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To All*



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A Good Night*

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Legislative News

Happy Holidays to all! I hope this finds you well and voted...I mean rested. To those who took the time to learn about their candidates and cared enough to vote, I salute you! "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few..." I stop to ponder those words and how it applies in many facets of life, or at least in mine. "Why am I the only one doing anything?" often crosses my mind. However, I came to the conclusion that almost all of us within the FORR family unit are do-ers; it is in our very being to DO, whatever it is that needs doing. We cannot give up now! We should consider it our obligation to stay united; it is essential we do not discriminate against each other. If it is that I see further, it's because I stand on the shoulder of giants. It is YOU; it is your footsteps I humbly walk in. We should have our agenda for the 1st Regular Session of 2011 ready for you by next newsletter; as always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions/concerns/comments/suggestions. This is a new year, and plan to attack it as such...

Again, Happy Holidays! Personally, my favorite has to be Thanksgiving...you cannot buy the wrong size thank you, the wrong color thank you; you cannot give too many or too few thank you's. All you have to do is be thankful!

With the best regards; respectfully submitted by Katherine Cashell—State Legislative Coordinator, FORR

Letters To The Editor

Back of the Bus

I first joined FORR in 1981 because of a law that I felt was discriminatory in that it forced motorcyclists to wear helmets. To date, that law has not been changed, mostly thanks to the notorious vetoes of two different governors that felt their personal feelings were more important than the will of the people.

We have had some victories since then. We have brought rider education to the riders of this state, mostly due to the hard work of FORR instructors and B.E.S.T. members. We passed Clutch's Law, to keep guilty drivers from getting off scott-free after maiming or killing motorcyclists. FORR has become a political force in this state. The politicians that laughed at us in '81 are now courting our support.

In spite of all this, though, we still suffer setbacks. This fall, one of the most discriminatory programs ever foisted on the American public has become an ugly reality. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in their efforts to protect us from ourselves, have initiated the Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstration Grant, a \$350,000 boondoggle that has an almost unlimited potential for blatant harassment.

In a nutshell, NHTSA is going to distribute this money to select police departments to initiate motorcycle checkpoints where riders can be stopped at any time at any place for safety checks and lectures on motorcycle safety. This program has already been tried in the state of New York at the Americade rally, where it has drawn an outcry from the riders involved and hurt the attendance at the rally.

Riders have been ticketed for non-stock mufflers, non-DOT helmets, handlebars too high, and a variety of nitpicky items that have little or nothing to do with motorcycle safety. Hundreds of riders have waited in line, overheating their motors and delaying

their journey to other places or back home.

Now try to imagine the effect this can have on us. Will your boss understand when you try to explain that you are late because you had to wait in line at a "safety check"? Will you be emptying your saddlebags alongside the road for inspection because some red-neck cop thinks you look like a bad guy? Will your bike be impounded if they decide it is unsafe?

What are you going to do about it? Are you going to join MRF and the AMA to try and reverse this trend? Are you going to call your Congressman and Senators? Are you going to do anything but bitch and whine about it?

I am at the stage of life where I try to keep things on an even keel and not let anger get the best of me, but folks, I have a case of the giant red-ass on this one. I'm tired of being discriminated against. I'm sick of my tax dollars being used to harass me. NHTSA and its' bureaucrats are taking the people of this country for one big long unpleasant and expensive ride and I, as a freedom loving biker, am sick of being told I must ride at the back of the bus. Be free (while you still can)

Smokey Strodtman
FORR #62

A letter of thanks to the Central Committee Corporate Officers and Cabinet

This year I got to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting Of The Minds in Peoria, Illinois. This was through the privilege of being chosen as one of the two FORR members to be compensated up to \$500.00 by FORR. I accomplished this feat by simply writing a letter to our State Legislative Coordinator, explaining why I thought I should attend. It was a tremendous honor to be one of Missouri's representatives at this prestigious and informative event.

People from all over the USA, Canada and the world attend this event, many for the first time and more as repeat attendees. Once you have attended, you realize the importance of such an event. As a motorcycling "family" we are all in this together.

There were general sessions filled with MRF general and financial information, legislative updates, awards' presentations and the ever informative and entertaining Slider Gilmore. Then the real meat and potatoes portion of this event began...the Break Out Sessions. In all there were a total of 12 sessions of which it is impossible to make them all, so you have the choice of selecting the ones that are applicable to your needs.

Intertwined with the "formal" parts of this event are also the "informal" side meetings held during the breaks, in the halls, the hospital room, the MRF fund raiser, cocktail hour, live and silent auction and of course the awards banquet. The weekend is capped off by a Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday morning and this year with a memorial ride.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to become a more informed motorcyclist but more importantly a more informed Freedom Of Road Rider.

Steve "STAPLES" Comeau
President, CC & Legislative Rep.
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Safety in Numbers

Bold New Motorcycling Research Holds Promise

By Bill Kresnak

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"Safe" doesn't just happen, And that goes double for motorcycle safety, The complex task of controlling a motorcycle in a traffic environment that's often unaware - and sometimes hostile toward motorcycles poses tricky safety challenges for riders, And for motorcycle safety researchers, achieving the goal of making riders safer can be even more elusive,

Fortunately, safety research aimed at motorcycles is enjoying a renaissance these days, with several studies under way or planned, All of them promise to offer new perspectives on how motorcycles and their riders interact with cars and their drivers in the real world ,

The reason behind the new wave of studies is as simple as it is sobering: until last year, there has been a steady, 10-year increase in motorcycling fatalities. (The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – NHTSA – reported on Sept. 9 that motorcycling fatalities in 2009 decreased for the first time in more than a decade, to 4,462 from 5,312 in 2008.)

While there has also been a corresponding increase in the number of riders and the number of miles ridden by motorcyclists, the spike has caught the attention of riders and lawmakers alike And there's a real need for updated crash -causation research,

Considered by many to be the most important effort is the federal government's \$3 million comprehensive study into the causes of motorcycle crashes, already under way at the Oklahoma Transportation Center (OTC) and being conducted by Oklahoma State University (OSU).

A team of on-scene researchers, working under the guidance of Professor Samir Ahmed, is Investigating hundreds of motorcycle crashes. The project IS the most extensive, in-depth crash causation study on the subject of motorcycle safety since the late-Professor Hugh. H. "Harry" Hurt now Motorcycle Hall of Famer, released his authoritative 'Hurt Report' in 1981.

In addition,, a host of significant studies are poised to *offer* further research into the subject of motorcycle safety.

In Maryland, researcher are studying whether rider safety training really saves lives, or whether plain-old seat time on a bike plays a bigger role in avoiding a crash.

In Oregon, researchers are focused on where riders look when they ride, and whether visual scanning skills can be learned - and what can be gained from them.

In Ohio, researchers are looking at crash data to see if different groups of motorcyclists - such as cruiser riders, sport bikers, tourers, etc. - do things that put them more at risk of crashing than other groups of motorcyclists so that safety messages can be tailored to particular groups of riders.

And in Virginia, a "naturalistic" study funded by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) will use video cameras and data-gathering devices to capture rider behavior in an attempt to see what riders do to avoid crashes and what they do wrong when they crash.

Commenting on the various research projects, Ed Moreland, AMA senior vice president for government relations, says: "We're encouraged that the motorcycling community is increasing the focus on crash prevention, and we are optimistic that the OSU research will be every bit as groundbreaking as the seminal work accomplished by Professor Hurt and his researchers 30 years ago.

"With these other studies coming online, as well, even more specific areas of the motorcycle safety picture will likely come into focus," he says.

The Federal Government's New Definitive Study

The \$3 million federal "Motorcycle Crash Causation Study" at OSU promises to offer the first far-reaching examination into the causes of motorcycle crashes in the United States in 30 years.

