



January (Only) Central Committee Changes!

Saturday (January 7th)

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Sunday (January 8th)

Central Committee Meeting

American Legion Post #5

1423 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City

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Notes From Katherine

COURT ALLOWS RAID ON RIDER ED FUNDS:

The Illinois Supreme Court may have opened the door for states to reallocate hundreds of millions of dollars from dedicated funding to balance their budgets. In a recent 6-to-1 decision, the state's high court upheld a prior circuit court ruling that backed the governor and Legislature's ability to take money from hundreds of special state funds to offset budgetary deficits, a practice commonly referred to as "sweeping". Motorcycle riders sued former Gov. Rod Blagojevich after he swept \$1.2 million from the Cycle Riders Safety Training Fund (CRSTF) to pay general state bills after a 2004 law passed by lawmakers allowed him to do so. A portion of the fee for an Illinois motorcycle license goes into the CRSTF, which ABATE of Illinois argued was only to be spent on motorcycle safety education. "Clearly, the fee charged by the state for motorcycle registration and licensing is state revenue, and therefore the portion of this state revenue which the General Assembly has allocated to the CRSTF is also public money," wrote Justice Anne Burke in the majority opinion. Burke rejected the ABATE lawyers' argument that the special fund was tantamount to a special trust fund. The state Supreme Court concluded that the legislature cannot create an irrevocable trust with public money because this would place an unconstitutional restraint upon the legislature's plenary power.

Sweeping special funds is a controversial way to deal with budget deficits, and although the court's ruling opens the door to more such sweeps, current Illinois Governor Pat Quinn opposes fund sweeps and has worked to end the practice...think our Governor will stand up for us??

Another discriminatory practice against motorcyclists that seems to be settling in as a "fair practice"...

Federal Judge Upholds Motorcycle ONLY Checkpoints in New York:

For the last two years motorcyclists have argued that motorcycle checkpoints were a form of profiling and violated their constitutional rights. A federal judge in New York disagreed. Judge Gary Sharpe ruled today that the motorcycle checkpoints in New York's main focus was to keep people safe and that they did not impede on anyone's constitutional freedoms. Sharpe wrote:

"The court concludes the checkpoints were enacted to promote motorcycle safety, a manifest public interest; they were effective in addressing this interest; and that any interference with individual liberties was not only minimal, but also grossly outweighed by the interest advanced." (Wait! Did I just read that right??!!??)

The interference with individual liberties was grossly outweighed by the interest advanced... - That's a dangerously fine line to walk. The Wall Street Journal reports that program, enacted in 2008, was centered around large motorcycle rallies in the state. Four motorcyclists sued NY State Troopers saying that the motorcycle checkpoints were a pretext to look for criminals and that they were intrusive and unfair to motorcyclists. Attorney Mitchell Proner said he would appeal the ruling. Proner said: (excellent statement, in my opinion...) "The intrusion on civil liberties is something that shouldn't be countenanced... It's obvious just from their own internal documents they're looking for criminal activity... The fact they didn't find crime doesn't mean that wasn't what they're fishing for. That just shows you've got law abiding citizens on motorcycles primarily being inconvenienced."

Here are some stats according to Sharpe's ruling:

- 5,342 motorcycles passed through 17 checkpoints in 2008...Authorities inspected 2,278 of those vehicles.
- They made four criminal arrests
- They issued 1,064 tickets: 365 for helmet violations; 99 for other safety violations; 600 for non-safety violations.

This can happen in Missouri if we are not vigilant! Those who expect to reap the blessing of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it!!

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Fox—State Legislative Coordinator, FORR, Inc.

MAJOR DATES FOR THE 2012 SESSION

JANUARY	4	General Assembly Convenes @ 12:00 PM
	16	NO SESSION
FEBRUARY	8	District 4 bus to the Capitol
MARCH	1	Last day to introduce Senate bills
	8	Last day to report Senate consent bill from committees
		Spring Break begins upon adjournment
	19	Spring break ends
	22	District 4 bus to the Capitol
APRIL	9	Easter Break - NO SESSION
	10	Easter Break ends
	12	Last day to report House consent bills from committees
	29	BUFR Run
MAY - Motorcycle Awareness Month	11	Appropriation bills must be truly agreed & finally passed
	18	SESSION ENDS @ 6:00 pm
SEPTEMBER	12	Veto Session

Central Committee Meeting #192
November 13, 2011

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 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, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Cashell, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson and Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Vice Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following Central Committee Representatives answered the roll call read by the Corporate Secretary:

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	71	1 Vote	ABSENT
South Kansas City	Local 05	61	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	125	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	45	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	133	2 Vote	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	135	2Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	37	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	49	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	70	1Vote*	Greg Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	21	1 Vote	ABSENT
Branson	Local 15	245	3Votes	Sky McWilliams
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	106	1 Vote	Doug Pfeiffer
Kirksville	Local 19	150	2 Votes	Derek Fowler
Dexter	Local 20	60	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	26	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
Lincoln County	Local 23	33	1 Vote	ABSENT excused
St. Louis	Local 24	83	1 Vote	Lynn Mathews
St. Peters	Local 25	58	1 Vote	Tony Shepherd
Maryville	Local 26	64	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	73	1 Vote	Jim Gerlt
Waynesville	Local 28	204	3 Votes	ABSENT
North Kansas City	Local 29	99	1 Vote	Rhonda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	65	1 Vote	Randall Owens
Rolla	Local 31	25	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	100	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	44	1 Vote	Ray Herron
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	34	1 Vote	Steve Gallas
Franklin County	Local 42	95	1 Vote	Mike Garner
Greater K.C.	Local 46	22	1 Vote	Dennis Stevenson
Members at Large	Local 00	74	0 Vote	
Total		2,407		November 1, 2011
Corporate Sponsors		10	0 Vote	

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

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

SECRETARY - Kathy Garver - Roll call of locals. Motion by Local 26 to approve minutes as published, 2nd Local 6, motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Membership report – total memberships processed September/October 87 new members 235 renewals, total membership as of November 1, 2011 2,407.

TREASURER – Dallas Chapman – General fund beginning balance \$10,528.44, ending balance \$13,078.42; PAC beginning balance \$17,653.69, ending balance \$10,422.99; Rider Education beginning balance \$13,227.85, ending balance \$9,362.87; Homecoming fund \$6,563.52, ending balance \$13,489.73; Freedom Park beginning balance \$6,800.05, ending balance \$7,885.05. Total transferred to PAC from Homecoming \$3,489.73.

Give a way – beginning balance \$6,040.83 ending \$4,000.00. Profit from event \$3,980.83.

Postcard mailing costs are going up in January to .32 cents. Postcards are used as membership expiration reminders. Discussion about using email reminders for those members that have email and postcards for those that do not. Some felt that a physical postcard is more likely to get a member to renew. General consensus is that we continue to use postcards. Next year's budget will include the increase in postage.

Donations – Local 12 pledge of \$1,500.00 Freedom Park, Local 6 \$1,000 Freedom Park, Local 16 \$500 PAC, \$200 Freedom Park, \$500 General Fund.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Martin King

Engineer of Freedom – Randy "Knobber" Garrison, Local 29

Jim Duyck is a former recipient of the Engineer of Freedom Award. He has retired his former vest and would like to either buy or receive another patch. Motion by Local 15, 2nd Local 6 to give Jim another patch. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Martin will bring one to the next meeting.

Homecoming – The committee has looked into a new format and location for the state fundraiser to try to get more outside individuals to attend the event and maybe to make it more family friendly. We have come up with an idea that the committee believes will fulfill the needs of the organization. Unfortunately this is a time sensitive issue if we want to proceed with a change for next year. Proposal that we change from the rally style format to a motorcycle/atv rodeo at the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia, MO. Presentation presented to the Central Committee regarding the details of the location, costs, sponsorship possibilities, etc. Motion by Local 25, 2nd Local 35 to proceed with this proposal contingent upon us being able to get out of our existing contract with the Shrine Club. Motion carries by show of hands with one opposed, Local 30.

Chairman Chapman indicated the Shrine Club has indicated in the past they have other people who are interested in Labor Day weekend. Concerns addressed regarding what if this new event doesn't work, will we be able to go back to Shrine Park or have to find another location, development of Freedom Park if we go away from rally format and other issues relating to proposed change. We won't know if this will work unless we try it. Best thing about this new location is that we will not have a large outlay of money to get started. We would pay small rental fee for arena each day and other costs will be based upon number of attendees. Vice Chairman King will contact Shrine Club and begin negotiations regarding contract cancellation.

FEW Seminar – Several members have indicated they would like to see the event changed to an officer training seminar. We are also looking at changing the date of the seminar. Discussion has been to move it to the January CC weekend or March CC weekend. We have also talked about doing a split officer training and educational training program. Drawing for the Local that will receive 20 buy one get one free entries into the next FEW Seminar for their donation to this year's FEW will be Local 24. Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 35 that we do this event again, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. The committee will start working on the next event. If you are interested in helping please come to the Saturday committee meeting. Thanked everyone that came to the event and everyone that helped get the event set up, torn down.

BUFR RUN – Georgia Haley – Sunday, April 29th is the date. Flyer will be available at the January committee meeting. This will be the Sunday following the MAY Rally. Bill Kempker stated that at the last meeting we asked for a meeting date to be set to discuss the date for next year's event. Georgia stated it was her understanding this event was suppose to be the weekend after the MAY Rally. These are two separate rallies designed to represent two separate issues. The MAY rally is solely for motorcycle safety and the BUFR rally is for all motorcycle legislative issues. Georgia asked that a committee meeting be held on Saturday prior to our CC meeting. Chairman Chapman indicated if we are going to do this on Saturday during our committee meetings that both ABATE and FORR will need to be present at this meeting so that both organizations can participate and make decisions about this event. Motion by Local 19 for a vote to decide whether FORR wants to continue to participate in the planning of this event, 2nd Local 46, vote by show of hands 6 in favor, 7 opposed. Roll call vote. 16 yes, 12 no, 1 abstain. Motion carries by roll call vote. FORR will therefore continue to work with ABATE for Missouri in coordinating the event. We need to put away what has happened in the past concerning this event and approach it with a whole new mindset to make the event what it was originally designed for: Bikers United for Rights.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Cashell. Katherine introduced our guest speaker Ms. Cynthia Davis, who is running for Lt Governor on the Constitution party ticket. She is from the O'Fallon area and has served in City government to State government as a State Representative. She has sponsored or co-sponsored the headlight modulation bill, and dead red bill for ABATE for Missouri. She presented an overview of her platform to the Central Committee representatives.

