everyone on the road; including bikers.

### Criticism of Voluntary Guidance

Though DoT Secretary Anthony Foxx says ensuring the cybersecurity and protection of autonomous vehicles is a “top priority” for the Agency, lawmakers have said the guidance is not enough and that more needs to be done.

Democratic Senators Richard Blumenthal (Connecticut) and Ed Markey (Massachusetts) released a statement in response to Monday’s DoT announcement stating the following; “If modern day cars are computers on wheels, we need mandatory standards, not voluntary guidance, to ensure that our vehicles cannot be hacked and lives and information put in danger.”

Many motorcyclists would agree. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is currently in the process of filing official comments with the Agency reiterating this exact point. While emerging technology is generally positive, proper precautions and standards must be achieved in order to ensure the safety of all roadway users.

### Activity Across the Pond

Lawmakers across the European Union have also started to discuss the issue of autonomous vehicles and have been working with industry on how to build better standards for cybersecurity. Car safety checks, brakes and seatbelts have been regulated for decades, but cybersecurity on entertainment systems or GPS navigation have not been regulated in either Europe nor in the U.S. Instead, the common practice has been to let automakers come up with their own solutions instead of imposing regulatory requirements.

As autonomous vehicle technology develops, cybersecurity related to the control of these vehicles must be carefully and closely regulated to ensure all roadway users are safe.

For more information on the guidance including a copy of the policy and instructions to file comments; click on the link below: [http://www.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press-Releases/nhtsa\\_cybersecurity\\_best\\_practices\\_10242016](http://www.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press-Releases/nhtsa_cybersecurity_best_practices_10242016)



## Federal agency seeks comments on vehicle cybersecurity policy

On Oct. 28, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requested comments on its Cybersecurity Best Practices for Modern

Vehicles manual. The deadline to submit comments is Nov. 28.

The American Motorcyclist Association applauds the NHTSA for its effort, because this manual represents a sound first step in meeting a provision of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (i.e., Highway Bill) related to cybersecurity standards. It will help prevent hacking, spoofing and disruption of connected and automated transportation vehicles.

As an organization that represents motorcyclists who will share the road with vehicles using these technologies, safety is our utmost concern. Therefore, we support the NHTSA’s recommendations to automobile manufacturers. Specifically, “Allocating dedicated resources within the organization focused on researching, investigating, implementing, testing, and validating product cybersecurity measures and vulnerabilities.” (Emphasis added).

Since 2014, the AMA has been urging the U.S. Department of Transportation to test the security of vehicle-to-vehicle communications to ensure motorcyclists’ safety and privacy. If this manual is adopted, it will help ensure that vehicles using advanced crash-avoidance and vehicle-to-vehicle technologies are not compromised. A threat the Federal Bureau of Investigation warns is a real risk.

With vehicular intersections already a well-documented problem for motorcyclists, can you imagine the danger presented by a false sense of security among drivers who rely too heavily on advanced safety technologies? Drivers may believe these technologies will fully protect them, as well as other road users, and may not be prepared should these technologies malfunction at a critical juncture.

With the safety of motorcyclists the utmost priority of the AMA, we urge you to voice your opinion before Nov. 28.

## Federal agency to hold public meeting on automated vehicles

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is seeking your input on its proposal for automated vehicle policy during a public meeting on Nov. 10.

The meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on Nov. 10 at the U.S. General Services Administration, Regional Office Building, 301 Seventh St. SW (7th & D Streets), Washington, D.C., 20407.

A live webcast of the meeting will be available at [www.nhtsa.gov/AV](http://www.nhtsa.gov/AV).

Those who wish to participate or attend must register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/NHTSAFederalAutomatedVehiclePublicMeeting> by Nov. 8.

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3 Local 14 Independence Annual Christmas Party/Silent Auction & Bake Sale (816) 690-8557

18 Local 33 Highway 50 West 2016 Adopt-A-Family (816) 716-4350

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