The study sends teams of researchers to the scenes of motorcycle crashes that police are actively investigating to gather extensive data, including information related to the driver when another vehicle is involved. Each in-depth investigation includes a detailed inspection of the motorcycle and its components, rider and passenger impact points on the bike, interviews with riders who crashed as well as riders who travel the same route who haven't crashed, examination of medical records and much, much, more.

"We will collect data on the riders, the motorcycles, the roadway, the environment including traffic conditions, weather, protective gear, if any, and we'll reconstruct the crash," says project leader Ahmed of the OSU School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

A recent pilot study hones the techniques that will be used in the larger study, with each crash inquiry expected to encompass as many as 60 hours of on-scene work, follow-up investigation and analysis. According to the pilot study – conducted by Westat, based in Rockville, Md., and Dynamic Science Inc., based in Anaheim, Calif., under the direction of NHTSA – it will cost about \$7,500 to completely and thoroughly probe each crash.

Ultimately, the OSU study will look at 300 crashes and is expected to take until October 2013 to complete. The study was funded in 2005 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under a \$2.8 million federal grant approved by Congress, along with more than \$125,000 committed by the AMA and its members. Since that time, seven state safety programs – New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas and Wisconsin – have pledged another \$710,000.

"We feel very good about it and we think it will be a good study, comprehensive, and it will answer most of the questions that address motorcycle crash causation," Ahmed says. He's confident that this new study will provide valuable insights, similar to the Hurt Report in 1981.

The outcome is focused on crash-prevention.

"Training is one of the aspects that we will collect information on, and through this motorcycle crash causation study, people will design training courses to introduce collision-avoidance procedures," Ahmed says. "So the results will help improve safety training, and at the end of the day, improve safety."

Moreland is pleased that a new thorough study into the causes of motorcycle crashes is finally under way.

"The AMA and its members have long advocated for, and supported, a new federal study into the causes of motorcycle crashes and motorcyclist fatalities, particularly in light of the evolving demographics of riders and drivers, changing traffic conditions and increasing technology," Moreland says. "An exhaustive motorcycle crash study is long overdue."

"There is certainly a lot more traffic – and distractions – now than when Professor Hurt and his team completed their research," Moreland adds. "SUVs didn't exist back then, and motorcycles have advanced light years in technology. The riding community is poised to learn a great deal from this new study."

Maryland's Motorcycle Files

Andy Krajewski, director of driver safety at the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, is excited about a new motorcycling safety program now under way in his state.

Thanks to a roughly \$300,000, three-year "Promising Practice" grant from the NHTSA, Krajewski began collecting information in March 2009 on every motorcyclist in the state – roughly 400,000 in all. And he hopes that researches analyzing that data will find trends that could lead to programs that make motorcycling safer.

Krajewski, who coordinated the state's motorcycle safety program from 1983 to 1998, is responsible for collecting the data. Under the new program, the state's Motor Vehicle Administration is able to track every Maryland motorcyclist who enrolls in and completes a rider training course, gets a motorcycle learner's permit, gets a motorcycle license, registers a motorcycle, gets a traffic ticket or is convicted of a traffic offense on a motorcycle, is involved in a motorcycle crash, or is injured or killed in one.

The information comes from rider training programs, motorcycling licensing and registration agencies, driving records, court records, accident reports and hospital reports.

"We're trying to get a big picture look at who is involved in motorcycling in Maryland and what is their experience," Krajewski says. "Maybe we can identify trends."

"Cambridge Systematics is looking at those with training and those who are untrained to see if training helps keep riders safe," he says. "We think it does, but does training help? Or is experience more important?"

Also, every year the data is sent to the National Study Center at the University of Maryland to be analyzed and look for trends.

Krajewski is hopeful that researchers will look beyond the data to try to find ways to make motorcycling safer.

"We did a random pull of vehicle registrations and found one individual who put 30,000 miles on a bike and one who put on more than 100,000 miles," Krajewski says. "We looked at citation and crash records, and they didn't show up."

"If we take another group, say one that completed training, and found speeding tickets and crashes, but we found someone who just went through licensing and didn't have a crash or citation – what's the difference? We can ask: 'What's your exposure? What do you do?'" he says.

Watching Eyes in Oregon

In Oregon, researchers have some theories about why motorcyclists crash, and they've launched a study to determine if what they perceive is actually true.

Called "Using Sight Distance Behavior to Improve Rider Safety," this investigation involves using a device that tracks a motorcyclist's eye movements while riding.

Researcher Terry Smith and his team at Dynamic Research Inc., wonder whether poor visual scanning contributes to crashes, whether scanning patterns are different between novice and experience drivers, and whether rider training can improve scanning patterns.

Researchers have already conducted a pilot study using five intermediate-to-advanced riders with Team Oregon, a recognized leader in motorcycle rider training and a clearinghouse for information and resources relating to riding and motorcycle safety.

The work was done using a Team Oregon cornering clinic on a closed course, as well as four Team Oregon instructors on a 15-mile rural and urban open road jaunt. The riders each wore a special pair of glasses with two small cameras attached, one looking at the view ahead of the rider, and another at the focus of the rider's eye, says Tem Oregon's Steve Garets. The cameras are linked to a laptop in the riders' backpacks to collect data.

"We want to find out what role the head and eye habits of motorcyclists have in their ability to perceive hazards," Garets says. "So many times in crashes, we see that everything is right in front of you. And as we learned from the Hurt Report, the key is in recognizing those hazards. And that's what we're looking at."

The key, he says, is on advancing the cause of rider safety.

"For years, the motorcycle safety industry has been treating skill development in the same manner, with an emphasis on physical skills – and we continue to have crashes, and the same kinds of crashes," Garets says.

"That says we're not hitting the core of the problem," he continues. "Our emphasis is not just on the physical skill, but the visual skill, and forming good judgment. Anyone who rides for a while will recognize the hazards and start to look for them. Someone new doesn't have that experience. The question is: How do we train that? With this study, we hope to learn some better ways to train for safety."

Analysis, Education and Enforcement in Ohio

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS) has a plan that it hopes will save motorcyclists' lives, and research being done by Assistant Professor William Schneider IV at the University of Akron may hold one of the keys.

Called "A Comprehensive Statistically Based Motorcycle Safety Plan: Analysis, Education and Enforcement for the State of Ohio," the program involves a three-pronged approach to making riders safer.

First, Schneider is crunching crash data from more than 24,000 motorcycle accidents in Ohio stretching back to 2004. And as more crashes happen, he plugs even more information into his computer.

He's looking at everything from whether alcohol or speeding was involved, to whether a car turned left in front of the motorcycle,

to whether the rider had a valid motorcycle endorsement, and more. In fact, there are about 60 different pieces of information that Schneider captures for each crash, and he can punch in as many as 200.

Then he analyzes the numbers.

"We're going past just looking at crash numbers and the initial cause of the crash," Schneider says. "We're using high-level statistical models to determine risky behaviors."

For example, even though the project has only been under way since October 2009, Schneider is already beginning to see some indications of risky behaviors, including alcohol use and speeding, and the results those behaviors have on riders.

Schneider is also looking at the types of motorcycles involved in the crashes – cruiser, sportbike, tourer, etc. – to try to determine whether some groups of riders exhibit risky behaviors that others don't.

The second prong of the safety project – education – involves taking the analysis of the data to the motorcycling community to share what has been learned.

For example, Schneider and Rick Beverley, a community law enforcement liaison at the Ohio DPS, plan to get the information out at motorcycle club meetings, bike nights and to other interested organizations.

"We are working with Safe Communities groups that can go out and spread the word," Schneider says. "We're not preaching. We're saying, 'These are the statistics. Now it's up to you to decide [how to act on them].'"

Adds Beverley: "This isn't magic. We want riders to be aware of the probabilities."

