



# The Freedom Press



The main purpose of this organization is to guard the rights of all motorcyclists; to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists.



- 2 Officers & Cabinet & Publication Info
- 3 CC Meeting Info Winner of the HARLEY!
- 4 Local News...
- 10-11 HOMECOMING
- 21 Animal Tracks
- 23 Membership App. /Address Change /Transfer form
- 24 Upcoming Events

'The Freedom Press' is the official publication of Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.

All rights reserved and is solely intended for informing its members of any issues affecting motorcycling.

Contents may be republished whole or in part with attribution. The opinions contained herein are not necessarily those of Freedom of Road Riders®



## Publication Information

Send all submissions for publication, with any necessary payment to:

**Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.**

**The Freedom Press/ Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor (Local 1)**

**1170 SW 225th Rd., Holden, MO 64040-9352**

**Ph# (816) 850-4511 • [Editor@forn.net](mailto:Editor@forn.net) • (Pls. No calls after 9PM.)**

**Publication Deadline: is the 5th of the month  
prior to the month of the publication.**

**NOT RESPONSIBLE for late/misdirected submissions  
(1/2 pg max. 500 words). Submissions should contain the name,  
membership#, and good contact information, to allow the editor to  
contact the member if questions arise.**

**Advertisements/Event flyers** - For publication of all ads/flyers provide actual piece to be published. Mention the size, months you want it to run, along with proper paperwork & payment for ad. (if any)

| Ad Rates  | Per Mo. | 3 Mo. | 6 Mo. | Year   |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| Bus. Card | \$25    | \$71  | \$134 | \$250  |
| 1/4 page  | \$50    | \$143 | \$268 | \$500  |
| 1/2 page  | \$100   | \$285 | \$535 | \$1000 |
| Full page | \$150   | \$428 | \$803 | \$1500 |

***Please make all checks payable to FORR, Inc.***

### **FORR® Local/District Event Flyers**

**ALL FLYERS on FORR® Sanctioned events wanting to be published in The Freedom Press need to have proper approval and submitted along with, (if any), necessary payment at the time of submission for publication.**

**Event Flyer Policy - All event flyers except charity events and Fun Runs must contain the following two (2) statements:**

- Contributions and gifts to FORR®, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. (Adopted March 8, 1992)
- Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC. (Adopted January 11, 1998)

A charity event shall be defined as an event where ALL proceeds are given to the charity and FORR® receives absolutely no profit.

**Advertising Policy for FORR® Fliers** - All events approved by FORR® (Local or District) will receive 1/4 page ad at no cost. One additional month advertising may be purchased at 1/2 price. - (Adopted May 10, 2003)

**FORR® Corporate Sponsors** - Contact the Editor for a "Corporate Sponsor" form or use one on our website, forr.net. Fill the form out completely and be sure to include your local and your name & contact Ph#. Turn in the form with payment of \$250 and necessary paperwork from the proposed sponsor **along with a current business card.**

## Freedom Of Road Riders®

The name Freedom of Road Riders® and the acronym FORR® are owned by Freedom of Road Riders and are registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Winged Wheel Logo is copyrighted and may not be reproduced without prior written consent from a Freedom of Road Riders Central Committee Corporate Officer.

The Freedom Of Road Riders® membership patch and yearly chevrons can be worn only on the front of any garment. This shall also apply to any patch or design created to designate a Local or District of Freedom Of Road Riders® ONLY event patches may be worn on the back of garments. Patches created to designate FORR® or Freedom of Road Riders®, Local District, or Event shall not be larger than 13 square inches in area.

## Central Committee Corporate Officers & Cabinet

**Chairman - Ken "Squirrel" Lewis (Local 24)**  
1350 Greenway Chase Dr., Florissant, MO 63031-1534  
**Ph# (314) 546-1624 • E-mail: [chairman@forn.net](mailto:chairman@forn.net)**

**Vice Chairman - Joe "DC" Karr (Local 11)**  
1073 Matthew Circle, Webb City, MO 64870-2468  
**Ph# (417) 850-2276 • E-mail: [vchairman@forn.net](mailto:vchairman@forn.net)**

**Corporate Secretary - Amy "Sunshine" Allmon (Local 5)**  
320 Prairie Lane, Belton, MO 64012-2944  
**Ph# (816) 536-1647 • E-mail: [secretary@forn.net](mailto:secretary@forn.net)**

**Treasurer - Kat "Duchess" Karr (Local 11)**  
1073 Matthew Circle, Webb City, MO 64870-2468  
**Ph# (417) 483-6886 • E-mail: [treasurer@forn.net](mailto:treasurer@forn.net)**

**Legislative Coord. - 'Smokin' Joe Widmer (Local 14)**  
2319 Heide Lane, Napoleon, MO 64074-4502  
**Ph# (816) 536-7512 • E-mail: [legislative@forn.net](mailto:legislative@forn.net)**

**Rider Ed. Coord. - Beth "Gypsy" Livingston (Local 10)**  
P.O. Box 224, Linn, MO 65051-0224  
**PH#: (573) 338-2403**  
**Ph# (800) 309-RIDE (7433) • E-mail: [safety@forn.net](mailto:safety@forn.net)**

**MC Awareness Coord. - Tricia 'Funsized' Ruby (Local 24)**  
**Ph# (314) 769-7810 • E-mail: [mac@forn.net](mailto:mac@forn.net)**

**Membership Secretary - Kerri 'Mouse' Lewis (Local 24)**  
**(New/Renewals/Transfers/General Membership info.)**  
1350 Greenway Chase Dr., Florissant, MO 63031-1534  
**Ph# (660) 342-4729 • E-mail: [membership@forn.net](mailto:membership@forn.net)**