Katherine reported pre-filing of bills starts in December. She would like to file one bill to start out the legislative session. Last year there was a permit bill filed which would have stopped the revolving door motorcycle permits. However the bill that was filed last year did not contain language that we could agree with. We want a permit to be 6 months long with a max of two renewals. Katherine stated she located sponsors in House, Representative Johnson and Senate, Senator Brown for this type of a bill, as well as several co-sponsors. Motion by Local 8 to file this bill, 2nd Local 29, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. We have until March to file any other bills. She is proposing this bill because it puts FORR out in front on this legislation and also shows that we as a rights organization are concerned about improperly licensed/educated riders being on the roadway. Every license bureau already has information on the MMSP rider education program and they are making this information available to permit applicants. We really do not want to make participation in a rider education program mandatory, but we want to encourage individuals that have difficulty passing the test to take a rider education class. There are also several other issues that we will want to watch during the upcoming legislative session.

AMA – Tony Shepherd – www.AMAcycle.com. The AMA is closely watching the increase in ethanol fuel from 10% to 15%, Jim Sensenbrenner has requested testing of this new fuel compound on engines. They are also watching the seizure of rider education funds. Abate of Illinois sued the State of Illinois over the taking of rider ed funds, however they lost the lawsuit. Supreme Court said no one can designate specifically where funds are to be used. They are also working on off and on road sound ordinances. Most people are respectful of sound ordinances. The EPA has decided that motorcycles must have the EPA stamp on the exhaust as a way to address the noise issue. In several states if your bike's exhaust does not contain a visible EPA stamp you will be ticketed whether the bike is being operated at the time or parked on the side of the road. We need to police our own about the noise issues. Oregon had a truck and training bike trailer stolen. Several years ago we passed Clutch's law that increased penalties for those individuals that failed to yield the right of way and caused a serious accident. We have worked for the past couple of years to come up with a way to put more teeth into this failure to yield law by making motorcyclists a protected class. The problem with this is that many in the legislature sees this as penalizing the general public and they are unwilling to do this.

MRE – JR DeGraffenreid – JR asked Deanna Norris and Lynn Matthis to talk about their recent experience as a FORR delegates to Meeting of the Minds. Deanna thanked FORR for sending her. It gave her a great opportunity to talk with people from other states about what is going on in their state and how they are promoting Rider Awareness issues. She encouraged every local to send a representative to both MOTM and the Mid South MILE. Lynn Matthis reported she attended a seminar on Your Rights in a Traffic Stop, and learned that for the purposes of the equal protection clause motorcyclists are not a protected class and therefore not subjected to discrimination. She also attended a seminar on the Constitution and how this applies to the fight for motorcycle freedoms and attended a seminar on road captains, even though she has no intention of becoming a road captain it will allow her to share this information with her local. Sherman Packard from New Hampshire said that we have succeeded in pissing off the entire population through the noise issues and as a result of this, we are going to be facing some serious issues in the near future. She learned about putting ICE on your cell phone (in case of emergency contact). The police and emergency personnel are using this. In car put a note in your glovebox; on motorcycle put in right saddle bag, in house put in freezer. MRF A & E has a new awareness program out that is very graphic but very good. We have copies of this program and need to present it sometime in the near future.

JR has been communicating with a fellow motorcyclist in Great Britain. They are currently facing issues that would stop Britain's' motorcyclists from being able to work on their own bikes. A while back they faced an issue about the potential closure of an off road motorcycle park. They really didn't think it was a big deal, however when their Parliament took up the matter they added language that closed all off road parks.

Indiana beat a noise law. Massachusetts beat an EPA stamp bill. Abate of Wisconsin has a junior patriots program to encourage young members to get involved in the rights movement. They receive specific benefits designed to promote motorcycling and motorcycle rights to the youngsters. North Carolina passed legislation prohibiting motorcycle only checkpoints. Next year MOTM will be in Raleigh North Carolina. Kansas and Connecticut passed dead red. Snow tires in Quebec Canada you are required to have snow tires on your vehicle from December 15 – March 15. There are currently no motorcycle snow tires available. Texas defeated a sport bike bill. Jr attended a class at MOTM presented by Rod Taylor, the corporate attorney for ABATE of Indiana and Abate of Illinois, concerning release forms and how they apply to SMRO's. Bikers in the Beltway will be May 17, 2012. This year they visited 250 offices by walking the halls with Jeff Hennie and all the SMRO's that were in attendance. They firmly believe that this event and the people walking the halls is why the lead bill was passed into law shortly thereafter.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson. BRC – 21 classes scheduled, 3 cancellations. 211 students signed up with 190 passing. ERC – 6 classes scheduled, 5 canceled, 8 students passing. Trike instructor class has been rescheduled to April 9-12, 2012. Doug and Derek are signed up to take the class. Right now there are 14 people signed up for 6 spots. There will be two classes of two days each where they will need students to go through the program with the new instructors. If anyone is interested contact Doug to get signed up. One class will be Thursday and Friday another Saturday and Sunday. A couple of weeks ago the MMSP advisory committee had their semiannual meeting. A lot of things were discussed including the upcoming 3 wheeled class and license waivers for them. Question addressed concerning whether the Missouri motorcycle test was becoming more like the MSF BRC test. Doug stated the MSF did come to Missouri a while back and is working with the Highway Patrol to update their testing procedures. There will be new procedures put into place to make the BRC testing and the DOR testing more closely in line with each other. Thunder Roads

in June did a great article about FORR and our MAY Rally.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Norris. Deanna attended a class at MOTM about how to run for public office. We need to encourage our membership to consider getting involved by running for office at the local level. Local 5 sent her to the Mid South MILE. She distributed a lot of our awareness material at the event. Still waiting to hear whether we will receive any additional grant money. If so we will receive new materials to promote motorcycle awareness. If anyone has any ideas for awareness items, please submit the idea to her. They are also doing a new campaign of awareness signage on fuel pumps. One idea that has been presented is to have items focused at children and motorcycling, such as motorcycle related children's books, coloring books etc. Also look into local fire departments and whether they do an accident scene reconstruction program at the local high school. If so you may be able to do a motorcycle awareness presentation during that program.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne. A white bandana is now a part of the product line, they are \$5.00 each. If any local wants some please contact Shelly and she will get them to the local. Request that they have the website added to the design. Dog tags are now available with the winged wheel. New catalogs presented to all CC reps. Shelly is still working on the on-line program. Pocket mirror is a new item for the ladies, PVC key chains, porcelain Christmas ornament, pewter Christmas ornament, tie with winged wheel. She is working on some small affordable items as well as some higher cost quality items such as a heavy reflective coat. JR mailed out a sample calendar to all local CC reps. Shelly said she has received some emails and photographs from locals. She is hoping to be able to start printing on these by the middle of December so they can be available at the January CC meeting. Locals/Districts encouraged to include their main events in the calendar. Request that if it is cost efficient can we do a 14 month calendar. Jim Scheele stated that with his company a 32 page calendar would be the same as a 28 page. Legislative dates need to be in the calendar, including pertinent legislature dates, Demo days, etc. Shelly will send the information she has received to the officers for approval. If a local knows all of the event dates and knows for a fact they are going to do the event on that specific date they can submit the event for the calendar. Needing really nice bike/group pictures. Remember we want this calendar to be appealing to the general public that is not a part of our organization. We also need to know how many calendars each local wants to order. Remember this item is being done as a tool for locals to use in promoting new members, sponsors, sponsor thank you's etc.

Reminder that locals are encouraged to bring their local products to the CC meeting.

NEWSLETTER – Dallas Chapman. 1-800-309-7433 is the contact number for the general office. Bring feedback to the January meeting regarding the December newsletter. Newsletter advertising pricing is below the average for what other SMRO's are charging. A handout was presented regarding a proposed advertising increase of either 15%, 20% or 25%. CC reps asked to take this proposal back to the local and be prepared to discuss this at the January meeting. If the CC approves an increase it would take effect March 1st. Dallas stated she would like to see the 25% increase since there has not been an increase since 1996. Also reminded locals that they receive 20% back on all advertising sold by the local. This would also bring advertising costs back into line with the current corporate sponsorship costs.

WEBMASTER – Larry Scott was not able to attend the meeting. No issues addressed.

CHAIRMAN – Mark Chapman

Mid South MILE – Jim Scheele. Thanked everyone that attended the MILE this year. Missouri brought home the attendance award this year. Thank you to FORR for supporting the event, Local 10 for basket, Local 11, Local 30, Local 15, Local 27, Local 29, individuals Roy Hoard, Keifer York, JJ, Camie, Ella. As the Rep for FORR you cannot know the feeling of brotherhood that he received from the membership of FORR for all of their hard work during the event. If he asked for something it was done. We did a fantastic job of hosting the event. Next year it will be in Arkansas, probably in the Fayetteville area. Beginning in 2013 in Belgium you won't even be able to change chrome. When you take your bike in to be inspected the inspection station will have specific inspection books on every model of motorcycle manufactured. If your bike does not meet OEM specs it will not be passed. No dealer will take your bike in for trade in because they can't afford to put it back to OEM specs. Plus all the aftermarket shops will be put out of business.

In July Jim took over as the MILE Rep. JR asked for a motion from this body that through 2012 that Jim Scheele be appointed as the FORR Rep to the MILE, Motion by Local 30, 2nd Local 31 that Jim Scheele be appointed the FORR Rep to the MILE through 2012, Jim accepted the position, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

General Office – No issues addressed. Office Manager Chapman presented information regarding the location for the January CC meetings. The committee meetings on Saturday will be held at the Baymont Inn, 319 W Miller Street, in the Macy room. Sleeping rooms must be reserved by 12/23/11. If you call and they say the block is full call the General Office. The CC meeting will be held at the American Legion, 1423 Tanner Bridge Road in the Annex Room.

Give a way project – We made \$3,980.83 on the project.

Freedom Park – With the \$2,700 that was donated today we will be right at the \$10,000 mark.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections – Written ballots presented to all CC reps present. 23 approved, no disapproved. New cabinet elected. Chairman Martin King, Vice Chairman Skylar McWilliams, Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve "Staples" Comeau.

State Fair booth – Roy did not have any more information available. Price was \$768.00 for last year's event. The new price information will not come out until January. Roy will bring more information to the January CC meeting. If we decide to do this we are required to have a million dollar insurance policy and add the State Fair as an additional insured. Locals need to discuss this matter and be prepared to talk about whether their local would be interested in helping with this event. A couple of locals have discussed this matter and are interested in helping. We will have to man the booth the entire time the fair is open.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MRF has asked if Missouri is interested in hosting the 30th annual Meeting of the Minds in 2014 in the Kansas City area. If we decide to do this there will be expenses associated with hosting the event the same as when we did it in 2004. The MRF tries to keep MOTM in the central part of the US since they have regional conferences in the eastern and western states. They would like Missouri to host the 30th since the conference originally started in Missouri. Please take this back to your local and be prepared to discuss this at the January meeting.

Local 29 presented a certificate of appreciation to Mark Chapman for his years of service to the organization.