The third prong of the project involves enforcement – not only holding workshops with law enforcement officials to review existing Ohio motorcycle-related laws, but also to encourage officers who investigate crashes to dig deeper into what causes them.

"We talk about the difference between reporting and investigating," Schneider says. "We try to get them to go beyond 'failure to control' the bike. What caused the bike to crash? As they improve their investigation, our analysis is better."

A Naturalistic Study

What, exactly, do motorcyclists do when they ride? Do those who crash act differently?

Those are just two questions researchers hope to answer with a new study being funded by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). After first pledging funds for the Oklahoma crash-causation study, the MSF, withdrew that pledge to work with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) to conduct the "MSF Naturalistic Study of Motorcyclists."

In the study, researchers will equip motorcycles with video records and instrumentation to collect data, although they say it's too early to know how many motorcycles will be equipped and how the motorcyclists will be chosen.

Researchers say they will combine the data collection with interview with the riders to create a comprehensive picture of what the motorcyclists may have done, or not done, to avoid crashes and near-crashes.

Among the questions researchers hope to answer are:

- What are the differences in rider behavior and exposure when comparing riders who crash and riders who don't?
- What was the rider doing prior to the crash or near-crash?
- What environmental factors may have been involved?
- What can be done to help avoid crashes? For example, would collision-avoidance warning systems be useful?

The MSF said in a news release announcing the project earlier this year that this study method "reveals factors not detectable through crash investigation, creates its own controls by comparing the crash-involved rider to himself/herself at all other times, and permits quantification of rider performance and behavior in noncritical and critical riding."

The MSF added: "Using real-world data on the interaction of rider behavior and performance with roadway, environmental and vehicles factors, VTTI methodology provides flexible and accurate analysis of risk exposure. Quantification of rider behavior in both critical and non-critical riding allows the study of how crashes occur and how they are successfully avoided."

The naturalistic method and technology developed by VTTI was used in a 100-car study in 2005 that included 69 crashes and more than 750 near-crashes.

"We know of no other naturalistic study for motorcycles," says VTTI Director Tom Dingus. "We expect the study to be very valuable to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's work, since we also will examine where and how crash avoidance is successful."

The study, which could take up to 18 months to complete, is to begin next year.

Looking To The Future

They key to all this new research, notes the AMA's Moreland is that motorcyclists will soon have a greater understanding of the factors that make for safe riding. The next step will be applying these lessons in teaching materials and techniques in motorcycle safety – with the aim of preventing crashes from occurring in the first place.

"It's encouraging for riders to know that dedicated researchers are undertaking a variety of studies around the nation that will add to the body of knowledge to help find ways to make motorcycling safer," Moreland says. "Each offers its own window into part of the equation."

The Oklahoma study, with its in-depth, on-scene crash analysis, remains the most comprehensive of these studies, and has the potential to be extremely useful.

"Having people on-site, evaluating actual crashes, will be tremendously valuable," Moreland says. "This level of research will bring us forward 30 years. This can make a real difference,"



Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

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

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200

Hello one and all!

Fall has fallen and Winter is on it's way....

Not much to say about the fall colors. After the last little rain storm and the winds that came with it didn't leave much to look at... such a shame.

The Halloween party went really well this year. Lots of 'spooky' to go around! (a lot of apple pie & jello shots too!) Here's a weird one but a good one. Mix Crown & Butter shots, WOW! Got to keep and eye out on those snake gourds though, they can be dangerous. Our forest ghost, Mr O'Reily was present to freak all of us out. The grown up hay ride was too much to handle - we lost a couple of folks off the back of the trailer and thought that Mr. O'Reily had something to do with it.... Nah!

Our last meeting went real well at the Hilburn's. We've been trying to change things around a bit to strike up some interest in the meetings. Seems to be working a little. We gave our yearly donation to the District for the kids Christmas party. It's always appreciated. The district will be having a chili cook off on January 29th. It should prove to be a goood time! Had an informal nomination session for the 2011 Local 1 officers... I will let you know how it all turns out in the next issue!

Congrats to Mark & Dallas for becoming 'Life' members of FORR.

Don't FORGET - there will be a T-shirt auction at Decembers meeting - GOTTA BE THERE!

So much to do but sooo little time. I hope all of you have a wonderful & safe holiday season. Maybe see you at Local 14's Christmas Auction on the 4th of December??? (it's always suuuuuch a good time!)

In closing as I always say - have a good one, then have another!

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor
#7157

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LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

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Election Day was November 2nd I hope you took the time to cast your vote. The Holidays are upon us and we have many events planned for the District and Locals. Be sure to check the schedule of events and join in. District 4 Kids Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 11, check with Rebecca Sutton if you can lend a hand.

Congratulations to everyone with birthdays in December: Amy Allmon - 1st, Rebecca Sutton - 6th, Susan Cook - 24th, Dan Tarwater - 27th. 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 let 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: We don't have much going on at this time

The nominations for the upcoming new officers election for year 2011. Hope to see you folks at the Dec. meeting to cast your vote.

One our Members Mark Wheat of Local 6 has pass away on Oct. 29, 2010, and now he is in hands of the good lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Denise.

Dan and Jimbo saw a lady at the VFW take Shakey's jacket out the front door, Shakey ran out front door to catch the lady but no lady was found so went back in side, Dan and Jimbo started laughing so hard and I turn around look at a chair there was his jacket hanging on back of the chair. HA HA dirty prank.

Keep it between lines and have safe ride until we meet again
Nose To The Wind Ride Safe
(Shakey)

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's

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Happy Holidays Local 8!!

A big THANK YOU, to everyone who joined us for our Toy Run today. Wow what a fabulous day it was. Great job Local 8 for, once again, going above and beyond in the efforts to make Christmas special for the children!!!

Along with the Toy Run, we opened officer nominations today, but remember the nominations for office remain open until our December meeting.

So far the following people have been nominated for the following offices.

President: Gary Bears

Vice President: Leo "Pete" Wooden & Kris Critten

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 Alt: Rob Reasoner & Bob Ely
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 Safety Instructor: Carl Hanes

Our December meeting and officer elections will be held on December 5. We will have a noon meeting, following our meeting will be our annual appreciation dinner. The local will provide the meat, members are asked to provide a side item.

Another important date to mark on your calendar is February 12, CABIN FEVER!!

At this time this is all I've got!! I hope you all have a fabulous safe holiday season!!

Until Next Time ~ Keep Smilin ~ Glenda!

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. (Summer months - 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.) Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr.

Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127

Even with the bad economy, and people struggling with hard times the Barrel Day collection of Toys for Tots went well! We had a big turnout show up later that evening at "The Spot" in Jefferson City of FORR Local 10 members to show their support and raise more money for this event. In conjunction with the Halloween Costume Contest happening at The Spot, a good time was had by all!

Now if we get even half of the turnout that showed up last year, show up this year for the Toy Run that will put the icing on the cake!

I trust everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day with family, friends and of course good food! We will be having our annual Christmas Party sometime in December, not sure on the date as of yet. I will keep everyone posted as I get more information. I wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Our next big event will be the Leather & Lace dance in February. Location to be determined at a later date.

Keep checking the webpage for any and all upcoming events at www.forrlocal10.net. Click on the message forum, I try to keep it updated as much as I can.

Denise Taylor
 taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m. Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899

Holiday Cheer from Southwest Missouri,

Well, here we are in the month of December, Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas season has officially begun. Always remember those in need, now more than ever during this season. Take a look around, people are in need everywhere you look, most will not say anything, and hide behind a wall of pride. Never do things for a person to pat yourself on the back, Never do things to break the pride of someone else, and Never embarrass a person by gloating on your "good deed", All this does is hurt the person you help. These are important things to remember when offering charity, Do it for the sake of brotherhood and humanity.