**Events Coord. - Linda Hawkins (Local 35)**  
**(Event flyer approval/Sanction forms/ Event insurance  
Event waivers- before and after events)**  
604 S. College St., Calhoun, MO 65323-1305  
**Ph# (660) 351-5607 • E-mail: [events@forn.net](mailto:events@forn.net)**

**Membership Coord. - TBD**

**Social Media Coord. - TBD**

**Webmaster**  
**E-mail: [webmaster@forn.net](mailto:webmaster@forn.net)**

**Product Line - Shelly Payne (Local 14)**  
2501 Monroe St., Lexington MO 64067-2304  
**Ph# (660)251-3904 • [photobysshelly@yahoo.com](mailto:photobysshelly@yahoo.com)**

**Club Liaison - Ken Lewis (Local 24)**  
**Ph# (314) 546-1624**

## Central Committee Meeting

**American Legion Post 5**  
 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd.  
 Jefferson City, MO 65101-2839  
 (573) 636-2311

Central Committee Meetings are at 10:00 am  
 on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered  
 months of the year,

**Next Central Committee Meeting:**  
**November 11-12, 2023**  
 ONLY current membership  
 Central Committee Representatives  
 can conduct business during  
 scheduled Central Committee Meetings.  
 Please be sure your membership is current.

**Committee Meetings are the Saturday before the  
 scheduled Central Committee Meetings.**

### Saturday Committees

Membership 12:00 pm  
 Legislative 1:00 pm  
 PAC Rally 2:00 pm  
 FEW Seminar 3:00 pm  
 Motorcycle Awareness 4:00 pm  
 Open Officers Meeting 5:00 pm

**Scheduled Central Committee Meetings  
 for 2023 are as follows:**  
**Nov. 11-12**



Anyone interested in purchasing an  
**Mike 'Animal' McPeck Memorial Patch**  
 please contact Dragon or Rebel @ 816-850-4511.  
 The patches are \$8 plus the cost of a stamp if mailed  
 or enclose a self addressed & stamped envelope to:  
 1170 SW 225th Rd., Holden, MO 64040-9352



## Central Committee Cabinet Submitted for 2024-2025

### Chairman

Joe 'DC' Karr (L11)

### Vice Chairman

Jim Fitzsimmons (L12)

### Treasurer

Kat 'Duchess' Karr (L11)

### Secretary

Amy 'Sunshine' Allmon (L5)

## *The Winner is...*



Congratulations to **Ray Marlotte** who  
 only purchased 2 bike giveaway tickets at  
 Johnny's Hideout Bike Night and won this  
 beautiful 2009 Ultra Glide.

Thanks for your support!

**Local 1 – Lee’s Summit** (March 1980)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. - Location Varies  
 Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906  
 Facebook: FORR Local 1

Howdy all!

All is well with Local 1. We had a great meeting on Sunday at the Lumberyard after Homecoming. It was good to see some of you that we missed at the event. Homecoming was great as usual. We also had a surprise showing of the ‘Village People’ remember them??? Good job guys... you know who you are! Congrats to the winner of the bike – Ray Marlotte. What a smile on your face!!! I know the before event & after event work is a real, you know what, but it is all good fun.

Dragon and I went on a run called ‘Grab Life By The Handlebars’ along with a few other friends from the FUN Table... We drove, but Dragon rode! Too hot for us that day! Approx. 78 bikes traveled from Blue Springs over to our Corporate Sponsor – Mule Skinners, then to this cool place in Odessa called the Broken Dollar Saloon. Huge Auction!!!! See pictures in this issue somewhere.

Our next BIG event is Octoberfest! MY FAVORITE OF THE YEAR!!! October 6-8th in Grain Valley, MO. All Are VERY Welcome! The more the merrier. We are about a month out now, and it looks to be GREAT weather – but hey, you never know – it’s Missouri, right? Rain or shine it’s a go as usual. Can’t wait for the DRAGS!

Local 14’s Memorial Pool Tourney will be on October 18th – see the flyer in this issue.

Local 1’s meeting for September & October will be at the El Paso Restaurant at 50 & 131 Hwy at 1pm. Be there or be square. We will be there, so come on down!

We still have a few ‘Animal’ patches left so grab them while you can. Just get a hold of Dragon or Rebel and we will get them to ya. Everyone should have one just for the fact that he was the founding member that got this Freedom Train Rolling.

Well, this has gone on long enough now. So, as I always say.... Have a good one, then have another!

See ya, **Michelle ‘Rebel’ O’Connor #7157**

**Local 2 – Macon** (November 2020)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30pm - Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley 660-973-5557  
 Facebook: FORR Local 2

**Local 3 - Truman Lake** (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m. @ Chopper Stopper Grill & Bar, Roscoe, MO  
 Contact: John Bowen 417-321-4090  
 Facebook: FORR® Local 3

**Local 5 - South Kansas City** (June 1981)

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 3 p.m. @ VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)  
 Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812  
 Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Local 5 South KC



*Geezer & Rebecca*

*One last ride ...  
 before it was  
 given away*



**Local 6 - St. Joseph** (March 1982)

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501

Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenbbitch@hotmail.com 913-645-1570

12 August we had 2 members join up with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association for their Regional Meeting in Waterloo, Iowa.

14 August we had 3 members join up in Cameron, Mo. to help escort the Traveling Vietnam Wall into Chillicothe.

15 August we had our monthly meeting, 25 members present

16 August we had 5 members join up with ABATE of Missouri for a Poker Run.

19 August we had 2 members join up with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association in Lincoln, Nebraska for their Annual District Meeting.