Local 16 is holding a give a way of a Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle. It will be given away the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Kathleen Duncan from Local 24 stated she was a part of Local 24 for 3 years and that out of hast she transferred to Local 25 a while back. She would like to move back to Local 24 and asked the CC to approve her transfer back to Local 24. Motion by Local 24 that Kathleen be allowed to transfer back to Local 24, 2nd Local 35, motion carries with one opposed. Secretary Garver will send a request to the General Office for this transfer to take place.

ABATE for Missouri – Helmet issue will be coming up. Michigan is working very hard on their helmet issue. Working on trying to put some teeth into the right of way law. Sound ordinances are coming up. Thanked Local 42 for their work on the road issues in their area.

Motion by Local 25 to adjourn the meeting, 2nd local 31, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

**Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting # 193
January 8, 2012– 10:00 a.m.**

**American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
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
 - i. Membership
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - ii. Homecoming
 - iii. FEW Seminar
 - iv. 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. Mid South MILE
 - ii. General Office
 - iii. Freedom Park
- III. Old Business
 - a. Advertising increase
 - b. 2014 MOTM
- IV. New Business
- V. Connections
 - a. District Chairmen
 - b. ABATE for Missouri

BUFR Meeting
Saturday January 8, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting
Saturday January 8, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday January 8, 2012 2:30 p.m.

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, January 8, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Membership Roundtable Discussion
Saturday, January 8, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday January 8, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday January 9, 2012 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 800-309-RIDE

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke – Free

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
Locals 1, 20 & 23

Reminder: The January committee meetings will be held at the Baymont Inn, 319 W Miller Street and the Central Committee meeting will be held at the American Legion, 1423 Tanner Bridge Road



With the coming of the new year will come some changes within FORR. A new cabinet will take office and with that some new ideas will be put on the table. Some of these new ideas will work and some won't. However we all know that nothing stays the same forever and for the most part change can be a positive thing if it's done for the right reason.

The new cabinet would like to invite all members of FORR to the knights of the round table membership discussion on Saturday prior to the Central Committee meeting. See agenda for more information.

We hope you will take the opportunity to come to the round table to talk about issues affecting you as a member of FORR, or your local, so that together we can ensure the protection and freedom of all of Missouri's motorcyclists.



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LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Melany 816-625-1006 or Dallas 816-690-4200



Hey everyone, and welcome to 2012!! That's right I'm still here serving as your newsletter writer, secretary and at the December meeting I should be voted to serve our local at district!! WOOT! While I'm thinking about the newsletter, the December issue was wonderfully done and I would like to thank Dallas Chapman for yet again, a job well done! As we venture into this new year as we have many years past, wondering what this year will hold, I send blessings to each of you for a year filled with prosperity in finances, friends, great health, laughter and rich memories. Take pictures!!

Local news: As I stated previously our elections were done in December and this is how the 2012 line-up should look: President: Rick Long, Vice President: Tracy Gore, Secretary/newsletter: Melany St. Denis, Treasurer: Dallas Chapman, CC Rep: Larry Scott, Dist/Leg rep: Melany St. Denis, PL: Mark Chapman, Co. PL: Larry Scott. I would at this time like to send my applause to the 2011 position holders for a great job!! Our meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 pm with the location on your reminder cards. Our January meeting will be held in Odessa, MO. at Walt Wiercinski's. Also, a minor correction to the December Newsletter: The January CC will NOT be held at its usual location. It will instead be held at The Baymont Inn in Jefferson City, MO. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

January Birthdays are: 14th: President, Rick Long, 22nd: yours truly, Melany St. Denis, 25th: Gary Hohensee..Happy Birthday boys! May your day fulfill every wish and be filled with good friends, making new memories.

January Events: The 14th is District 4's Crockpot Cook-off at VFW Post #1829, 5904 Crystal, KC. MO. 64119 from 6 pm- 12 am. 21st is Local 19's Annual auction and party at Shrine Club in Kirksville, MO. from 6 pm-12 am.

Until Next time I leave you with this: Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight - Anonymous

Love ya! Melany

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

We had officer elections for 2012 and our new officers are:

President -- Keith Cronin

Vice President -- Tony Morris

Secretary -- Amy Allmon

Treasurer -- Shirley Cronin

CC Rep -- Steve "Geezer" Hanzek.

District/Legislative Rep -- Susan Harris-Rohde

Sergeant at Arms -- Stuart "Hoss" North

Historian -- Erik Luplau

Newsletter -- Amy Allmon

Product Line -- Keith Cronin

The Legislative "Crockpot" Cook-off is January 14 to raise money for our Bus Ride to the Capital. Flyers are available on the website or give me a call I'll email it to you. There will be prizes available and you are not limited to chili. If you want to WOW us with ham

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& beans or stew, be creative.

If you would like to meet our local go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar or coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by e-mailing him: harleyfif@att.net.

On that note I will finally start those bios I have been hinting at and Doug "Angel" Cornett is first. He sent me some info and after reading I felt I could not improve or condense so here it is in its entirety.

My first time with the wind in my face was standing on the floor-board of a Cushman motor bike holding on to the handlebars for dear life age 8 courtesy of it's new owner. First vehicle a 1969 350 Honda Scrambler age 16 does anyone remember hill climbing in the parks, I did not own a car until years later. First Harley a brand new 1971 1000cc Iron-Head Sportster bought from Belton Harley for \$2400.00 (the price of a brand-new car), my Mother thought I'd lost my mind. She was "rode" everyday here in Missouri throughout Colorado & Wyoming in '76, to Sturgis in 1997 over the next 25 years. I will never sell her and she is being rebuilt for the last time and will outlast me.

In 2000, I added a 1200cc '95-Sporty to the stable to go to Sturgis again. When I married my lovely Wife "Spitfire" in '06 I added a '05 Dyna-Wide-Glide to the herd, I knew she was a keeper when she rode that '95 Sporty over 1600 miles without bitch'in! The big bike makes her more comfy and as we all know "if Momma ain't happy no one is gonna be!"

Being a Biker in 1969 or earlier was not looked upon as cool by the majority in fact it was just the opposite just like wearing your hair long could get you a free ass-kickin and a rusty knife haircut. My first experience was riding that 69 Honda down to Bagnell Dam flying a cut-off jean jacket with a Confederate flag on the back with my 50 year old buddy riding his chopped 305 Honda. About midpoint we stopped to get gas and use the bathroom but, we were informed that they did not service our kind. Back then it did not matter what you wore on your back, it was what you carried inside because being a Biker was a life-style choice not a fashion statement. We ALL stuck together, have each others backs, and gave respect when respect was given that is true Brotherhood! I have been a Biker for 42 years I am a Life-Member of FORR #1438, and a UMF'er since 1983.

For the last seven years I have had the honor of serving as FORR L-5's President south KCMO area. We continue to grow in numbers, have almost 50% meeting attendance and any and ALL this success is due to the individuals who make up this local, not mine! Bikers are the last real Americans left who can remember what American freedom was, many have fought to preserve it, and we always question authority! Bikers do not just bitch about a problem, WE do something about it that's why I became one, joined FORR, and will die one. May our Brotherhood come together as one again, united to defend our rights, Country, and our freedom to ride with the sun to our faces and the wind to your backs!

Congratulations to Cindy "Spitfire" Cornett whose birthday is January 14th, sorry sweetheart we can plan the big birthday party in Friday. I will even be the driver. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know.

If you have any info to include or suggestions for the newsletter just drop me a line aallmon@kc.rr.com or 816-536-1647.

Abide!

Amy Allmon

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

Local 6 has for the last several years adopted a needy family for Christmas. This year it is a family of three, a single mother and two small children. All the members have voted unanimously to help this family. Gaylen Jackson will be taking care of purchasing the groceries and supplies. He will be delivering the merchandise Christmas Eve Day. The name came from a list of needy families in St. Joseph.

The Toy Run was a State wide function and members of FORR participated in this event on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 5 and 6. Local 6, St. Joseph, MO has a man in a red suit know as Santa Claus that actually delivers presents to the children at the Noyes Home in St. Joseph, MO. There was a large group of children this year, larger than usual. We had 79 motorcycles to participate in the ride and roughly 85 people had lunch with the kids and presented the presents to them.

Little Caesar's Pizza donated pizzas to the home and to the people who participated. Little Caesar's Pizza, St. Joseph MO has donated pizzas to the home for 30 years.

Joyce Canfield has been the chauffeur for Santa on the Toy Run since 1995. She has done this for 16 years and Dan Harmon has been a great Santa for 30 years. Rain, shine, snow and complications have happened occasionally but we always get there and the kids are the reason for the ride. Dan and Joyce have always had a good time and enjoyed this every year. There have been some unforgettable moments during this time. Ron Canfield has a sidecar and has enjoyed giving kids rides to the Noyes Home and some of the kids are still talking about their rides. One little girl thinks that because Ron has long white hair that he is one of Santa's elves. We had nomination of officers at the last meeting. I would like to remind everyone that Local 6 meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 at the VFW on North 4th St.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan



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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's
1475 South Jefferson
Contact: 417-286-3845

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

Hope everybody had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New officers for 2012 are:

President Gary Bears
 Vice president Pete Wooden,
 Secretary Meredith Alexander
 Treasurer Glenda Ely
 Legislative Lane Shady, alt. Bob Ely
 Membership sec. Glenda Ely
 CC rep. Lane Shady, alt. Louise Reasoner
 Product line Diane Lyons,
 Historian Louise Reasoner
 Safety Carl Hanes
 Road cap. Wade Beers, Matt Kilson
 Sgt. arms Dennis Moss, Wade Beers, Diane Lyons, Meredith Alexander,
 District rep. Meredith Alexander, Lori Brown,
 alt. Julie Goedecke.

And our members that have renewed are Robert Dement, Kendra Hanes, Bob Reasoner 20 year member HURRAY, Louise Reasoner, Lane Shady. Also Charlie Windels is our other 20 year member HURRAY.

Also we have CABIN FEVER set for February 11, 2012 @ RUMORS SALOON. The name of the band is FINE LINE starts @ 9 PM- 1 AM.

Also we will have a get together for our 20 year members at Cabin Fever.

I sure will miss doing the newsletters but we have a new secretary that will be doing them hurray.

Mauricia

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Mortimer Kegley's (upstairs), 115 E High St, JCMO
(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)
Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or
Denise Taylor 573-353-4127

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Winter has hit which means there is not a lot going on right now. The next big event will be in February the "Leather & Lace" dance and I will get more information out there for the next Freedom Press, along with an event flyer.

Remember to keep checking the webpage for any and all upcoming events at www.forrlocal10.net. Click on the message forum, if you don't see it out there, post it! Also, if you are on Facebook, check out all of the events that get posted out there and check out the group Biker Friends... we have hooked up with some wonderful new friends by checking out these events. It is also good for spur of the moment rides... they will tell you when and where to meet for a scenic ride for the day.