I do hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, enjoyed the food, company of friends and family, brothers and sisters, and reconnect with old friends. Being thankful for everything around you, the love and respect over the past year, the goals accomplished and the lessons learned.

A new year is just around the corner, what have you in mind for this upcoming year? Are you thinking positive goals? Are you thinking commitments? Are you thinking change? Think about all the things that didn't go your way this year, what can you do to improve that?

The local has some new goals, always room for improvement. I hope the Newly elected officers have a goal in mind for the Local, and take the offices seriously. The Local is not about any one person, but as the group and brotherhood as a whole. Never in the interest of a single person, always in the interest of the entire Local. Although we may not always agree on everything, a compromise is what's best for the local. If you do not agree on something voted on, Do not get upset because it wasn't in your favor, Again, never personal, always in the interest of the Entire Local.

Mentioning the officers, I will post a list of the new officers in the January newsletter, and anyone will be able to contact them from our FORR L11 group page on Facebook. Watch for the updates on that.

I know its just December, however, we need to start thinking about the Southwest Missouri Rally 2011, which should be in July, an event of this magnitude does not happen overnight. It takes months of planning, One thing I know we are interested in changing for the upcoming year is the Band lineup, Do you know of some good bands? Let us know, who would you like to see come play? Let us know and we will check into it.. If we get a lineup settled before we make the flyers, we will advertise the bands on it, so the quicker we get that settled the better... we need some ideas to make this the Biggest Little Rally in Southwest Missouri.

Also Coming up is Local 18/30 Leather and lace, Local 11 always looks forward to this event in February, such a great time.. Hope to see you all there.

Til next time, Stay Warm, Keep it Upright and Remember those in need this holiday season,

Mark "Sparky" Capps
 President/ Editor
 Local 11

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LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Fishbeak Saloon, Main St in Glasgow

Contact: Smokey Strodman - 39415 280th Road, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - sstrodman@yahoo.com - 660-631-7324

ATTENTION- I have a new e-mail address at sstrodman@yahoo.com. We have also changed the date for the Christmas Party, read about it in the report below.

Hello again to everyone out in FORR-land from your brothers and sisters in Glasgow. I am writing this on election night and am so glad that the election b/s will be off of the radio and TV tomorrow. Hope everyone took the time to go vote, we owe our veterans a huge thank you for having that right.

We had another small meeting in October with 8 members present plus special guests Boz and Jude. Mike called the meeting to order at 7:05 and the minutes were read and approved with no corrections. Courtney gave the treasury report and we have a balance of \$5,687 in the checking account. John had no report but encouraged us to be sure and vote. Dave had no report since there hadn't been a C.C. meeting.

Mike apologized for missing the last meeting and Lyndal had no report. Jeff reported that Rocktoberfest had been somewhat of a bust since attendance was way down. The safety tips were to watch out for large farm machinery on the road and to be sure to avoid the dirt clods thrown out from between the dual wheels on big equipment.

In old business, there was a discussion of a Kickstart Party in the Spring and whether or not it should be a one day or two day event. We decided to table a final decision until the January meeting. A motion was passed to have the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18th at Beckett's in Glasgow (1/2 block north of the Fish Beak on the main drag).

In new business, Courtney initiated a discussion on how to get back members and get them to the meetings. Joyce volunteered to call the members on our latest member list to get their input. We discussed several options, including having a meeting or two in another town in the tri-county area. We haven't had any Glasgow members at the last two meetings at the Fish Beak. Eventually a motion was passed to have the January meeting at the American Legion in Slater. They have a separate meeting room and bar facilities.

A motion was passed to donate a \$100 memorial to firefighter Randall Davenport, a former local 12 member who died in the line of duty. Smokey brought up the subject of the NHTSA Law Enforcement Demonstration Grant program, which will donate money to local police to stop any motorcyclist at any time for a safety inspection and lecture on riding techniques. This program could easily turn into widespread harassment, as it has at the Americade Rally in New York, where they have done this for the last two years.

It is vitally important that we support organizations like the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (www.mrf.org, 202-546-0983) and the American Motorcycle Association (www.ama-cycle.org, 800-AMA-JOIN) to fight this kind of discrimination. For the price of one night at the bar, you can help protect the future of motorcycling.

We voted to give a donation to Dave Kateman, who had a serious fire that burned down his garage, truck, and bike. Jeff reminded us that officer nominations will be coming up next month, making it one of the more important meetings of the year. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm and Dave Heying's name was drawn for the member drawing. He was not there so it was rolled over until next month.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 18th- Local 12 meeting, 7 pm, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow

Dec. 18th- Local 12 Christmas Party, Beckett's, Glasgow

Jan. 27th- Local 12 meeting, American Legion Hall, 720 W.

Heiler St., Slater 660-529-9986

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



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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.

Contact: 573-473-8017 or 573-642-2345

Greetings, fellow enthusiasts of all shapes, sizes, ages, origins and/or planets, we come in peace. Again here we are alive and kicking (with boots on) ha, ha.

What a wonderful parade we had. An absolute wonder for the kids of all ages. We donated so many toys, foods and gifts that I am humbled. All of our FORR members are to be commended and a heart felt thank you is sent to all of you that participated. You are all blessed.

Think of those kids faces when Santa brings his gifts of love that we had a part of, also. All I can say is Betty Adams would be proud and I am proud to be part of the FORR membership.

I hope you are all getting ready for our annual Christmas party. I know I am. Boy, wait until you see the gift I am bringing for the gift exchange. Lol. I hope you don't forget to bring yours!

December 4th at the Mexico Moose lodge, we will start our social hour/meeting at 5:00 p.m. This will include the election of officers too, so if you have anyone you wish to elect be sure to be there. This is a very important part of our local and I do feel that everyone should have their say. So do your best to be a representative for yourself.

Our big PARTY will start at 6:30 p.m. with a CARRY-IN dinner to be followed at 7:00 p.m. with a D.J. and karaoke. Last year was a blast and I know this year will top it.

THANK-YOU for the attendance of our events throughout our year. YOU made it a grand year for our FORR chapter, and again, I am looking forward to next year being even greater! YOUR participation is what makes it what it is.

So, as I always say, STAY SAFE, and go in peace, not pieces!
Have a safe month, Ms. T. Tat (Linda)

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

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

Contact: Cheryl Buell - buellblast13@yahoo.com

Hello Local 14!!

Join us for our time honored **traditional Christmas Party/ Auction. This event will be held Saturday, December 4th, doors open at 5 pm til ??.** VFW Sugar Creek, MO. **Bring a side dish or dessert and money\$\$. We always have a good turn-out and enjoy the merriment and food. But the best part is the financial assistance we can provide some needy families within our community. That is priceless!**

At our October meeting nominations for officers were as follows:
President nominees - Smokin' Joe Widmer / Goofy Dave Phipps
CC Rep nominees - Smokin' Joe Widmer / Goofy Dave Phipps
District Legislative Rep nominee - Goofy Dave Phipps
Vice President nominee - Ron Keesee
Treasurer nominee - Ron Keesee
Secretary nominee - Linda Phipps
Other positions will need to be appointed or carried by newly elected officers as follows
Newsletter
Sergeant of Arms

Safety Rep

Elections will be held at our November 21st meeting and new officers will be elected. That meeting will be held at 2 pm, VFW Sugar Creek, MO.

Our October meeting was a meeting/cookout held at Trish and Clayton Bernota's place. We had great food, plenty of tasty dishes donated, and some great barbequed meat by Smokin' Joe Widmer. Thanks Trish and Clayton for generously sharing your great outdoor picnic shelter with all of us.

Ride safe, watch for the wet leaves and deer!

Cheryl Buell

Local 14

buellblast13@yahoo.com

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. -Lonestar Steakhouse, Green Mountain Dr.