20 August we had 3 members run down to ABATE of Kansas District 11 monthly meeting.

26 August we had 2 members join up with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 4-8 for a Dice Run at St. Joe Harley Davidson

26 August we held a social gathering with 20 members. And had 10 members ride in at the American Tavern in St. Joe.

1 September we had many members run over to Lake Perry for ABATE of Kansas 48th Annual Labor Day Rally.

Let's all say Happy Birthday to Diana Hafner on September 21st and to Jane Rudolph on October 13th and Mary Jackson on October 16th.

Let us take a few moments of silence and pray for the families. It has been a hard month for the Local. We lost two great members. R.I.P. Brothers. Eugene "Gene" Boeh & Eddie Carson.

**Christine**

**Local 7 – Lebanon** (January 1983)

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. @ T'S Redneck Restaurant in Lebanon, MO.

Contact: Donald Goertz 573-586-7271

Once again, another letter before our meeting.

Our Local had our memorial ride on Aug. 27th we had a good turn-out 22 bikes left our meeting place in Lebanon.

Which was Jones truck plaza. By the time we got to Strafford we had 17 left. By the time we got to Chadwick we had 15 bikes left those 15 made the hole trip. Which was down Hwy. 125 to the ferry then Hwy.14 to 202 across the Bullsholes dam to Hwy. 178 to hwy. 5 north back to Lebanon. We had a good ride seen some nice country. There were several of the Evans family members rode along the youngest which I do not remember his name "sorry" rode his mini-bike on to the ferry so he also got to ride on his uncle Robert's and all the rest of our brothers and sisters memorial ride that was cool.

After our Sound house ride and meals on wheels combined together run which will have happened by the time you get this that will be history. Our next run will be our toy run will be November 5th.

I want to thank Don and Wendy Brown for doing our last trash pickup on Hwy.32.

Well, that's all I got say except ride safe.

**Sir Robert**

**Local 8 – Chillicothe** (March 1986)

Meetings: (call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907

Facebook: FORR Local 8

**Local 10 - Jefferson City** (March 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Twin Bridges Bar &amp; Grill 4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO

Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005 or Secy. Julie Loveall 573-645-7106 Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889

Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR) Local 10

**Local 11 - Southwest Missouri** (February 1984)

Meetings: Please watch posts on our Facebook page for meeting dates as they may change due to scheduling conflicts Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO

Contact: President - Mike Mort @ (417) 396-3691 or Vice President – Shawn Pilcher (497) 200-2495

Facebook – Freedom of the Road Riders Local 11

Howdy all! It sure has been busy in this SW corner of the state. We had an event at Atwoods Ranch and Home Goods on the 19th and earned donations for the Souls Harbor food pantry. It was a very hot day to serve hot dogs, but we survived. We will have our annual bike show coming up September 9th at the Eagles and would love to see some familiar faces. There will be a silent auction, live band and food. We are also gearing up for our first Halloween bash on October 21st. This event will also serve the Souls Harbor food drive. Check out our FB page for fliers and info. Hope everyone is well, stay safe!

Much love from Local 11!

**Brandy**

Freedom of Road Riders  
Local 11 Southwest Missouri



**Halloween Bash**  
October 21, 2023  
7pm to 12pm  
Joplin Eagles Lodge  
1321 S Main St Joplin Mo 64801

Costume Contest  
Live Music  
Auction



ZANE GRIMES MUSIC

Any questions  
Please contact Mort 417-396-3691 or Shawn 479-200-2495

Contributions and gifts to FORR ® INC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.

**Local 12 – Glasgow** (April 1994)

Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 3:00 P.M. Location Varies Times may vary for special circumstances...check Local 12's Facebook page for exact times.

Upcoming meetings: Oct.8 Jay and Patti's Contact Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024  
Facebook Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Hey Local 12: Our last meeting was held at Mike and Tammi's with 10 members present. Tony Knoll, your name was drawn for the incentive pot but you were not present to collect. The main topic of the meeting was the upcoming Firecracker Classic. We have received and began distributing the T-shirts to our 68 sponsors. On August 19th several Local 12 members rode to Lincoln for the CVMA ride and poker run. There were 8 bikes and 9 riders, two of whom were guests. Jay had high poker hand and won 300 bucks! It was a good day for a good cause. Seven members from Local 12 attended Homecoming. Triple digit temperatures on Friday were pretty rough but Saturday was a little more tolerable. We all had a good time despite the heat. By the time you read this the Firecracker Classic will be nearly upon us. We're hoping for great weather and great attendance! Gates open Friday Sept. 22. We have a great lineup of bands, vendors and activities. So come one come all. **Patti B**

**Local 13 – Mexico** (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @3 pm

For Meeting info or Membership

Call: President Chad "Dump Truck" Gardner @ 573-253-8742

Or Terra Hanon @ 573-721-7211

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13

Local 14 came and grabbed a flag, thanks for coming to our Car, Bike and Truck show. I'm glad I got to introduce our new ppl to our brothers from another.



Local 13 Car, Bike, and Truck Show 8/19/23

**Local 14 – Independence** (September 1989)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO 64067

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243

Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Hello brothers and sisters,

Happy Labor Day!!! Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday!!!

Homecoming was a blast. Lots of laughs and fun memories.

We have been out and about collecting flags! Thanks to all that have been on those rides!!!

Pool tournament is Oct 28. Sign in is 5:00 TO 6:00PM, starts at 6pm, held at the Hideaway Bar & Grill, 68 SE 180th Rd., Warrensburg, MO 64093.... Halloween Costumes are optional. Flyer is out.

L14 will be getting ready to work on our annual Christmas Party as well, Dec 2nd.

Be on the look-out for District 4 Toy Run flyer!!!

VFW Post 4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave., Lexington, Mo 64067

Be safe out there!!!!!!