Denise Taylor

taylor34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage
Contact: 417-793-4899



Hey there from Southwest Missouri,

Well, another year has come to a close and a New year has begun. Along with the flipping of your Calendar, comes some other changes. New officers have been elected and are as follows:

Mark A Capps: President/ CC Rep

Famous Mike Carter: VP

Ella McCoy: Treasurer/Membership

Kaime Johnson: Secretary

Don Maki: Legislative

Les Sanders: Editor

Travis Ritter: Safety/ Sgt At Arms

Kim Grunden: Historian

JJ: Product line

Rocky Artym: Alt. CC Rep.

Once again, the Southwest Missouri Rally is in its planning stage. Its not summer yet but it will be here before you know it. If you have any ideas or comments about the rally, Please let us know. We are accepting feedback of all sorts in effort to improve the rally.

L30's Leather and Lace is coming up soon. I would like to see continued on Page 12

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L11 make a Party out of this event as we have been known for in the past. so if you wanna come party with us. Let us know. so far, from my understanding its in the same location, and we plan on staying at the same Motel. 2012 looks to be a great year for some great times. Come Join us, Come Ride, Come Party, and Last but not least Come fight for your rights as a motorcyclist.

Til I see you again,

I am signing off and turning this Job as Editor over to your newly elected Editor, Les Sander

Ride Em Safe, Don't be afraid of a little rain.. Might as well wash it while riding anyway.

Mark A Capps

President/ CC Rep/ Editor

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodtman@yahoo.com for more information

Greetings again to all of our brothers and sisters out in FORRLand. Your friends at Local 12 would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. This month's letter will be short and sweet since there's not a lot going on at this time of year. One thing that is going on is that we are working on plans for the 2012 Firecracker Classic. It's very important that as many members as possible come to the next several meetings as we will be doing things like picking a location, setting up committees, and discussing events to have. We can't get your opinion if you're not at the meeting.

We held our annual Christmas Banquet and Party at Beckett's Restaurant and Bar Saturday night, November 26th and a great time was had by all who attended, including 16 members and special guests Boz and Jude. The evening started at 6:30 with Glasgow's annual Christmas Boat Parade, where Local people fix up their boats with Christmas decorations. There were some really spectacular rigs on display, much to the delight of the big crowd in town. After the parade, we had a short happy hour with lots of good conversation about the activities of the past year.

At 7:30 Nikki and her waitresses began serving the meal, starting with salad and then bringing out the main courses of steaks and pork chops. They did their usual fine job with the food and service and keeping our glasses full. I didn't get to stay late as Gloria was feeling a little under the weather but had a good visit with everyone while we were there. Bert and Jessica were also in the restaurant, fresh back from their delayed honeymoon in Hawaii. They rented a 2012 Heritage Softtail and said the riding was fantastic.

Congratulations to Boz and Jude on their new ride, an Evo Ultra Classic dresser. Boz got quite a deal on the bike and look for them to rack up a lot of miles on it next year. I know Jude will be digging that comfortable seat, tourpack, and stereo. One question, Boz; is the Tweety bike jealous of its' new stablemate?

We are having to change the location of our December 18th meeting to the building just south of the Brisket Wagon in Slater as Mexico Lindo in Marshall no longer has their bar open. It's a pity, that was a good quiet place for meetings. The building we are having it in is closed right now but John has arranged to get it for no charge and the water and heat are turned on. It's not hard to find, it's the brick building south of the Brisket Wagon just before you get to the railroad tracks on Broadway St. The meeting will start at 3 pm. One thing to remember is that we probably won't have chairs available there so you might want to bring one of your own. This will be the

nomination meeting for the 2012 officers so please try to make it.

The January meeting will be held back at the American Legion Hall in Slater on Heiler St. on the 29th at 3 pm. We will be electing our 2012 officers at this meeting so it's very important that as many members as possible attend.

Upcoming events:

Dec. 18th- Local 12 meeting, building just south of the

Brisket Wagon on Broadway St. in Slater, 3 pm

Jan. 29th, 2012- Local 12 meeting, Slater American Legion Hall on Heiler St., 3 pm

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

@ Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345

Hello Local 13

For those of you that missed the Christmas Party and meeting, I will fill you in on some of the details. First you have all new officers.

Pres. Greg (Halfbreed) Mullanix 573 -881-7410 or hlfbrd@centurytel.net

Vice Pres. Rock Palmer 573-489-9258 or rock.palmer@ymail.com

Treas. Marcia Marshall momarble@yahoo.com

Sec./ Membership Diana Swon 573-581-7152 or diana.swon@yahoo.com

C.C.Rep. Debbie Mullanix 573-881-7411 dmullanix@centurytel.net

Leg. Halfbreed

Safety Juan (Valdez) Holguin

Chaplin Andre Brown

You may not believe this but one fourth of our membership showed up and had a good time. Nobody went home on an empty belly or without having a good laugh, good food good friends what more can you ask for. We also got to congratulate the newest recipient of the Buck Stops here award (DOUG CLAWSON), You earned it Doug congratulations.

The membership set the date and location of the January meeting to be the third Sunday of the month 1/12/12 at Stacey's Place on Hwy. 54 at 3:00 pm. We thought we would try something different for a while and see how it works for you. We went ahead and set a few other dates as follows.

March 2nd and 3rd is Demo Days at Hannibal

March is also our 25th anniversary of Local 13 (something to be proud of).

Wonder Run will be held August 25th

Fallen Members Sept. 15th

Toy Run Nov. 3rd

There is a lot more and Diana will send it out in your monthly reminder letter.

I want to thank the members for the confidence and trust you have given me in the past and I will try to live up to it in the future. You know how to get ahold of me if you have a complaint or suggestion, so do not be a stranger. We are going to try and have BBQs this summer and the Family day event that some of liked in the past. So come out and see what is going to happen next, if you can dream it maybe we can do it.

Halfbreed

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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Hi, everyone,

I thought I ought to pass along some information. We have had our elections and now I can let everyone in on what transpired. Your new officers are as follows: Joe Widmer – President & CC Rep., Ron Keesee – Vice-president & treasurer, Carolyn Keesee – Secretary, Tricia Bernotas – Sgt. at Arms. We are still in need of a District Rep. so if you feel you can handle this position please come to the next meeting and let us know. If no one can step up we won't be represented at District. Because of the meeting time and place I and/or Ron cannot commit to attend.

Let's move on. We have nominated two families for the Christmas benefit, which we had the other night. We did pretty well despite the low turnout for the event. I believe everyone had a great time and we had a lot of nice items for auction. I would like to thank the following merchants for donations; Worth Harley-Davidson North, Blue Springs Harley-Davidson, Engle Motors, Donnell's Motorcycles, V's Italiano Ristorante, Papa Murphy's pizza, Knobtown Cycle, and the VFW Post 3976. If I have forgotten anyone I'm sorry and we here at Local 14 thank you. Our thanks go out to all the members who helped and everyone that showed up and gave their support to this wonderful event. I also need to thank our auctioneer's, Kenny and I'm drawing a blank on the other gentleman, sorry (I should have written it down).

Well we start a new year next month, or this month rather, and it will be interesting. Local 14 hopes to see many of you here and let's keep the train on the tracks. See you next time.

Down the road and movin' on,
Smokin' Joe

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

Last night we had our Annual Christmas Party. This year we had it at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson. I had never been there before, so I really didn't know to expect. We usually party at the Mid-night Rose, but as I have said in past news letters, Les and Cindy are always gracious but shouldn't need to be spending all their time serving us! So last night they played with no serving! The place was wall to wall people and Jack Hamilton, the man in charge was so sweet and just kept bringing in tables and chairs and seeing that everyone's needs were met. What a really cool guy Jack is. Dinner was amazing and everyone was fat and happy. After Dinner awards for volunteering was given. First 2011 Officers. We said goodbye, nice job to Tami McMinn, Bill Lloyd. Greg Yoder, Skyler McWilliams and Randy Stovall. You guys need a couple of years rest and partying for all the years and hard work and dedication.

At our local, we celebrate someone's work and dedication with a patch signifying them as an example of Leadership. Or maybe a person who can't say "No". It is the Ambassador Patch. Last night we welcomed Fred Zumwalt, Razor Back, Ron Jungbauer (my hubby) and me! If I forgot anyone I'm sorry, I didn't hear your name called because I was too busy smiling and remembers loved one's that have

received this award in the past and I was hugging my best friend. So I hope I'm forgiven. I guess we are at the Grown-up table now!

The party continued with 5th element rocking for several hours. We really had a great time. I loved the bar that was in a different room, because if you wanted to wonder, you went in there were it wasn't so loud and hung out with friends that was wanting to wonder around, and smoke, too. It was really a great time. Thank you for coming out and joining us. We would really love it if you came to the business or even the BS meetings. With our membership always around 250 -275 we could use some other voices on decisions.

We have not found another business meeting place yet. Until then we will be having our BS meeting at places considered as a potential meeting place. In Jan. we will be going to Montana Mike's Restaurant and Grill, on Hwy 248 in Branson. In Feb. we will be going to Time-Out on Hwy. 76 also in Branson. Remember the BS is always the 1st Monday of the month.

The Toy Run in Branson was a huge success! I believe I heard 250 bikes. Thank you all you amazing Bikers that come out to ALL the Toy Run in our wonderful State! You are very much loved!

We will start the year with our Annual Bike ride on New Years Day. I have only made one ride, because of the icy temps. but maybe this year we will get a break and do what we like doing, starting the New Year with friends and our knees in the breeze! We will meet at the Veterans Museum at 1 pm. Then we will ride to Midnight Rose and warm up with Chili. I also heard that will be Chili being served at the Rose on Jan. 28th. I love winter food! Yum!

So I think it's time I let you know who will be the Officers for 2012.....here you go-

NEW OFFICERS FOR LOCAL #15 YEAR 2012

President - Tracy Davis

Vice Pres - Bryan Crone

Membership Secretary - Cindy Morris

Recording Secretary - Danyelle Lawson

Local newsletter - Les Morris

State Newsletter - Lou Jungbauer

Treasurer - Ron Jungbauer

Safety Officer - Ben Alexander

CC Rep - Les Morris

Legislative Rep - Duane Harrison

Events Officer - Melvin Mears

Product Line - Vivian McClelland

Sergeant of Arms - Paul Jones

Chaplin - Fred Zumalt

So the last piece of info you will need is where the hell is the next Business meeting. Well if you would have showed up at the last one, you would know! Just kidding!!! It is at The Little Hacienda, next to the Imax Theater. Meeting starts at 7 pm. On Jan. 16th. Please come to start off the new year by helping your Local get the wheels rolling for another amazing year!

Take care and always love and respect each other.
Lou



Local News



Local 15 Toy Run



LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-768-2424

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR....and what a year it's promising to be. We're starting out with new attitudes, new faces and a new drive to accomplish what Freedom of Road Riders has always stood for; the protection of personal freedom.