Contact: 417-334-0775

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. Los Portales. 1036 W. Sunshine

Contact: 417-569-4675 or 417-831-0108

Tis' the Season; and however you celebrate, I hope it finds you all healthy and happy. Please take time to reflect on all that is good in your life and share your joy with someone.

Well, another election cycle has come and gone. We lost a few friends through term limits and one at the ballot box; but we promoted a couple of good friends too. First the sad news, Charlie Norr lost his bid for re-election in the 137th district. Charlie has been a Local 18 member, and a good friend, always fun to work with. We wish him well wherever life takes him next. Also, forum participant Teddy Fleck, the Libertarian candidate in the 140th, lost an uphill battle. On the flip side, Local 18 member Eric Burlison won his re-election bid in the 136th. Congrats Eric! Looking forward to more great political talks in Jeff City!



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Congratulations are also in order for Bob Dixon and Jay Wasson as they step up to the Senate. Folks in our area are fortunate to have such quality representation in the legislature. On the flip side, we have 10 new faces in our area to begin working with; time to hit the ground running.

A little bit old business here. If you missed our first candidate forum, well I'm sorry for ya. Teddy Fleck Candidate from the 140th Laid out his views and discussed the Libertarian Party. And good ol' Eric Burlison of the 136th explained not only his views on our issues, but also his passion for freedom and his role in safeguarding and expanding it. Many of the 50 people in attendance were new to the political side of what we do and were really enthused that these guys took the time to be with us. I believe from what we saw and how well it went this will become a regular election year event. It really was a great low-pressure atmosphere for both us citizens and candidates too. Be there next time!

Finally, some housekeeping. Please don't miss the December meeting as it will determine the future of the Local. Special thanks to member Eric Burlison for donating the chili for Local 30's toy run! Ride when you can, Live Free, and be safe!

Big Jim
Ph# 417-234-6215

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: Meeting Day & Location Varies - Check www.local19.com

Contact: Pres. Darek Fowler 660-665-6983 or Secy./Treas., Sally Schwaner 660-665-2083

By the time you read this, the toy run will be over. It's supposed to be a nice day, so hopefully we had a record breaking run. Plans are being made for the auction. It will be Jan. 22. We voted to have Rukkus for the band. If anyone heard them at the State Line Rally, they were great! Be sure to put this on your calendar. Please save your old shirts for Joni for the quilt!!!

I want to thank Linda & Oren Glidewell for the great meal and location for our last meeting!

We started nomination of officers. We will continue at the next meeting, and election will be at the December meeting.

So far we have:

President: Steve King CC & LL: Darek & Paula Fowler
VP: Oren Glidewell Newsletter: Jerry Selby
Secretary-Treasurer: Susie King

If you are interested in being an officer, let us know. We are short of volunteers.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 20 at 6 pm at Action Cycle.

Sally



LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m. Eagle's Club on Hwy 25.

Contact: 573-293-4754



Hello from local 20. Hope everybody got out and voted. Had a great Oct. meeting had a good turn out! We had a fish fry after the meeting I would like to thank all the ladies of Local 20 that brought all the covered dishes and I want to thank Mitch & Mary for letting us have the meeting @ their house and the fish fry!

Mary worked her butt off getting everything ready. It was a great weather for it. By the time you all read this our toy run will be history I will let you know how it went next newsletter. Well that's all for now hope everybody will stay safe until next month ta ta.

Keep it in the wind and "FREE"

Darrell Swinger

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m. Murdock's, 108 S Maple St, in Eldon, MO

Contact: Dan at 314-941-8989

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 10 a.m. Tattooed Lady, 181 Moscow Springs Plaza, Moscow Mills, MO

Contact: 636-366-9933

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW #3500, 1717 Big Bend in Richmond Heights, MO

Contact: 636-343-2876

Hello! We had our 2011 officer nominations at the October meeting, and our elections at the November meeting. Unfortunately, due to the timing of newsletter submissions, I cannot be 100% sure of the new officers. The nominations were one person per position, as follows:

President - Bill "Treetop" Duncan
Vice President - Bones
Treasurer - Dion "Noid" DeVan
Secretary - Kathleen "Chinutz" Duncan
Legislative/CC- Lynn "Aunt B" Matthews
Safety - Adam "Ratwinger" Brown
Events - Steve "Staples" Comeau
Newsletter/Historian - Dawn "Dot" Robertson
Webmaster - Joe "Bossman" Robertson

L-24 is already in the process of scheduling all 2011 events. All flyers are planned to be complete and submitted by January/February. Four events have already been discussed and tentative months and events are as follows:

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Blessing of the Bikes - April 11
 Broadway Bar Hop - June ?
 POW March to the Arch - September 11
 KRAP Run - October ?
 (Not to conflict with Leaves in the Breeze)

Thank you to all who brought care package items to our November meeting. VFW #3500 has graciously let us hold our meetings at their post this year and it was nice to support them, as well as our much deserving troops.

Upcoming Events

L-24 Christmas Party - Dec. 16 @ VFW #3500. Santa may be there.... If you would like to play rob your neighbor, please bring a \$10.00 gift (wrapped). As always, the VFW has a bar to get any drinks you may want to buy. Please bring a snack.

Please check your membership card to see if your membership is lapsed or up for renewal!

Don't forget to check out our website at <http://forr24.webs.com/>
 Ride hard and be safe!!! ~ Chinutz ~

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,

Hope everyone had fun on the Leaves In The Breeze ride. We had 60 riders who enjoyed a beautiful day.

Our winners were: 1st place - Alex & Joe with 4 - 6's 2nd place - Rich Moser with a Flush Worst Hand - Dave Rose with a 2,3,5,6 & 8

Thanks to all who help out. The basket winners were: Jeanie Bender won the "Harley Basket" Mark Roloff won the "Horny Basket"

Thanks to "4 R Photos" Who did the Cool pictures printed while you wait.

Our Christmas Party will be December 11th @ Hobo's in St. Peters 5 pm Food & Drinks will be provided by the local, for members only. Non members are welcome to attend, but their meal will not be covered by the local. Bring a small gift for the gift exchange 10 bucks or less.

The "Social / Dinner -

Freeze Out Ride" will be New Years Day January 1st @ Hobo's in St. Peters

Call Tom "Hitman" for the time.

Our December meeting will be Sunday December 19th at Hobo's....hope to see you all at the Christmas party, and at the meeting.

Have a great Christmas and a joyous new year.....may we all wake up Christmas morning with tons of new bike parts under our tree.

Leather UP...and...Rubber DOWN !
 Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Our Oct. meeting was in Parnell with 19 members and 4 guest present. Robert Rice was a special guest speaker and thanked everyone for the donation. Pres. Kathy Rice reviewed the upcoming calendar of events. Roy Brown gave report on FEW and encouraged everyone to attend. It was proposed that we acclimate the present officers for next year, it was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Happy Birthday to: Sandy Jones, Chris Wyne, Lora Potter, Gary Carmichael, Shannon Walter, Lavonne and Bob Hull and Robert Steeby.

Get well wishes to Richard Hanson.

Thanks to all the Veterans who have served our country.

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Jeanine

January 18, 2011--Meeting at Movie Magic--Potluck
Feb. 12---Spring Fever Fling at the Eagles

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's 1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079

Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or V.P. Dave Singleton 816-718-6792

Howdy Boys & Girls,

I'm typing this newsletter on Halloween, my favorite American-tradition celebration. I'll just leave it at that and my "friends", you can make your comments in private!

The weather is changing and the leaves turning with a chill in the air. I'm hoping all of you got the chance to ride or hang with your buddies at runs or rallies before the snow hits.