Steph "Puff" Foulks

At the Heart of Every Family

# TRADITION

Is a Meaningful Experience

**YEAGER'S**  
YEAGERSCYCLE.COM - (660) 826-2925

3001 S. Limit - Sedalia  
660-826-2925  
yeagerscycle.com

f t i g

Corporate Sponsor - November 2022 / October 2023



**Local 15 – Branson / Tri-Lakes** (May 1991)

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Call for information Contact: Cyndi Barker 417-339-1679

Facebook: FORR Local #15

Hey everyone,

Hope you're doing a lot of riding, right now. There's plenty of Poker Runs, Dice Runs, Swap Meets and Rallies happening!

Of course, our Local 15 Toy Run, The Stone County Toy Run, is Oct. 1st. Come join up with us at the Branson West Walmart, 28401 MO-13. Sign in starts around noon with KSU at 1pm. The ride ends at the ELKS LODGE in Kimberling City, with Food and drawings. Please help us give the gift of a better Christmas to the kids and their family, in Stone Co.

Our Oct. BS is at Getting Basted in Branson, Mo on Hwy 76. We'll be there on Oct. 3rd. I've never been there, but I've heard they have amazing BBQ.

At our last business meeting we talked about the success of our Hootentown Rally and our Christmas party in Dec. I won the membership drawing, \$111, it now goes back to zero. Our next business meeting is Oct. 26th. Please come and help us finish up plans for this year.

That's all for now. Hope to see you soon, **Lou****Local 16 – SEMO** (December 1984)

Meetings: Call for Information - Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494

E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com

Facebook: FORR Local 16

**Local 20 – Dexter** (September 1985)

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 2PM @ The Tin Can 24 N. Locust St., Dexter, MO

Contact: Daryl Maxey 573-421-0257

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter

**Local 24 - St. Louis**

(October 1986 / Closed 2006 – reinstated January 2009)

Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7 p.m.

Amore Pizza 450 Rue St., St. Francois, Florissant, MO

Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624

Greetings. Well, we had a mighty fine time on the Redneck Biker Golf ride. Great weather. Small turn out but we made the best of it. Due to the small turn-out we didn't hand out trophies. I'm enclosing pics from this ride. I really wish I had more to say about it.

Former local 24 member and my good friend and business partner Dave "Sid" Sidwell took his recently purchased and beautifully resurrected by him, '03 Ultra for his first ride along with Tom "LT" Spoon, Chris Starks, Terra and myself a couple weeks ago after recovery from a serious crash about 15 months ago. I must say it was just great to see our friend back up on TWO again. We rode out to Mustang Sally's in Troy, MO for lunch. Many people would have just given up on riding after sustaining the injuries our friend got from this wreck. Not Dave. Let's all give him a well-deserved, "Atta boy, David!" Anyone that says David isn't a badass just doesn't know him. I'm enclosing a pic from our arrival at the lunch stop from this historic ride.

By the time you read these words you probably know two things. 1- You didn't win the 2009 Harley Davidson Ultraglide that F.O.R.R. recently did a giveaway and 2- The lucky winner was Ray Marlotte. He bought two tickets from local 24 at Johnny's (Continued on next page)

## Freedom of Road Riders® SWMO Local 11

# Food Drive & Toy Run



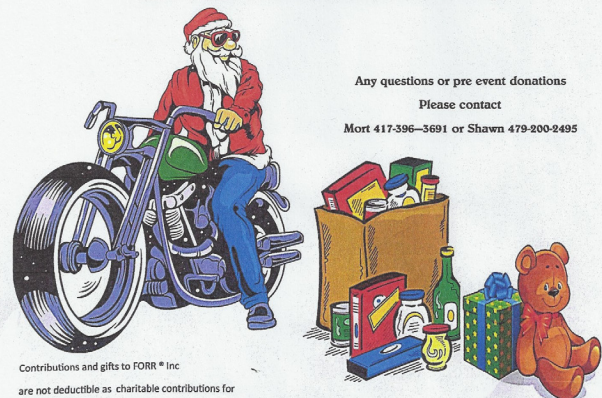
Come together to make sure families of the community have food on their shelves,  
as well as toys under the tree.

Saturday November 4, 2023

Cash Savers Parking Lot 811 W 7th Joplin, Mo 64801

Food Drive 10:00am to 2:00pm

Ride out to deliver to Souls Harbor at 2:15pm



Any questions or pre event donations  
Please contact

Mort 417-396-3691 or Shawn 479-200-2495

Contributions and gifts to FORR® Inc.  
are not deductible as charitable contributions for  
Federal income tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.



**(Continued from previous page)** Hideout on bike night so we all figured he should receive the bike at the point of giveaway ticket purchase. I'm enclosing a pic of the happy winner sitting on his prize about to roll it off the trailer on which it was brought to him. Congratulations Ray! Ride free with F.O.R.R! (See inside front cover!)

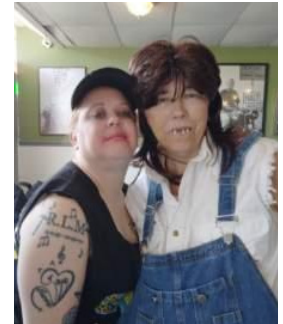
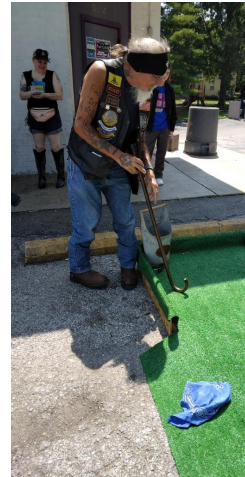
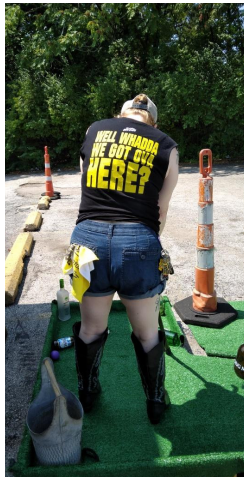
Johnny's Hideout has a bike night every Wednesday and wants those of you who attend these or are planning to attend one in the future to know that there will be plenty of those outdoor propane heater thingies this winter so you can warm your frozen appendages after you get there. But I'd advise you to dress warm for winter riding anyway.