As 2011 closed, we followed a very successful Toy Run with an equally successful Community Toy Drive. This is the 6th time Local 16 has set out barrels to collect items for a chosen charity in the Southeast Missouri area. This year the items were distributed by the Missouri 32nd Circuit Foster Adopt Parents Association which serves three of our surrounding counties. Despite the tough economic times we're all experiencing, the barrels were filled and the goal was met. Thank you to all who took the time to place the barrels, collect the items and insure this year's drive was a success. A special thank you to Black Diamond Harley-Davidson for the donation of a Harley-Davidson bicycle. You can bet there is a future rider out there having the time of their life.

Our final local meeting of the year was held before the start of the Christmas party at the West End Tavern in Frohna. We had two special guests this year, J.R. DeGraffenreid, our MRF representative and his wife, FORR corporate secretary, Kathy Garver.

J.R. took a minute to speak on pending legislation from around the country and the importance of our concern with what legislative trends in other states can have on the future of our right to ride in Missouri. We had many guests unaware of what the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was all about. Thank you to J.R. for sharing his knowledge and taking time from the Thanksgiving holiday to reaffirm what we already know, freedom is worth fighting for.

Kathy has achieved many honors during her involvement in the legislative front. She is firm in her goals and completely no nonsense

when it comes to personal freedom. She gives an incredible amount of time to the position of corporate secretary and has agreed to continue in this position throughout the next term.

The New Year will see a change in leadership for this organization. From Local 24, Steve "Staples" Comeau will take over the duties of treasurer. Skyler McWilliams, Local 15, will assume the duties of Vice-Chairman and our own Martin King has stepped up to the position of Chairman. These four individuals are facing many obstacles in the upcoming months. They are dedicated to bringing FORR back to its roots with a new focus on gaining as much input from all the locals in the hopes of presenting a strong, effective front when we re-enter the political arena during the next session. Latitude has become the mantra for these officers. Hopefully we can all share their vision for the future of this organization.

The Christmas Dance was enjoyed by all. Big Ticket provided the music and as always they made sure the party rocked.

We had the usual incentive drawing but this event was also when we did the much anticipated drawing for the grand prizes. The \$50 cash prize was awarded to Mike Pohlman, the \$100 Gift Certificate from Reis Meats was awarded to Frank Stoffregen and the Henry Golden Boy rifle went to Jeff Meyer. Congratulations to this year's winners and again, thank you to all who took the time to acquire the prizes, make and distribute the tickets. Without your hard work, none of this would be possible.

January 20, 2012 will be our next local meeting, at Bill's in Biehle. This will be the time for election of officers for the next year. After seeing the level of leadership from our present board, it's hard to imagine trying to fill their boots. Whether or not they chose to continue to lead this local, or step aside, I think I can safely speak for the entire membership when I say you've done a hell of a job!

So as not to get too lazy over the winter months, we also have a couple of upcoming events to put on the calendar. February 18, 2012 at the West End Tavern in Frohna, we will be holding the Broomstick Pool Tournament. The April Fools Dance will be March 31, 2012 at the D & K Trucking facility. Look for more details in the upcoming issues along with any additions of new gatherings. PS Special thanks to Local 15 for their hospitality...you put on a heck of a Christmas Party!

From the newest member of Local 16, wishing you all the best for the coming New Year!

Melanie

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: Meeting Day & Location Varies -

Check www.forr19.com

Contact: Pres. Steve King or

Secy./Treas., Susie King 660-665-8869

Happy New Year to everyone;

Hope all had a great Christmas and planning to Happy New Year.

Fun Run planned for Jan 1st. TANKER and Susie's Annual Freeze Your Buns Run at high noon on New Years Day. We'll ride 1 mile for every degree the temperature is at noon - then come back to their house for Hot Chili and refreshments as needed. Location is right across the Hwy from Nelson Maytag on North Business 63 in Kirksville.

Plans are all finalized for the 25th Annual Auction and Party, Jan 21st at the Shrine Club in Kirksville on South Business 63. Bring your auction items by any time after noon and we'll get things going at 6 pm with the auction itself followed by the Party/Dance with Jennifer Handling and Revolution from Iowa supplying the music. We plan

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on having a few special presentations during the Auctioneer breaks for some members and friends that have done some special things for us over the years.

This year is a major election year for Local, State and Federal offices. Keep your eyes and ears open to how the candidates view our issues. We can use this information to discuss and decide who we'd like to support this coming November.

Be sure an attend the local meetings and support your Local and it's new officers.

Be safe and warm,
TANKER

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagle's Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480

Hello Everyone

Another good meeting this time at the American Legion on PP hwy in Poplar Bluff. We had elections and the following is the results: **President:** Rob Reif, **V.P.** Mitch Dukes, **Secretary** Mona Morgan, **Treasurer:** Mindy Reif, **Web Master:** Mike Allen, **CC Rep:** Sherry Whitehead, **Newsletter Editor:** Mona Morgan, **Legislative Coordinator:** Mona Morgan, **Road Captains:** Jim Bilbry for Poplar Bluff area and Mitch Dukes for the Dexter area, Sgt at Arms TBA, Inside Guard TBA and last but not least **Face Book Editor:** Shon Mares. Thanks to our guest from the Legion Riders that supplied some information and tri-folds. We have our tentative schedule of events planned so be looking for more information on those later on.

Happy December Birthday to Randy Flowers, James Lee, Mary Reeves, Tony Hurt, Pete Niefert, Toby Slaughter, Nina Ott and Shon Mares. Be watching for a flyer about our Christmas party on the 17th of December at Ronnie's Viking Club in Gibson MO we will have our meeting before the party all members will be contacted for the time of the meeting.

A word about our Face Book page it will be viewable by the public and its purpose is to get our information out to all members and non-members about events and what FORR's purpose is along with contact information on how to join photos of our events will also be posted on the wall. It is set so that the general public can view the page however to post you must be a member of the Local this was suggested by Rhonda Hardin of the Legion Riders after trial and error in setting their page up. Please send a friend request to Shon Mares so she can make the page accessible to you.

Merry Christmas to everyone in our Local and our organization we are all looking forward to working together in the New Year and seeing an increase in membership. This is the season of Miracles I hope each of you receive one during the Christmas season. Until next time.....

Keep it between the lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L20

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

**Tattooed Lady, 181 Moscow Springs Plaza,
Moscow Mills, MO**

Contact: 636-366-9933

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

August meeting - Silver Saddle Restaurant & Lounge

Business 54 & Maple, Eldon, MO

Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

Hey Ya'll,

I hope yer havin' some Happy Holidays. Not much goin' on around here so I thought I might tell you a disturbing story about my brother Mort. I was out workin' in the yard the other day and I noticed my little brother Mort sneakin' out to the barn with a can of oil under his arm and since Mort doesn't ever actually work, I just thought it was strange so I went around the other side of the barn and peeked through the cracks and there he was, pourin' the oil all over our John Deere tractor just makin one heck of a mess, then he started rubbin' it all over it and makin all these wirrr noises while he was gently caressin' the poor thing and if that wasn't bad enough he started doin a "strip tease" in front of it. Well before it went any farther I ran around to the door and busted in and I said "Dang it Mort!! What the heck are you doin"? He looks at me with the strangest look ever and says "Hey! yer the one who told me that if I wanted Betty Lou to notice me that I was gonna haf to do somethin' sexy to a "tractor"! "

See ya in 2012!

Dan

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LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114

Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092

Happy New Year To All!

Local 24 is looking forward to a year full of fun and educational events. We want to give a HUGE Thank You to last years Officers for their service and dedication to our organization and local. We couldn't do it without each and everyone of you.

As we move forward into the new year our Cabinet for 2012 will be as follows:

President:	Bill "Treetop" Duncan
VP:	Robin "Newbee" Brown
Secretary:	Kerri Watt-Lewis
Treasurer:	Cathy "Cruiser" Blamy
Sgt at Arms:	Josh "Red" Coppedge
Events:	"Honda" Hank Blamy
CC/Legis:	Bill "Treetop" Duncan
Hist/News:	Sherry "Hippiechick" Schallert
Webmaster:	Jim "Mfer" Hoffman
AMA:	Steve "Staples" Comeau
Safety/RC:	Adam "Ratwinger" Brown

We have a great team that hopes to accomplish much and help spread the word of Freedom, Brotherhood, Education, and Safety and have a heck of a good time along that road.

Our membership has been growing and we are pleased to welcome Larry Mattox, Jeffrey Mormol, Chad "PC" Smith and Jim "Legs" Korte as new members to Local 24. Throughout this new year we have some great events planned and hope to see you all there. Mark your calendars now for fun with your friends, family and family!

February 8	Capital Days
February 18	Local 24 Mardi Gras Dance
March 22	Capital Days
April 15	Local 24 Blessing of the Bikes
April 24	MAY Rally
April 29	B.U.F.R. Run
May 12	Spring Feed My People Food Drive
June 16	Broadway B.A.R. Hop
July 7-8	Around the World in a Weekend Ride
August 26	Redneck Golf

See you all next month and until then, "When life throws you a curve, lean into it."

♥ Love and Peace ♥ Sherry "Hippiechick" Schallert



LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032



Hello all,

First things first, I made a typo in the December issue as to the date of our Christmas party. The date I put in was Dec. 11th when it should have been Dec. 10th. Thanks to Lynne Atkins, there was a local mailing going out for the month of December with the correct date in it. Thank you Lynne for saving me again !

If you are riding in this weather as a few of us insane bikers are, please take time to stop and check the air in your tires. Cold weather shrinks air and tires really tend to run very low on pressure. This causes a bike to be very heavy steering in the front end and can cause a bike to swerve in the ass end. Many needless accidents happen in winter months due to low tire pressure.

OK, the elections took place in November and we have our 2012 Officers...

President - Tom "Hitman" Heitman
Vice President and CC Rep - Mark Rolloff
Secretary and Treasurer - Lynne Atkins
Membership Sec. & Tres. asst. - Chris "Girlfriend" Heitman
Safety Officer- Susan Lockhart
Newsletter Editor - Dale "Rascal" Covington

Our monthly meeting will be January 15th. Hope to see you all there. Leather UP... & Rubber DOWN... and by all means if you see 2 tires and a 2 pair of boots sticking out of the snow bank ? Stop and help Mr. & Mrs. Rascal get up !!! LOL

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Merry Christmas...again, and Happy 2012!!!

We had an informal meeting at Movie Magic Nov. 29 and finalized the Holiday/Member appreciation party.

The "Spring Fever Fling" will be Feb. 11 at A&G's. Social hour 6-7, meal at 7 pm. We will have a silent auction and special events/games following the meal. RSVP by Jan. 31, 2012. If you have any donations for the silent auction, you can drop them off at Movie Magic or contact Roy Brown or myself (Jeanine Montgomery). Contact Warren Tate for any game ideas.