ANOTHER low attendance at this MM, the November MM is your biggest opportunity to nominate people you think will do the job and if you missed it after being reminded several times by letter, newsletter or postcard then I guess it's not important and you do not get to BITCH!

The meeting started at 1:10 pm with 12 people in attendance and without any guests. A suggestion was made we should shorten the 30 seconds of silence to just a couple seconds because we can honor our buddies in a shorter amount of time and was responded to, by; if we can't spend and suffer thru at least 30 seconds toward the men and women that are fighting and suffering for our freedom, it's the least we can do. No motion was presented to change from 30 seconds to a "few seconds".

Treasurer Burns gave our cash flow as having no activity and was approved. The minutes were read by Secretary Ross and also approved.

PR Rep Thornhill talked about getting the Toy Run on the radio and was told about the new station in Lowery City 104.7 as another avenue for local attention.

Web Man McNutt asked if it was possible to sell ads on our website to cover costs and it was approved by vote and the amount of the ad as a business card size to be \$5.00.

Toy Run flyers were discussed and was determined we need to send one to each member to copy and distribute in their areas. It was done by Secretary Ross on Thursday Oct. 28. We hope many of you took the idea and participated. We decided not to do the Adopt-a-Family program this year, as last year it was a huge undertaking with few member participants.

We talked about putting donation boxes at 7 local Dollar General Stores and had volunteers take on the task – Thanks to you all for that. Members Mr. and Mrs. Scholz added they was affiliated with several groups in Warrensburg and would take flyers to those meetings, which is very much appreciated.

The most important meetings of the year are for NOMINATIONS AT THE NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING AND ELECTION AT THE DECEMBER 16TH MEETING, so please attend.

Reminders will be sent out.

Members were reminded and encouraged to Vote on Nov. 2nd as well as recruiting with a simple suggestion of carrying a renew form in their wallet, vest bike bag or purse.

Prez. Burns thanked the members who attended Darla's father's funeral on Oct. 2nd, without mentioning any names, "you know who you are". Darla you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Enjoy the break from the heat and again Thank You to FORR for the reason we gather.

Sincerely, Cher

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

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

Contact: President 573-308-7228 - Vice President 573-528-6029 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

Greetings Everyone,

It's been a while since we have had a newsletter out, but rest assured that will not be an issue in the future.

There are a couple of announcements and a few events coming up that we'd like to share:

The Veteran's Day Parade is set for November 11th. More information is available on the FORR website on Local 28's page.

Our toy drive is set for November 27, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wal Mart in St. Robert. The toy delivery will be made on December 11, 2010 to Good Samaritan in Waynesville.

The Waynesville Christmas Parade in which Local 28 participates is set for December 5, 2010.

The Halloween Bash that took place on October 23 raised \$2,133.75 for the Shriner's Children Hospital, and a good time was had by all. We had a tremendous amount of support from the Local, Local 31, the community, and the military population in our area. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who participated and supported this annual event.





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LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

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

Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533 Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HELLO FELLOW FORR RIDERS/READERS:

The Mid-South-Mile and The Few Seminar were the best ever! LOCAL 29 UPCOMING EVENTS: Our dinner run will be discussed at the regular meeting on November 21st.

Memberships Expiring this month: Cheryl McCutcheon, Amanda Moore, Nancy Martin, NeQuelle Wolfgeher DeFord

Birthdays: John Owen & Norb Wiederholt. Happy birthday and to all who aren't on this list!

Cowboy Steve's Memoirs:

HO HO HO

Santa got quite a show

Down the chimney he bounds

Into the living room without a sound

Much to Santa's surprise - what did he see?

A beautiful young woman naked under the tree

She looked at Santa and said with a smile

Santa do you have time to stay for a while?

Santa replied with a great big smile

I think I'm going to have to stay

I can't get up the chimney this way!

HA HA HA

Check your calendar or Freedom Press for ALL times and locations for events!

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Amigo's, Main Street Plaza, Nixa

Contact: Pops at 417-830-6900

Happy Holidays Fellow members!!

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, as for me and mine we have a lot to be thankful for.

October's meeting was called to order by Our President Curtiss Moore. The preamble was read by Danny Roberts. We had 19 in attendance there were 3 guest making a total of 21. Not much was discussed for the month of December except our December meeting and Holiday gathering which will be held on Saturday December 4th, 6:30 P.M. @ Amigos in Nixa at the Main Street Plaza. This will also so be election night so please try to make it. Buy a drawing ticket and win a free meal :-). Afterwards Ben and I would like to invite you to a "FORR Christmas", Open House back at our place :-). BYOB, everybody bring a special snack or "Munchies" SOCIAL.....WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE.....FUN.....!

I hope you, that rode the "It's Too Cold for Ice Cream Ride" Had as much fun as I did :-). Thank you Mark N Lisa Davis and all that Rode...Was that nice or what????

We have a Brother down :-). Randy Watkins was injured at work and is out with a ruptured disk, lets all hope that he will not have to go through surgery

WE Wish you all, Brothers and Sisters Merry Christmas !!!!! And a Happy Fun Riding New Year!!!

Until next month ... Live well.... Ride safe... Enjoy!!!!

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. - Alex's Pizza, W 8th St, Rolla

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or Mike Adams 573-578-4239



Hey Gang,

We're finally feeling the chill in the air but, we've been fortunate as we've had some beautiful riding weather this year. I hope you all have had a lot of good rides & a lot of fun. Oct 23rd some of us met before the Halloween Bash for a meal at "Peppers" in St. Roberts & to celebrate Brian's birthday. The Halloween Bash was a success & I want to thank all who spent their day & evening to help make

this happen. We were afraid it was going to be a wet one but, that didn't stop any of us & we only got a few sprinkles. We also had our meeting on this day & even though it was a fairly short meeting, we made a lot of decisions & several plans.

The Nov. meeting will be at Alex's as usual on Nov 30th & we will be electing our 2011 officers. The December meeting will be Dec 14th at "Cookin From Scratch" in Doolittle at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, however if you are a Local-31 paid member your meal will be a gift from our Local. This place is famous for their fried chicken & I personally love their turkey & dressing. Enough of that I'm starting to get hungry!

As you know this is the time of the year when the days get shorter, the deer start to roam & some of us just can't park those bikes, because we love to ride so much. So, for those of you I just described, take care my friend & be safe & enjoy your family & friends. Happy Thanksgiving!

See ya, Sue

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949 For newsletter input Contact: Jr. "Moose" @ 816-716-4350

Well here it is, the end of the year. Congrats to all the re-elected and the newly elected Local 33 officers. I missed the Halloween

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party but I here it was a BLAST! Doug said they had a great band, had some great giveaway items, and raised a little coin for our adopt a family gig.

Sorry I also missed the October monthly meeting so I don't know who won the George Washington pot or the incentive pot.

REMEMBER this month the shop -n- wrap for the adopta families and the Christmas dinner with the families and Santa Claus the next day. Watch your mail for the reminder post card for date and times.

Remember to trickle charge your battery on your bikes over the winter. It will make for a less costly spring.

It's been a long strange 10 years, some good times and some some good roads.

See me "Moose"

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m. Motel 6/Diamond Back, Rives Rd & 7 Hwy, Clinton, MO
Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589 or (Day) 660-885-5741

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

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

Local 41 was sorry to hear about the loss of Gary Bears father. Gary is pres. of Local 8. It was also Local 41 member Tina Dobbins Grandpa. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

I was also told that former members Chip & Erin lost everything in a house fire. By the time you read this we will have had two meetings Oct. & Nov. Had our Toy Run,

Had a float in the Christmas Parade, and getting ready to stuff our faces with a Thanksgiving Feast. The F.E.W. Seminar will be history and our clocks will have been set back one hour.