It feels weird typing this 'cause it's 90 something degrees as I'm doing it, but I have it from good authority that winter IS still coming.

Now instead of another episode of Tales From The Road, a word about safety and riding. We in this wonderful state organization we're involved in are always in the business of promoting safety... And freedom... We strive to make motorcycle riders safer and FREE by not allowing laws that hinder our way of life and let's face it, love of, and even for some of us, necessary mode of transportation. We are in the business of lobbying for freedom, safety and motorcycle awareness for ourselves in Jeff City. We have free "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLE" yard signs. We do motorcycle awareness booths. And much more... FANTASTIC. But there's something I've got to say... These newer motorcycles have some really nice features that old bastards like me would have never been able to believe you'd have on a bike if told about them 20 years ago. I have navigation, maps, weather, can plug in an mp3 player... All kinds of crap. This motorcycle probably can preorder a pizza for me and do my taxes too. I'll never know because I don't use much of it. I have seen first-hand, distracted MOTORCYCLE RIDING. Think about it. Boy don't you ever complain to me about some jerk eating pizza or texting his momma while he's driving while you RIDE and do the same shit! Please, don't diddle your phone or touchscreen on your bike while the wheels are turning. Why the #\*+^! do riders need to have their cellphone on a mount to look at while they're riding anyway? What? It's not dangerous enough to ride on a road where you're already "INVISIBLE" to most 4 wheelers? You need to ADD to the danger? Riding your motorcycle is boring and you need to check your facebook page and see what your ex is up to today? Sorry for yelling at all of you tech junkies. But can't you do that at home on your couch? Or better yet, while you're at work? At least you'll be getting paid for it then and won't lose a leg.... OR WORSE.

STAY VIGILANT. TCLOCK YER BIKE. HAVE FUN.

**Rob & Terra**



# HOMECOMING 2023



# HOMECOMING 2023



**Local 25 - St. Charles County** (November 1986)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 p.m.

St Charles Music House

Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

WOW!!! Can you say, "Is it hot in here?" I hope everyone has survived the heat wave we have been having. I like warm temps, but this is getting ridiculous. Drink lots of water and try to stay cool.

Well after many phone calls, we have a location for our pool tournament. We will be having it at Redbirds in St. Peters. They are very happy to have us, and we are very happy to be able to finalize the details. Now we need donations for baskets for our silent auction. Big St. Charles HD has already donated a basket to us and I have a few baskets started, but need some items to finish them, I will be working of them and have them ready by November. If you have a favorite business that you frequent you might ask them for gift certificates for the auction. A Lot of businesses allow for so many "gifts" to be handed out each year, all you have to do is ask. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Remember it takes ALL of us to make this organization work. If everyone does a little, nobody has to do a lot.

We managed to have a productive meeting and got a lot of information out, and it was short. Items that were brought up were our upcoming events, the C.C. minutes, the rider safety course, and many items I forgot to write down. LOL Mark Kirby (Kirby) has renewed for another year, Thanks Kirby!! And also, a big Welcome to Jessica O' Reilly for becoming our newest member, she really should have been the event coordinator, since she does a lot of the work. Thanks Jessica!!! The incentive name drawn was Joe Wass, but unfortunately (for him) he was not here to win it, so it goes in to be added with next month's incentive.

We are in need of a new product line person, since ours has moved to Arkansas. So, if you are interested in doing it let Casey know since he has all of the product, except for the shirts that Donna is still working on. Also, if anyone is interested in writing the newsletter, I would be happy to show them the ropes. It is not hard, just let me know. Speaking of jobs that are needed in F.O.R.R. Beth is looking for someone to take over the rider safety course, due to health issues. If you are interested in it just contact her at the rider safety number in your Freedom Press, she will be glad to hear from you as well as help you in any way she can.

Our next meeting will be Sept 24th at 1 pm at St. Charles Music House, the date was changed due to CC. being changed. Hope to see more smiling faces next month. Until then, Stay hydrated!!!!

Later, *Emily*

**Local 26 – Maryville** (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6p.m.

Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

**Local 28 – Waynesville** (March 1990)

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike "Bama" Roser, VP Wes "Yeti" Ellzey,

Sec./Treasurer Mayra Preble 573-765-5309

Membership Marta Bruno, CC/Freedom Press Merel Johnson,

Shrine Club 573-774-5454

Facebook: Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

Hello Motorcycle Lovers and Riders

Local 28 is asking for some outside assistance. We need help to put on the Annual Friends of the Shriners Halloween Bash for the Kids of Waynesville, Rolla, Iberia, St. Robert and surrounding area. It is a one-day event. All proceeds go to the Shriners' Hospital for Children. We are asking that if you have a pavilion located in the Buckhorn Shriners Park October 28, 2023 come down, decorate it and give out candy or a little gift. Dress in a costume and have some fun. If we can count on you, please contact VP 'Yeti' at ellzeywesley@yahoo.com or Pres "Bama" at mreod@hotmail.com. If you would just like to help, we'll take that too. *(Continued on next page)*



**MULE SKINNER**  
BAR & GRILL

671 NW US HWY 50  
CENTERVUE, MO 64019

*Hours*  
TUESDAY - SUNDAY  
12 PM TO 1:30 AM

660-624-1758

*Free Ride in Shot*

 FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Corporate Sponsor  
February 2023 / January 2024

**(Continued from previous page)** Route 66: Hogs and Frogs event coming up on September 23, 2023. I don't know if this will be out before the event. Local 28 is assisting with the partnership and will have a booth there. Come have fun and enjoy. A nice time to see friends and local bikers.