Next CC meeting will be Jan. 8

Next Local 26 meeting will be a Pot Luck at 6 pm, Jan. 17 at Movie Magic.

Get your RSVP's in and join the gang at A&G's.

Get well wishes to Janice Maxwell.

Happy Birthday to: Gary Carmichael

May the Hope of Christmas bring many blessings for you in 2012!

XO

Jeanine

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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Rivers Edge Bar & Grill, 1315 SW Pence Avenue

Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079

Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941 or

V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058



Howdy Boys & Girls,

The annual "State Wide Toy Run" netted over \$700 and a car load of toys. Not as good as last year but very nice indeed and will make a lot of kids happy. It was a little windy but the food was GREAT as usual, thanks to Rachel Rothmayer, Darla Burns and my brother Dirk!

We have 78 members thanks to added efforts by Bill Thornhill who received his hat for recruiting 10+

members.

Some events for next year are; keeping the 2nd Saturday "Freedom Rides" including Yancy's "Dam Ride" on the 2nd Saturday in May, Local 11 Rally, Roscoe Fun Run Rally, The Deaf Camp on May 26th, and having a yard-sale, in the spring as well as the fall, as fundraisers. Safety Cord Burrows talked about "breaking power" using both front and back brakes. Steve always has an interesting presentation and encourages every rider to take the Experienced Riders Course.

New Officers were elected by acclamation (no one ran against the nominees) at the November meeting. They take office at the short January 14th meeting before our annual "After Christmas Party" at Rivers Edge Bar and Grill. Details for the party will be announced at the December meeting and postcards will be sent out.

New officers are:

President – Bill "Madd Dawg" Thornhill

V.P. – Donny Martin

Secretary – Chris Ratliff

Treasurer – Lisa Johnson

Congratulations and good luck to the newbies in the coming year. We're hoping everyone has a Merry Christmas and a profitable New Year.

Sincerely, Cheryl Singleton, Secretary/Newsletter Editor and Thanks You to FORR for the reason we gather.



LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President 573-433-0047 - Vice President 573-433-0402 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

A driver was stuck in Washington D.C. in the worst traffic jam he had ever seen. Cars were stretched for miles in front of him. As he was sitting there, a young man approached his car and knocked on

the window. "What's the holdup?" the driver asked. "Well," said the young man, "it seems a group of terrorists has captured our entire Congress and are demanding a \$50,000,000 ransom or they will douse gasoline on them and light it. I'm going from car to car asking for donations." "Certainly I want to help," said the driver. "How much is everyone else donating?" The reply, "about one gallon each."

Our November meeting had 67 members and 6 guests. We welcome 2 new members, Edward and Barb Neal.

We had two prize drawings. The first was for roadside cleanup participation, and the winner of the \$50 prize was Debbie Johnson. The second was our monthly incentive drawing which was won by Jenifer Washburn. Jenifer lives in Waynesville, is married and has four children. She has been a member of Local 28 four years. Jenifer rode as a passenger for several years, but for the last two years has been riding her own bike. She rides a 2011 Vulcan Classic. Her longest ride so far was 225 miles, but says that will soon change. Besides riding, Jenifer likes reading and cooking. She is ex-military and served two years as a medic.

Our November meeting was also Officer Election night. Our officers for 2012 are:

Newsletter--Sue Miller

Product Line--Sheena Suskin

Membership--Manda McComb

Safety--Larry Wheeler

Secretary--Robbie Bradford

Treasurer--Sundae Morgan

CC Rep--Phil McComb

Vice President--Danny Gartin

President--Tommy Shaw

To all 2011 Officers, thank you for a job well done. To all 2012 officers, you got some pretty big shoes to fill, but I certainly believe you are up to the job.

Hey, don't forget new Year's Eve party December 31 at Pulaski County Shrine Club. There will be lots of good food and music, so come on let's party!

Remember, life may not be the party you hoped it would be but since you're here, you might as well dance.

Be safe and for the final time.....Joker out.

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HELLO FELLOW RIDERS/READERS:

PAST: The Christmas dinner at the VFW and the Christmas run was a fun time at the Duyck's home. We had a merry time!

PRESENT: Expiring: Chuck Ballew, Keith Goodman, and Sharon Jackson. Happy Birthday to Richard Kephart and Paul McCormack and all other members who have January birthdays! We will all be at The Alamo for our Freedom Rally meeting in Jan. all Local 29 members welcome! Congrats to Randy "Knobber" Garrison for receiving the Engineer of Freedom Reward! You deserve it!

FUTURE: A special hello to Damon Smith one of our youngest members out in Hawaii! We hope to see you this summer! Hope all had a safe and wonderful New Year's. Check next month's newsletter for our new officer's (and old) LOL!

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Cowboy Steve's Memoirs:

*Twas the night before Christmas
And in my shed all covered with ice
Came the sound of rolling thunder
It must be my new pipes
I put on my leathers and mom put on hers too.
And out on the highway we go for our
Christmas Eve cruise, down the road we go without a leak or a clatter
when all of a sudden a sleigh with red lights does appear, so I pull
over to the side and wonder what the heck's the matter
A jolly little man came up wearing a badge and gun & went right to
work asking for my license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.
I handed over all he asked and said what did I do wrong? Was I
going too fast?
No sir he said its not your speed concerns me but something way
more important instead.
I need to see if your helmet is DOT issue you have on your head
so I showed him my helmet and he said with a grin, we are fighting
to change this law so you won't be able to stop us again. His reply
came as he shook like a bowl full of jelly.
This law is here to stay and more on the way according to my studies.
Your pipes can be only so loud and your handle bars just so high.
Big Brother is working to make sure you kiss all your rights goodbye.
Tonight is just a warning of future things to come and I'll be stopping
as many of your brothers as possible before this night is done. And
back to his sleigh he went and as he road out of sight he stuck out
his head and shouted "If you plan
On riding and living free, you better
Keep up the fight"*

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Hello fellow riders! We had our Christian County Toy Run and did quite well. We had approximately 110 bikes to show up, even though it was very windy. The toys went to Least of These in Nixa and \$600 went to the Catholic Church Food Pantry in Billings. A thanks goes out to The Old Oasis bar and Carl Burky for letting us eat and hang out. We had a great time as usual and the food was wonderful! Thank you Mark and Lisa for making the junk soup. I think this should be a tradition that you will have to keep! Yes Curtiss, the chili was good too!!

We had our election at the November meeting and here are our new officers for 2012:

President: Mark Davis

Vice President: David VanLieu

Secretary: Regina VanLieu Congratulations!!!!

Treasurer: Eric Jenson

Newsletter Correspondent: Carolyn Taylor

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will have our New Year's Day Ride where we ride a mile for each degree of temperature. Let's hope for a great day!

Upcoming is our Leather & Lace Valentine's Dance on February 11, 2012. This will be at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center on Glenstone in Springfield. There will be a silent auction, drawings, appetizers (while they last), and a full bar! Oh, and don't forget the best part of all, live music by Kaps&Stems to dance to. Admission

is \$10 and doors will open at 7 pm. There will be a block of rooms if you would like to stay or another block of rooms at The Best Western across the street. Just remember to ask for the Leather & Lace rate for a discount.

Our January meeting will be at the new Buckingham's in Nixa (E. of Campbell on Hwy 14) the third Thursday at 7 pm. Come earlier if you want to eat! I'll definitely be there! See ya there, and until then have a safe and great Holiday!!

Cat

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Various locations

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or

Mike Adams 573-578-4239

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon

@ AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just east. of Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353



Things ended in October with some fun stuff like our local Halloween Party, which turned out a little disappointing due to poor attendance. So rumor has it we may not have one in 2012. That would be a shame folks, so let's get out and participate in local and district events. Our motorcycle rights are being challenged every day and if we don't stick together, we may just

go by the way of Sweden and the Netherlands next, no two wheel vehicles at all. Outlawed! We need to participate folks, in meetings and events and we need to plan way more political events to get the recognition we need to get this state shook up.

Another great event in October was the Mid-South Mile, which Bo, Roy, Donna and I attended down in Joplin Missouri. This little event was stock full of information for the motorcycle enthusiast and one great dinner. All four of us agreed it was well worth the money spent and the time. Every speaker whose class I attended was outstanding and presented some exceptional information and insight into how to get things accomplished at your state capital. These folks were not just giving out advice, but had already accomplished many legislative changes in their states, what they were instructing us to achieve in Missouri. In short folks it takes numbers and PARTICIPATION BY ALL and a large set of cojones to stand up and be recognized, to make the changes needed and protect our rights as motorcyclists.

November brought the F.E.W. seminar, which was attended by Donna, Randy, Debbie, Roy, Sam, JR. and Cathy and I, in Jefferson City on Saturday 12th of November. This was a well put together event with several great instructors and business professional speaking about everything from holding a great meeting to knowing your rights as a motorcyclist in a traffic stop. Donna and I found it very beneficial and planning to go again sometime.. It's kind of a good feeling to know what's going on legislatively and where the industry is heading before the rest of you folks know, should have been there. During the meeting the hardest working couple in the FORR and M.R.F. organizations of any other group that I know of, were finally recognized for their hard work and efforts to keep these organizations afloat. They were each given the Missouri State Flags that had flown over the capital from last year's two day event, where we all road buses to the capital to lobby our causes. Of course they got a nice plaque and letter and a new patch to add to their vests. Congratulations, J.R. and Cathy. I was personally nominated to the Greatest Writers Guild of the World Award, for my outstanding newsletters, but the committee swore they had lost the nomination. Yea, I'll bet, I sent it in 16 ti-m-e---never mind. Those two just PARTICIPATE in everything to get the job done for the rest of us porch sitters. I ain't sitting on the porch

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anymore, we have to all participate.

After the Mid-South mile, Bo, Donna and I rode around Joplin to survey the devastation. The tornado did and stupendous job in destroying not only the town of Joplin, but the lives of hundreds of people. If you are planning to go down that way soon, be advised that the winds have still not subsided. During our ride around Joplin I was hit by a large gust of wind and pushed over in front of Bo's bike, who was also hit by the swirling wind forcing him into the rear of my bike, breaking several pieces of safety chrome. The authorities told us that they hadn't had as much as a breeze since the tornado and found our story a bit faaab-ri-cated. Well I never! They explained it looked more like I failed to signal my right turn and cut in front of Bo who was following to close and clipped my bike in the process. Bo quickly pointed out to the officers, that it was an impossible scenario, since we had just left a safety seminar not eight hours prior and the information was still too fresh in our heads to have been that negligent. They scoffed. Yea, I screwed up. Thank goodness for curbs, I couldn't handle another ditch incident, which hurt like hell and for a long time too.