We have 36 members and we had nominations for officers. I know that some of the nominees were not present to turn down there nomination. Need not be present to win. We will vote at our December meeting so if you don't show up you could be new president. DECEMBER MEETING THURSDAY THE 2ND AT 7:00 BREADEAUX PIZZA. CAMERON.

We had three new members transfer to local 41. David Ernut, Rex Lacy, and Jerry Trammell. Welcome to our local. Two

renewals Thanks Bob & David.

DON'T FORGET OUR BIKE SHOW ON JULY 23RD 2011
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I dressed up my dog as a mailman for Halloween. He bit himself.

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Rick Gish 314-578-6006



Hello everyone ...on October 16th and 17th which was yesterday and the day before it, the officers and members gathered for our annual fund drive for the Foster Care kids of Franklin County at the Washington Mo. Wally World. I met up with the Prez cruising up Hiway 100 and we rode forth and joined

George and Alma, Georgia, Dan, Cecil (cockarocho), Klay, (first timer but he did great), Terry, Debbie (sick), and other members I can't remember. Oops, David and that one guy. Any way we collected for two days and were amazed again how much people shared with us. Even with a frustrating economy the great people came through to help us share with the foster kids this Christmas. As always we had a blast doing it. Next weekend we are having a fall dance for our members and their guests. Hopefully you'll read this by December 12th, if you do, come on down to the Pacific Eagles and watch the kids glow. Our meeting will be a week early this month. We will have a toy run and ride with the Santa to the American Legion in Washington Mo. that's on November 7th.

Am looking forward to the F.E.W. Seminar in November also. I wish everyone could make plans to attend. But by the time you read this that will be old news. If I could zip ahead to the past then I wouldn't be so behind. Be safe and we'll talk later. Am back...Our Fall dance we had night before last was a blast... about 200 plus showed up and Steel Wings played and people looked good on the dance floor. I had booked a wedding reception from a FORR member in the small hall so I sneaked a peek now and then and stayed after I was finished. A beautiful wedding I must add.. Let's see...before I forget we had our meeting a week early this month and had our nominations... Prez is gonna be prez (ditched his scooter in the parking lot) Gene is up for Vice and Safety. I am up for Vice and keeping newsletter writer upper. Alma is still Alma. So is Debbie, Dave and Kenny for Sergeant of Arms. Dave for Legislative, Georgia is still Georgia. Don't forget Bill... A good meeting with a visitor / new member. Welcome Sandy...! More later...Thanks for everyone's help and our new members that came through...Thanx Roger...All I got so we'll talk later be safe and God Bless...Tex

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Bamboo Hut, 10111 E 40 Hwy, Independence, MO 64055

Contact: Rodney "Bulldog" Allen 816-289-6409 or Ron "Wolf rider" Phillips 816-695-7563



District News

DISTRICT 1

District 1 will start having meetings the FIRST FRIDAY in January. The first meeting will be held somewhere in ST. JOE. Steve will let the other locals know when and where.

The District Rally is coming up in May and we need to get started on this so we can get a good turnout. This is a fun rally and we allow supervised children.

Our District is down to Three Locals. ST. JOE, MARYVILLE, and CAMERON. But I think this could be bigger if we all work together and support this event. Last year the weather was wet but we have no control over that. Everyone who comes always has a good time and we need to see that continues.

Proclamation Run will be coming up in April. Be here before you know it.

So to Locals 6, 26, & 41 I hope you all have a good Thanksgiving and hope to see you in the near future.

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REINTRODUCING THE “ENGINEER OF FREEDOM” AWARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations at the officer's meeting the night before each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting the day following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

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

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



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Motorcycling for Old-Timers: A Low Blow from the DMV

Written by Tim Kessel
allaboutbikes.com



As you may have read in one of my recent articles, I was hit with a big speeding ticket (Wake up Call). To make a long story short, I opted to take the DMV's Defensive Driving Course to avoid the points on my record. In my state, you can take the course online, so I gave it a try. Predictably, much of the course was so far below the common sense line that it was subterranean. However, I knew there would eventually be a motorcycle-specific section.

After a couple of hours of reading, watching online videos, and taking quizzes – there it was. The section began by extolling the virtues of wearing helmets (I agree), watching for bad drivers (again, agreed), and keeping speed in check (well, two out of three ain't bad). Just when I was about to nod off, I clicked to the page entitled "Motorcycling Tips for Older Riders." What the heck? Did the DMV read the date line on the ticket and write the section for me?

Well, here are the actual tips in the section, and my thought process while reading:

1. Get Eyes Checked: Vision clarity and peripheral vision diminish with age.
My thoughts... "Good point! With better distance vision I would have spotted the Highway Patrol cruiser in time to hit the Brembos quicker!"
2. Keep A Greater Following Distance: Reacting to a hazard may take twice as long for a rider in middle age (40-54) and three or four times longer after 55.
My thoughts... "Ouch! At least I'm still years away from that that ominous 55 benchmark."
3. Avoid Complicated and Congested Roads: Input overload makes it difficult to process information accurately.
My thoughts... "You can have your congested roads – just give me miles of twisties with no patrol cars."
4. Pay Attention to Blind Spots: Traffic research shows that older drivers do not check blind spots as well as younger drivers.
My thoughts... "Blind spots? I'm just glad not to have a bald spot."
5. Keep Fit: Riding a motorcycle can be physically demanding and without training, people begin losing muscle mass around age 30.
My thoughts... "For your information, I bench press more and run farther than I did when I was thirty."
6. Choose a Friendly Motorcycle: Choose a motorcycle with large dials and easy-to-read symbols.
My thoughts... "Now that's just rude."

So there you have it - the DMV's tips for those of us with a little grey at the temple. That's all I can write for now. The shuffleboard tournament is about to start.

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How to: Winterize your bike

by Michael Ross



Winter is fast approaching and if you live in a frigid climate it's time to store your bike for the season. In storing your bike for a few months over the winter, your main concern is to avoid corrosion while in storage and the goal is to have a bike that is ready to go when you are.

The most crucial areas in need of protection are the piston rings, cylinder walls, and valve seats. The enemy here is moisture, which can enter the engine from any of a number of places and cause serious damage. Since it's not really practical to try and close up all of the possible areas of entry, we will concentrate on moisture proofing instead.

The first step is to warm-up the engine. This drives off any moisture that may have accumulated already and it makes it easier to get a good coating of oil in each cylinder. Turn the bike off and remove the spark plugs. Then, using a turkey baster, suck up 25cc's of engine oil and squirt the oil into each plug hole. Turn the engine over by hand (put it in top gear and turn the rear wheel) with the plugs still out to coat the cylinder walls, piston rings and valve seats. Then replace the plugs and drain the existing crankcase oil.

Next, fill the crankcase with fresh oil. I suggest you retain the old filter and plan on dropping this oil come Spring, but if you decide to use this oil after the thaw, you will want to change the filter now. The hard part of prepping your bike is now done and you can breathe a little easier knowing that moisture will not rust the piston rings to the cylinder wall. I just over hauled an engine that had been left untended for a year and the cylinder wall was so badly pitted with rust that it had to be bored out 1 mm before I got down to good metal. Likewise the valve seats were a mess and I had to replace the head.

But we aren't out of the woods yet.

The next step is to protect the inside of the fuel tank from rusting. Fill the tank to the top with fuel that has been treated with a fuel stabilizer. I have had good luck with a product called Sta-Bil, which you can get at any marine supply store, but any type will do. You also want to drain the float bowls by unscrewing the small screw on the carb float bowl. Any fuel left in the bowls for more than two months will turn into a jet-clogging sludge that will cost you a carb overhaul to remove. If you have a fuel injected bike then you can skip this step and move on to the next.