If Local 28 is still alive, once again we will have some great things to do next year. With that in mind remember elections are coming up. We need those that talk about how great we are to step up and keep us great.

Christmas will be here sooner than you think, at least according to Wal-Mart. Hell we haven't even gotten to eat the fat old turkey yet. The year seems to have shot by with all the heat and weather. Let us remember all those that need our help at home and stop supporting the world. Your mom and dad told you to be able to stand on your own feet to put forth the effort. We need to do the same as a country.

A bit of History: September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. September 4, 1886 - The last major U.S.-Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured. He died of natural causes in 1909 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. September 7, 1994 - The U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin, ending the American military presence in the once-divided city after nearly half a century. September 8, 1883 - The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed. September 16, 1908 - General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan. Birthday - Writer T.S. (Thomas Stearns) Eliot (1888-1965) was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He rejected conventional verse and language in favor of free expression. Birthday - American writer Truman Capote (1924-1984) was born in New Orleans, Louisiana (as Truman Streckfus Persons). He took the last name of his stepfather, becoming Truman Capote. Best known for Breakfast at Tiffany's and In Cold Blood.



"If you can still hear your fears, drop a gear" – Anonymous from EverydayPower

Keep the wind and sun to your back, all wheels on the ground and God as your co-pilot.  
Remember those who protect our freedom. God Bless the USA

**Merel "Hat Man" Johnson, Local 28 Freedom Press Reporter**

### **Local 29 - Kansas City North** (February 1988)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

Boozers Bar, 1100 State Highway B, Liberty, MO 64068

Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566 or

Paul McCormack 816-560-5359

Facebook: FORR Local 29

### **Local 30 - Springfield / Nixa** (January 2007)

Meetings: 3rd Thursday Starting promptly @ 7 p.m.

Foxhole Bar and Grill 2350 N. Clifton Ave.

Springfield, MO 65803

Contact: President – David Hall 417-241-1230 or

Vice President – Brandon Barber 417-837-9001

Facebook: FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO



**R&R Custom Cooking LLC**

DBA R&R Bar-B-Que

10966 Highway 7, Clinton, MO 64735

**(816) 945-7722**

[www.rrcustomcooking.com](http://www.rrcustomcooking.com)

Restaurant & Catering

Takeout / Delivery

NEW Corporate Sponsor - October 2023 / September 2024



**FORR® LOCAL 25**

St. Charles Co.

POOL TOURNAMENT

Saturday

**November 18, 2023**

Sign-up NOON

Tournament Begins @ 1pm



4223 N. St. Peters Parkway  
St. Peters, Mo. 63304

**\$20 Entry**



DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
cash donation giveaways

SILENT AUCTION

contributions and gifts to forr®  
are not deductible



as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes

Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC

**Local 31 - Central Missouri** (December 1990)

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7p.m.  
Check Facebook for meeting location or call  
Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010  
Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John, 573-647-0129  
Facebook: Local 31 Central MO

Happy Autumn everyone! Local 31 has had an adventure filled summer since the Freedom Rally. Several of our group participated in a riding awareness booth at Summerfest, even more have attended rallies and activities across the state and beyond, and 14 members made the trek to Sturgis this year. Looking ahead, many will be enjoying both ShovelFest and BikeFest this month as well.

We have also had several romantic events happening inside the group starting with our very own Razor & Angel taking the plunge and getting married on August 26th (see photo). These two lovebirds held sentiment filled private nuptials to express their love surrounded by family. Please join us as we congratulate them on a long and happy marriage ahead.

These two lovebirds also spearheaded an amazing Dine2Donate Event for Choices for People in Rolla, putting together a phenomenal assortment of items for the giveaway, as well as the event itself... raising more than \$800 from the giveaway alone to give back to the community.

Tying a knot around the romance announcements, Mike Thompson also proposed to April Cahill at Sturgis last month, and they are planning a wedding in late September. Keep your eyes peeled for more to come. Lastly, it has to be the season of birthdays here in the 31. Please wish all of these lovely folks a very happy birthday for making the latest trip around the sun: Julie Strebe, Cassie Sharp, Mike Flett, Mike Thompson, Debb John, Jerry Breeding, Razor (James Blevins), Angel, Eric Albrecht, Charlie Dowell, Cortni Livengood, Jake Allison, Rigel Capen, and John Strebe.

Enjoy the warm days ahead and we will see you all next month –  
**Heather, Local 31**



**ENDZONE**  
SPORTS BAR & GRILL  
3129 W Broadway BLVD  
Sedalia, MO 66301  
Hours of Operation:  
Sunday and Monday 11am - 12pm  
Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 1am

Corporate Sponsor - October 2023 / September 2024

**Pickled Possum**  
"Making Pickled Grins Happen"  
Wednesday & Thursday  
4 pm - 11 pm  
Friday & Saturday  
4 pm - 1:30 am  
Special Event Rentals  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
Pickledpossum19@yahoo.com  
Tel. (660)647-2637  
104 S Main, Windsor MO 65360

Corporate Sponsor - February 2023 / January 2024

**Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West** (March 1999)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 1:00 pm

Location: AM Vets on Hwy. 50 just East of Knob Noster, MO

President: Roy Hoard 660-527-3395

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

How nice...cooler weather for riding now after our scorching hot summer!!

YES, we are alive - Local 33

We welcome new member Matt Meyer and thank all renewing members for Local 33.

Local 33 recently lost 2 Life Members - John 'Dirt' Cohen and Rock Palmer. Thank you to all that were able to attend the Celebration of Life and Ride to escort John's ashes to the VA Cemetery in Higginsville.