On Saturday November the 20th we had our monthly meeting and elected in some new officers to their posts. We also had a report on the Mid-south Miles and the F.E.W. from the individuals who attended and all sang praises of both events. Roy our C.C. Representative, gave his report on the last C.C. meeting and the majority of the members were both verbally and visibly upset with the legislative agenda for the year. Very disappointing in that the only two items before the legislation is permits reduced from 6 Month period of validation, to only 60 days and a helmet modification bill. We as lobbyists have more on the plate than those two items and one of those items punishes all bikers from having ample time to learn to ride. It takes longer than 60 days to become efficient at riding a motorcycle, since you're only doing it part time and with riding restrictions of when and where you can ride. The local voted and passed to send flowers to Jim, the owner of Am-Vets after his

eye surgery. Roy announced the Home Coming may switch locations from Buckhorn to Sedalia State Fair Grounds Camping site. This would pull a larger attendance from out of Kansas City and the surrounding area. There are over 1200 camp sites, showers, clean bathrooms and conveniently located, clean port -a-potties. For the 3 day event it would cost us for a non-electrical site=\$5.00 per night. If you want electricity or you have a trailer or RV it will cost you \$15.00 dollars a night. It will still be Labor Day weekend, with bands, drag races "dirt" and all of the old and totally new events.

NOTE: This is not confirmed as of yet, but is in the works and we should know for sure by January 2012.

The reluctant new officers for 2012

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Road Capt	Bo Smith
Asst. R.C Billy, Da Bear, Kenny Schneider,	
	Billy James
Historian	Betty Barr
Newsletter	Ed Carper
Sgt. @ Arms	Sarge

Planning meeting for the year will be held in Windsor @ big Jim's Sports Bar. If you want to join in, it is open to all. Help us plan next year's events. December 3rd at 12:00!

Granny has done it again folks. As you remember from my previous news letter, Granny was given a fishing reel and a T-Shirt to assist her in finding her way home at local 33 events. She was also given a cigarette-lighter that



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was attached to a suction cup on a retractable string to prevent her from losing or misplacing her lighter, which is a minute by minute occurrence. Well, she somehow managed to get the tip of the lighter so hot that when she went to let the lighter retract automatically, it flew down between her legs, burning her and catching her jeans on fire. She began jumping around and screaming, only to cause the flames to grow larger. Meanwhile, the lighter hanging on her waist was also on fire and then suddenly exploded, sending plastic shrapnel everywhere. I've always warned, that to be around Granny you need an army helmet and a flak-jacket, just to survive a short encounter. Folks when I saw the lighter in its melted and deformed state, it had charred fragments of jean, panties and what appeared to be burnt short hairs. Since I am mentioned in a frivolous law suit, because I provided the lighter in question, it seems her male companion is also suing me because of his incapability to perform his manly duties due to Grannies injuries in that particular region. I told you, didn't I? That old woman is a law suit waiting to happen and now it's come true. For Christ sake, what's next? Another Chicago Fire, San Francisco earth quake? Only time will tell.

Note: Ralph Nader and Underwriter Laboratory are still investigating this accident and as of yet have been unable to recreate this deadly scenario. Yea, Good luck with that one boys. The missing ingredient is Granny!

That's it for the first edition of the Old and Crusty on Bikes so stay tuned for what happens next to local 33

Hi-Ho Silver
The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m.
Location varies - please call for info
Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
or (Day) 660-885-5741

Happy New Year to All!!!! This is a big election year, be sure you are registered to vote where you live. Decisions made this year will impact us for some time. Don't just listen to the politicians, check voting records and talk to people who know the person personally if possible. Politicians are often good speakers but that don't make them good people - check them out. Spend some time on this, it's critical to your future and that of your children and grandchildren. GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!!! Speaking of elections, local 35 has new officers for 2012. President is Bob Hawkins, vice president is Pat Green, treasurer is Linda Hawkins and secretary is Linda Browning and I'm still doing the newsletter.

Local 35 is growing! We'd like to welcome new members Jennifer Mclean and Lora Griffitt. Our last meeting saw about a 40 percent attendance so we're excited and ready for what 2012 will bring.

Elaine Herron
Local 35

This month's quote is by my favorite founding father. Read it carefully for it is the true meaning of liberty.

"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will, within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law', because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual." Thomas Jefferson



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Member Profile

Billy & Sherry Harris

The month of January brings us a new year and old friends together for another year long adventure with the Old and the Crusty of Local 33. This month we profile Bill and Sherry Harris, two long time member of the local and involved whenever possible. Bill has been a long time rider, starting off with a Yamaha 360cc back in 1981, then on to a Honda 400cc 4 cylinders, then to a Sportster and finally into his Electra Glide, Classic with all the bells and whistles he's added himself. It's now a full dresser with a lot of safety chrome to protect Sherry from any injury, should there be mishaps. "He is so considerate." Get more chrome Billy!

Billy has worked for MFA distribution in Sedalia as a night supervisor for the past 27 years, because he claims, he couldn't find a real job as a brain surgeon in the local area, plus they didn't like the gasoline smell at the Hospital. Go figure! Sherry on the other hand works for Pro-Energy in Sedalia as an undercover agent for the FBI. OK, I lied; she works in the Security Dept. making sure no one steals any energy, that they're not authorized to have. (How the hell do you steal energy anyway?)

This couple loves to ride and has made several long bike trips to Texas, to visit family and one trip up to Milwaukee to visit the Harley plant during Harley's 105th anniversary. Billy mentioned he was a little disappointed, because Harley wasn't giving any cool stuff and the research and development department look as if it had been closed for years. (Settle down, I was just joking. Jeeessss! Touchy aren't we?)

They've ridden to San Antonio, Texas and walked along the river walk and even visited the Alamo, where Sherry said Billy made a scene when he was told we lost that battle to Mexico. (So much for schools in Sedalia) and over to little Sturgis in Kentucky. Had some fun and good rides with no problems with the scooter. That's what makes it fun folks, when you don't have problems with the bike.

Sherry pointed out that riding is great behind Bill, because she can twist his head in the direction she wants to go. Like over to the Casino's, bingo halls, down in the hood to the best crap games, Antique stores, Garage sales and antique malls. They both agreed that riding was great, but the grand kids are what it was really all about in life. They said, that besides riding, those grand kids are their first real priority right now and of course who can blame them for that one.

I personally don't have any grandchildren. One I'm way too young and second, I'm having doubts whether my son has figured out how to reproduce himself yet. The boys 40 now and a little slow on the uptake. Oh, and BTW Sherry has one more hobby she loves and that is she sells Sentsy Candles on the side. It's really not for profit, it's more like a way to meet the girls and have some extra spending money. My wife bought some of these candles and a particular fragrance called Hemp in autumn, didn't smell all that good, but man did I ever get the munchies and didn't feel like doing crap.

Well with all joking aside, Billy and Sherry Harris are really great folks and will always do anything to help a fellow biker or person. Now that you have been introduced, don't be shy and go talk to them and find out more. I know Donna and I are proud to call them Amigos. Oh crap, sorry Bill, still not over the Alamo thing yet, ha?

Signed
The Ed-itor



LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeaux Pizza

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

The Christmas Parade was a little windy. All our decorations kept blowing off, but we still managed to get third. Thanks to everyone involved, you know who you are.

Don't forget APRIL---PROCLAMATION RUN.---- MAY---DISTRICT RALLY-----JULY---BIKE SHOW.

I found out that our city is talking about putting parking meters around the square. Also they said it would be illegal to park more than one bike in a parking spot. After finding out that this was true I thought it was time to take a stand and be heard. I decided to go OCCUPY the square. I made me some signs, grabbed a chair and my small tent and away I went. I found what I thought was a good spot to OCCUPY. It was cold but I was on a mission. If they could do it in other cities then why couldn't it be done here. The first two days consisted of people driving by honking and yelling, but no one would help OCCUPY the square. Monday came and I was visited by the City Police, Highway Patrol, and the Sheriff Dept. They told me to leave or risk getting arrested. I decided to stay because what I was doing wasn't anything illegal. When they came back they had their mace and stun guns out. I wasn't leaving. To make a long story short I got arrested for resisting arrest and littering. They found a cig. butt on the ground. I had to go OCCUPY the jail house for a few hours. Was it worth it? I think so because the city decided to not pursue the parking meter issue and I'd like to think it was because of what I did. If one person can make a difference think what a whole group can do. I have to go OCCUPY the courtroom next month, but I think they are going to drop all charges. Making a stand is only way to be heard and that's why I belong to Freedom of Road Riders because we make a stand for what we believe and not afraid to be heard. My wife bought a new toilet brush for the bathroom. Call me old fashioned but I still prefer to use paper.

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Tex Garner 636-744-6609

Happy New Year Everyone,

Local 42 held their annual Toy Run Sunday November 6th. With Santa leading the pack on his Harley, the members took a ride around town ending at Pin Oak Creek RV Park in Villa Ridge where kids came and got their pictures taken with Santa and had hot chocolate and cookies. And even Santa had a surprise.....one of his Elves showed up and joined in the fun!

Elections were held at our November meeting and here are our results:

President Mike "TEX" Garner
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 Legislative Officer Cindy York
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We are looking forward to an Awesome year lead by our new President Mike "Tex" Garner and his Cabinet.

We would also like to Thank all the out-going cabinet for all their hard work this past year.

Ride Safe, ML&R
 Sue "Rebel" Sweet



LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

RG's Bar, 40 Hwy & Blue Ridge Cutoff, Independence

Contact: Kevin Olver 816-590-2344 or

Debbie Calliccoat 816-868-9369

DISTRICT 1

District 1 has started having their meetings every month now. It is the first Wednesday of every month at Breaduex Pizza in Cameron at 7:00 p.m. Plans are being made for the Proclamation Run in APRIL and District Rally in MAY. We have a place and have a band so all we need is for people to show up. Don't worry about the weather because it's going to be good. Looking forward to seeing the best turnout ever. Going to try some things that have never been done at a rally before. Come on out to Pony Express R.V. Park in Maysville on May 18th & 19th to see what they are. My grandson ran in front of a car chasing after a ball that went in the road. He's alright and I asked him if he learned any thing. He said yes PaPa next time I'll send my sister after it.. Enjoy your winter!!!!



The Electric Motorcycle Boom is Coming: Two-Wheel EV Transportation Sales Expected to Increase Dramatically

Reprinted from allaboutbikes.com

The electric motorcycle isn't given the respect it deserves. At the moment, these silent two wheel vehicles are simply an afterthought by most of the riding community. But that's going to change in the next few years. A new report from Pikes Research predicts that electric motorcycle sales are about to explode.

The rising cost of fuel, an improving public image, and government incentives are going to cause a boom in the motorcycle industry. Pikes Research predicts that motorcycle and scooter sales (including electric vehicles) will rise dramatically in Europe and North America over the next 6 years.

Pikes Research predicts that electric motorcycle sales in Europe will more than double in the next 6 years.

"For now, sales numbers are low, but manufacturers of two-wheeled electric vehicles are finding specialty niches that will provide solid growth early on in the next decade," says senior analyst Dave Hurst. "E-scooters, for example, are effective for small parcel deliveries, while police forces are gravitating toward e-motorcycles to save money on fuel."