Because batteries self-discharge, it is necessary to keep it charged up when the bike is stored. The best way to care for your stored battery is to hook a Super Smart Battery Tender to it. The Battery Tender is one of the latest generation of "smart chargers." It will maintain the charge in your battery without any other attention from you for years. The battery can also be left in the bike. If the posts on your battery are corroded, now would be a good time to remove the battery bolts and clean them up. A little grease on the threads of the bolts will keep them corrosion free all season. Make sure you top off the electrolyte with water if your bike does not a maintenance free battery.

Get the bike, the rear of the bike anyway, off the ground. If you're lucky and your bike has a center stand, use it. Wipe all the bird doo-doo off and give the chrome the once over with a coat of polish to keep it from pitting. Wax the tank and squirt some rubber protector on the rubber parts to keep them from drying out. Make sure you wipe any smashed bugs off your fork tubes before you throw a tarp over the whole thing.

If you live where it gets really cold then you should make sure your coolant has enough anti-freeze in it to keep the system from freezing. It's easy to check the coolant with a hydrometer that is made specifically for this purpose. Bikes don't have freeze plugs like cars, and a cracked cylinder head is a very ugly sight indeed.

That's about it. If you live in an area where rodents will crawl up the tailpipe looking for a place to nest, there are rubber plugs available that you can by to keep them out. They are made for dirt bikes, but will fit any street bike. Also, when you're ready to bring your bike out storage, you might consider changing the brake fluid. It can pick up water from the atmosphere and it's a good idea to change it annually any way.

If you have performed all of the above steps you can be sure that the bike you store for the winter will start and run perfectly come Spring.





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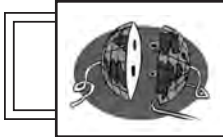
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The Motorcycle Industry in Europe is facing unprecedented challenges this fall. Next to a dire market situation, where sales do not seem to be able to take off since the beginning of the economic crisis, the sector is bracing itself for the new rules in the type-approval procedure tabled by the European Commission. These will not only determine the requirements of new bikes in terms of safety and emissions; they will force manufacturers to funnel resources in new technologies and tools, and administrative fulfillments in order to comply with the new rules.

ABS, is one of the controversial aspects that dominated years of discussions leading to the proposal of the European Commission. There are high hopes in terms of safety, and we concur with this point of view. However, in the case of small capacity engines, such a measure is, in the view of ACEM, not proportionate, considering that a wide array of other advanced braking systems exists and that the industry has successfully been designing them specifically for two wheels.

Simplification, despite the Commission intentions, is not, in our view the outcome of this Regulation, at least as long as it concerns manufacturers. The numerous provisions and staggered deadlines starting from the EURO steps to the implementation dates of ABS to other measures such as On Board Diagnostics, all lead to a complex clouding of requirements to be met over a short time frame. At a cost.

Furthermore, there are still wide areas of sheer uncertainty. A vital aspect of the homologation process such as the announced revised WMTC does not exist yet. The content of the delegated acts is not known. Many issues are still open and will not be cleared before 2012, just a few months before the application foreseen for 1.1.2013. The Motorcycle Industry has repeatedly engaged itself with voluntary commitments and proposals to increase the safety of its products and reduce emissions, but to do this a clear road map and an appropriate lead-time need to be laid out by policy makers.

On the positive side we welcome the Commission's engagement to create the grounds for a level playing field. Clear terms of reference for Member States in regards to market surveillance will safeguard the EU market from undue and unfair practices with consumers reaping the benefits in terms of product quality and safety.

The proposed regulation is not perfect yet but perfectible. ACEM looks forward to working with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council on this proposal and will release more detailed comments in the coming days.

Enjoy your reading!

Jacques Compagne

Acem Secretary General



The AMA: This Lost Motorcyclist is Back in the Fold

Written by Tim Kessel
allaboutbikes.com

In numerous recent articles, I have quoted or referenced the opinions and research of the American Motorcyclist Association. There is good reason for this – the AMA is an organization that works completely and tirelessly to promote and protect our sport. That being said, I have a confession to make. I have only recently rekindled my membership in the organization. I was an AMA member for years, and then I let that membership lapse. Years back, I had a couple of minor complaints about the AMA's oversight of racing...and I was poor, so I just didn't renew.

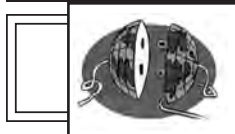
Recently, as I was reading an article on some piece of motorcycle-unfriendly legislation that the AMA was actively fighting, it hit me. I was a hypocrite. As a motorcyclist, I was reaping the benefits of the organization, but I was not contributing. That same hour, I went online and paid my membership dues. I was again a part of "world's largest motorcycling advocacy organization."

There are a plethora of philosophical reasons to join the AMA. Most of those revolve around the AMA's mission of responsibly preserving the right to ride. There are also practical reasons including the fact that the AMA is a major race sanctioning and organizing body. Further, there are serious personal financial incentives. Your membership can include emergency road service, and substantial retail discounts. As a matter of fact, the AMA discount applied to a recent one-night's stay in a New York motel almost single-handedly offset my \$39 yearly membership.

Here is one example of the service that this writer recently received from the AMA. While on a trip, I realized that I had forgotten my AMA membership card. On a late Friday afternoon, I called the AMA 800 number. The first thing that impressed me was that I actually got to talk to a real live person. After hearing my dilemma, the helpful and friendly AMA staffer instantly emailed me a temporary card that I could use for another AMA discount. That's pretty impressive service.

I may not always agree with every AMA stance, and I may again have qualms about some aspects of their race oversight. However, those are small potatoes compared to the overall good of the association. In these times of repeated legislative attacks both on where we ride and what we ride, it's nice to know the AMA is on our side. This motorcyclist will not let that membership lapse again.





Connections



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2010-2011

At the recent 2010 Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF) Meeting of the Minds held September in Peoria Illinois, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. The goal is to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the coming Meeting of the Minds "to" Meeting of the Minds cycle. Our Sustaining SMRO partners responded once again and the Legislative Committee was extremely pleased at how aligned and clear the direction from our SSMRO partners was. This level of alignment will allow for a solid and focused Strategic Action plan to be developed, disseminated, and effectively employed. Additional features of the session this year was to have the session moderated by MRF Vice President Jay Jackson and supported by MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, and MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie. Also instituted this year was a one vote per organization policy and those votes were then recorded. Shown below in the order raised by our SSMRO's is our upcoming Federal Legislative Strategy Agenda.

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Stop NHTSA checkpoint grant program
- Increase 2010 motorcycle grant funding
- Maintain Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)
- Continue NHTSA to States lobby ban
- Monitor Federal crash causation study
- Monitor MSF alternate naturalistic study
- Promote US House Resolution 1498
- Monitor all motorcycle specific efforts by EPA, sound and emissions
- Advocate for good distracted driving laws
- Promote and pass Right to Repair
- Work with the USDOT to update Federal of definition of a motorcycle
- Stop motorcycle and motorcyclists discriminatory legislation.
- Work with Consumer Product Safety Commission to overturn bike ban
- Participate in European Union and United Nations Activity

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Thumbs Nose at Congress and Discriminates Against Motorcycles

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned from a source at the US Department of Transportation that they have funded the motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

NHTSA decided to fund the program despite being asked by Congress not to fund the program until the merits were explained. In a letter sent by James Sensenbrenner, along with ten other Members of the House of Representatives last month, Sensenbrenner and his colleagues specifically asked NHTSA to respond to the letter before funding the program, they did not. Read the letter here.

The recipient of the money for the demo project was the Georgia Department of Public Safety, which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol. The Georgia State Patrol will conduct a series of roadside motorcycle safety checks in accordance with what was outlined in the Request for Applications. The amount of NHTSA funding is \$70,000.00.

"Not only is this an injustice to the motorcyclists of America its a complete waste of taxpayer money." said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF.

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue and any actions you can take to defend your freedoms, at stake in Washington.

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