Sherrie Kemp will soon have details regarding Rock's Celebration of Life, in November and next year a Memorial Ride. John and Rock are both greatly missed and were dearly loved members of Local 33.

I have available 'In Memory Of' patches for John Cohen and Rock Palmer. If you are wanting a patch for either, get in touch with me.

We would also like to Welcome Local 33's recruiting of New Corporate Sponsors R & R Bar - B - Que and Co-Ed Creations Salon. Recently renewed ones - End Zone, Hideaway Bar & Grill and Solar Pro. And last but not least, current ones - Yeager's and AmVets.

We don't actually have anything planned for October except spontaneous riding!

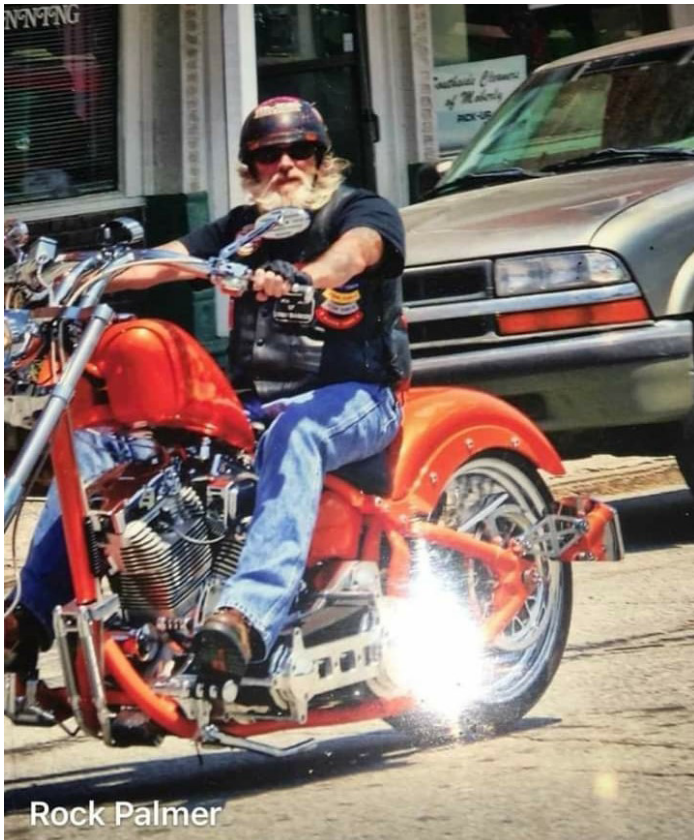
Visiting other Local's Halloween Parties are in the future, so look out for a haunting visit from Local 33 members. We will grab a flag while we are at it.

'Til next month,

Ride a lot, Be safe and Enjoy the wind in your face!

**Karen 'Susie Q' Ryan,**

**News Editor**



Rock Palmer



**Local 35 - Golden Valley** (July 1996)

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO

Contact: President David Roberts Nelson 660-492-7493

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders ® Local 35

Hello! Hope everyone had a great September and enjoyed your Labor Day with friends and family!

Now here comes October already! Back in August

Local 35 and many others had a great time at the Mid-American Freedom Rally. Definitely was the hottest one yet with temps above 100 degrees! We toughed through it and had a blast!

Thank you to everyone that worked and understands the importance of the Homecoming Rally! All your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!

Congratulations to Danny Gregory, Doug Cooper, Ronald Thompson and myself for placing in the motorcycle show! Carl Buce, Alex Hopkins and April Spears all kicked ass in the corn hole tournament also!

Now hopefully everyone is getting ready for District 4 Octoberfest on October 6-8 in Grain Valley Mo! Always a great time! Be there to support our organization and to have fun at our last rally of the year!

Happy Birthday to Local 35 member Shane Spear turning the Big 50!

That's all I have for now friends!

Everyone please, stay safe out there!

Local 35 has our meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Eagles Lodge in Clinton Missouri at 2pm. So please join us! Please call President David Nelson at 660-492-7493 or myself V.P Rod at 660-233-9944 with any info or questions you may have! Thanks guys!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free,

*\*Rod \**

*\*(See pictures in the 'center')*

**Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads** (January 2002)

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Dino's Diner

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-0876 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

Facebook: FORR® Local 41

Local 41, I have to apologize for no newsletters the last couple of months. July was a bad month for my family, then August my laptop took a "S\*\*T" and haven't got it replaced.

Not much going on with the local, right now trying to keep us open.

I made it down to Homecoming Friday evening, talked to a few friends and made my way around the campground. With my heart health issues, I can't stay in the heat too long and the heat was there. Hope all that went didn't suffer from the heat too much.

Going to try and get some of the people from the local to hit some the upcoming events.

If anyone tried to make our meeting on September 7th, it was changed... something about a football game that was on that night. We'll be back to our regular times unless there is another game on Thursday.

Till later, RIDE SAFE AND RIDE FREE

Thanks, **Steve Gallus**

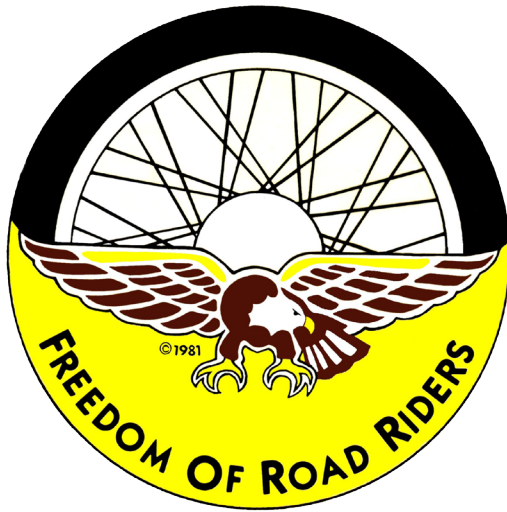
|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | <b>AMVETS POST 143</b><br><b>Open to the Public</b><br><b>Bar Open</b> 4:00 pm Thursday - Saturday<br>Thursday is <b>BINGO NIGHT</b> from 6:30 PM<br>Friday & Saturday - <b>Steak &amp; Shrimp Dinners</b><br>along with Full Menu from 5:00 - 9:00 PM |
|  | 50 HWY<br>KNOB NOSTER, MO<br>Hall Rental for Special Events<br>General Office - T: 660-563-6077<br>Home of <b>FORR® LOCAL 33</b>   |