China, currently the largest market for electric vehicles, will sell more than 15 million electric motorcycles in scooters by 2017 and total global sales will rise from 17 million in 2011 to 138 million by 2017.

Pikes Research examined market forces, technology issues, government incentives and regulations, and key drivers of the growth of e-motorcycles and e-scooters to create their report.

Do you agree with Pikes prediction? Are we at the beginning of an electric motorcycle boom?

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DISTRICT 4

Hey all you Freedom Lovers

Well here it is, my last submission as District 4 Activity Chairman. It has been a very fun ride and I want to thank all the district 4 members that have helped me along the way. I have been asked what I'm going to do now that I won't be Chairman anymore. And my response is, whatever the hell I want to!!! I'll still be around to keep an eye on things, I just won't have to run the show anymore. I might be the one who shows up late, or the one who leaves early, or maybe I won't show up at all. You just never know.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Ursula DeMoss for stepping up and taking over the Activity Chairman position. I know she will do a fantastic job and I hope that you all give her the support that she will need to keep the Freedom Train on the tracks and running smooth.

We had 33 people sign in for this years Toy run. About half of what we have been getting for the last five years. It really surprised me because this year was the best weather we have had in a long time. But we sure had a lot of toys and donations to give to the Sunshine Center. What a great bunch of people they have helping them, always very thankful and polite. Lets try and get more riders next year.

Don't forget to come to the "Crockpot Cookoff" on January 14th. It will be at the VFW Post 1829 (L-5) and start at 6 pm. I can't wait to see what kind of dishes show up for this, it ought to be a real good time with some real good food. And we need your money to pay for the bus trips to Jeff City. I might even bring some "Buck Balls" for you to try. I hope you all had a very joyful holiday and may all your wishes and expectations come true in the new year.

Keep Pushin On
Tim "Dragon" O'Connor
Member #7156

I am Amy Allmon from Local 5, South Kansas City and I will be the new Legislative Chairperson for District 4. I have been a FORR member for 5 years and have been the District Rep for Local 5 for two years. Just a reminder the Legislative "Crockpot" Cook-off is January 14 at VFW Post #1829. This is a fund raiser for our Bus Ride to Jefferson City on February 8 and March 22. I look forward to serving in this new role in the coming year. If you need info, given or received, give me a call (816)536-1647 or e-mail aallmon@kc.rr.com.

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Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Receives Award for Supporting Motorcyclists

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that ABATE of Wisconsin awarded Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner with its Certificate of Appreciation. The award goes to individuals who go above and beyond when it comes to protecting motorcyclists' rights. In years past, the award was reserved for ABATE members only; this is the first time it has ever been awarded to anyone outside the organization.

Sensenbrenner has redefined what it means to go "above and beyond." He has worked tirelessly to protect motorcyclists' rights on every front at the federal level for over 35 years. "Not only are the motorcyclists of Wisconsin in Mr. Sensenbrenner's debt, every motorcyclist in this country has benefitted from his steadfast support," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President Government Relations and

Public Affairs.

Representative Sensenbrenner has been the lead advocate for stopping motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints, supporting crash avoidance over safer crashing, and lately the ethanol fuel issue.

The MRF also commends ABATE of Wisconsin for fostering a model relationship with an elected official. This should be an example to everyone for developing a good working relationship with an elected official.

Congressman Sensenbrenner, upon receiving the award, said, "I want to thank ABATE of Wisconsin for their tireless work to raise awareness on issues that affect motorcyclists. I am honored to work with them to make their voices heard in Washington, and I look forward to continuing our efforts to reduce unnecessary and burdensome federal government regulations."

John Reblin, who presented the award, pointed out that, "Representative Sensenbrenner was chosen because of the support he has given motorcyclists throughout the years with his common sense approach with such things as HR 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles, and HR 904 which would prohibit the Federal DOT from providing grants or any other funds to another unit of government for motorcycle-only checkpoints."

The MRF joins ABATE of Wisconsin in recognizing the leadership and dedication of the Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner.



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MOTORCYCLISTS BEWARE: STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS

You might believe that your state has the worst drivers in the country, but a newly released report from Carinsurancecomparison.com ranked states according to their safety record to determine where the bad drivers live.

Five factors were considered when determining the rankings; fatalities per million miles traveled, drunken driving, the number of tickets issued, failure to obey traffic signals and carelessness, utilizing data compiled from the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration (driving fatalities), the National Motorist's Association (traffic tickets), and MADD (drunk drivers).

Here is their list of the 10 states with the worst drivers:

- #10) South Carolina - Ranked 48th for fatalities and 45th for obeying road signs.
- #9) Alabama - 46th for tickets. 42nd for fatalities. 41st for obeying road signs.
- #8) Montana - Highest ticket rate in the country. Also ranked 40th for carelessness.
- #7) Kentucky - 42nd for carelessness and 48th for drunk driving.
- #6) Arizona - Ranked poorly across the board.
- #5) Oklahoma - Lots of DUIs, fatal accidents, and traffic tickets.
- #4) Florida - Not as many drunk drivers... But Florida has more tickets than any other state.
- #3) Texas - Ranked pretty poor in all categories.
- #2) Missouri - Ranked in the bottom 10 for carelessness and DUIs.**
- #1) Louisiana - In the bottom 10 in all categories except failure to obey signs.

The safest driving state was Rhode Island, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

SPAIN FINES OVER HELMETLESS TOM HANKS POSTER

The Spanish distributor for the movie "Larry Crowne" was fined for a poster showing stars Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

Triptictures was given a traffic fine of 30,000 euros (\$41,500) for using the film's U.S. poster to promote the movie's overseas premiere because the government claimed it promoted reckless driving.

The distributor initially thought the ticket was a joke, but in 1985 Spain instituted a law that banned advertisements from promoting reckless driving. Fines are also given to celebrities if they promote the image of poor driving. One example came last year, when singer Shakira drove through Barcelona on a motorcycle without a helmet in one of her music videos.

ARIZONA MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS & THE "DEATH WOBBLE" OR "SPEED WOBBLE"

Some motorcycles may have a design defect that causes the bike to wobble at high speeds or during turns. The 'death wobble' or 'speed wobble' may have played a role in serious injuries and even deaths of some motorcycle riders.

November 11, 2011 /24-7PressRelease/ -- Experiencing a wobble while riding a motorcycle through the Arizona can be a life-threatening event. Referred to as the 'Harley wobble,' 'death wobble,' or 'speed wobble' by those who have experienced it, the front-end wobble or sway can cause a motorcycle driver to lose control of his or her bike in an instant. The problem, which has happened with Harley Davidsons as well as other motorcycles, typically occurs at high speeds or during a turn and is attributed by some to a manufacturing defect involving how the engine is attached to the bike frame.

The speed wobble has been described as a shaking or swaying in the front end of a motorcycle that can only be stopped by slowing down. It can cause a rider to be thrown from his or her motorcycle, resulting in road rash, cuts, broken bones, head injury and sometimes death.

Particularly with Harley Davidson motorcycles, the patented design that includes mounting the engine to the frame may be to blame for the wobble. The engine and transmission are rubber mounted to the frame and swingarm in some Harley models and some believe that these mounts cannot handle the torque that the engines generate, causing the motorcycles to malfunction or wobble.

Riders of Harley's Road King, Ultra Classic, Electra Glide and FLH series motorcycles have reported problems with the wobble and some injured motorcyclists have pursued the manufacturer for compensation for injuries

suffered in a wobble-related motorcycle accident. When the wobble happens during a ride, the only known solution is to let off the throttle. There are aftermarket kits available to fix the death wobble, but no change in the motorcycle design has been made by Harley, despite the number of motorcycle accidents and injuries that have been caused by the wobble.

Many law enforcement organizations use Harley Davidson motorcycles, but the problems with the machines caused some forces to reconsider. In 2002, Charles Paul, a Raleigh, N.C. police officer died after his Harley Electra Glide began to wobble, throwing him from his cycle. The California Highway Patrol decided not to use the motorcycles after seeing the bikes wobble in a test video.

Harley Davidson has maintained that the speed wobble is not caused by a defect in the design of the bike, but may be related to other factors, including driver skill, adherence to posted speed limits, addition of aftermarket parts or other reasons. The company noted other models of motorcycles wobble, as well.

'NO COLORS' RULE RESCINDED AT KENTUCKY EVENT

Following failed negotiations with Beech Bend Park near Bowling Green KY upon announcing they would no longer allow club colors of any kind at their All Harley Drags, the *Kentucky Motorcycle Association/KBA* called for a boycott of their events until this discriminatory policy was changed.

"After the word went out it is my understanding that several hundred phone calls went to the offices of Beech Bend Park," said *Jay Huber, President of KMA/KBA*. "As a result of those calls the management at Beech Bend has reversed its decision regarding NO COLORS at its events."

"The *KMA/KBA* along with the *Kentucky Confederation of Clubs* is committed to eliminating this type of discrimination as it hurts the entire biker community," said Huber, adding that his organization will post listings on their website of businesses that discriminate with regard to No-Colors and urge "that ALL bikers please refrain from using the services of any business that participates in this type of action."

PRINCE HARRY TAKES MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO LAS VEGAS

Hitting the tables in Las Vegas wasn't a big enough thrill for Prince Harry, so he went out and bought a Harley. Prince Harry was spotted cruising down the Arizona highways on a Harley-Davidson Softail Classic last weekend during a trip to Sin City.

The Daily Mail reports that Prince Harry and his entourage were driving to Las Vegas when they spotted a place to rent Harleys. Prince Harry hopped out, picked out his Harley, through on a helmet, and set off for Vegas.

A member at the Harley-Dealership in Scottsdale told the Daily Mail: "We are not allowed to say anything about Prince Harry being here. We've been sworn to secrecy. But he's seriously cool."



During the winter months we can all lose our edge when it comes to riding. Whether it is traffic signs or collision traps.

Go to msf-usa.org/rider_perception for a couple of presentations that will help keep you sharp and ready for the riding season.

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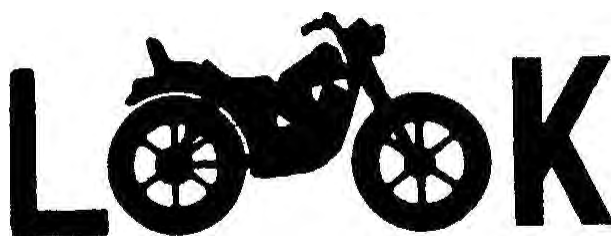
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14 District 4 Crockpot Cook off
816-536-1647 / 816-550-9591

21 Local 19 Kirksville Annual Auction & Party
660-665-8869

FEBRUARY

11 Local 30 Nixa Leather & Lace Valentine's Dance
417-234-6215 or 417-830-6900



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