Corporate Sponsor - February 2023 / January 2024



**Local 42 - Franklin County** (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10 a.m.  
 Roadhouse 100 – 2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO  
 Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194 or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136  
 Facebook: F.O.R.R. LOCAL 42 FRANKLIN CO.



**Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.**  
**Local 15 - Branson Tri-Lakes**

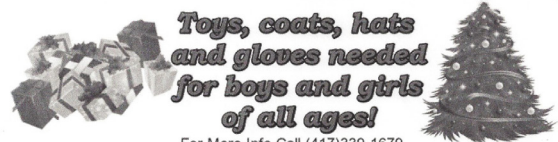


**34th Annual  
 Branson Motorcycle Toy Run**



to benefit Taney County Families  
**Sunday, November 5th, 2023**

Meeting at Walmart - 2050 West Hwy 76 Branson, MO  
 Leaving at 1 pm - Parade will follow Santa to  
 The Elks Lodge 2597 of Forsyth  
 Dinner will be provided compliments of The Elks Lodge  
 Everyone Welcome! Rain, snow or shine!



**Toys, coats, hats  
 and gloves needed  
 for boys and girls  
 of all ages!**

For More Info Call (417)339-1679

Don't have time to shop? Cash Donations Welcome!  
**Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization  
 promoting safety and brotherhood  
 to all kinds of motorcyclist on all types of motorcycles.**

Contributions and gifts to FORR®, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.

Freedom of Road Riders® Local 42

**Game Day**

**Saturday October 14th, 2023**

Rain or Shine Event

**Sign in at 11am - 11:30**

Route & Point Sheet given out at sign in

**Roadhouse 100**

2763 Hwy. 100  
 Gray Summit Mo 63039

**\$10 per hand**

**\$5 each additional hand**

**Kids hands are \$5**

BBQ plates available at the last stop.



Contributions and gifts to FORR®, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC. Not Responsible for accidents.

Freedom of Road Riders®  
 Local 7 Lebanon  
**42nd Annual**

**toy run**

Nov. 5th, 2023

Where: American Legion Hall  
 (2538 Evergreen Parkway, Lebanon MO)  
 Check-In 12:00 to 1:00 pm



Bring One New Unwrapped Toy and Canned Food Donation  
 Free Chilli and Drink After the Ride

**For more information call 1-417-532-4731**

Contributions and gifts to FORR®, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.



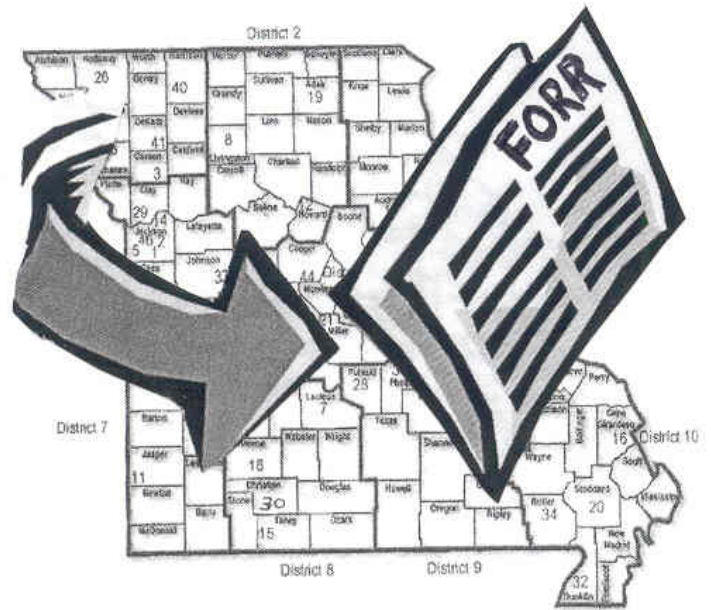
**CO ED CREATIONS salon**  
660-563-3553

**DD Smith**

200 A. East Lucas • Knob Noster, Missouri 65356

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK • SAT. BY APPT. • WALK INS WELCOME  
Late evening appointments available  
Don't forget your family hair care needs!

NEW Corporate Sponsor - October 2023 / September 2024



**MOTORCYCLISTS  
IMPROVING  
LEGISLATIVE  
EFFECTIVENESS**



An opportunity for motorcyclist rights group members and others of like mind to meet and benefit from each others experiences while working toward a common goal:

*The preservation of our freedom as motorcyclists*

Website: [www.midsouthmile.org](http://www.midsouthmile.org)

**31st Annual Conference  
October 20, 21 & 22 2023**

University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center  
333 S John Q Hammons Parkway, Springfield MO 65806  
Reservations: 417-864-7333 or on line at [www.midsouthmile.org/hotel](http://www.midsouthmile.org/hotel)  
Lodging and reduced rate for MILE participants guaranteed until Sept. 19, 2023  
Booking after September 19 subject to availability and regular rates

**ORGANIZATION'S DIVISION - \$100 REGISTRATION INCENTIVE:** Any organization's division (local, district, chapter or however the organization is divided), can preregister as a group through their respective organization for \$100. Then any member of that division may participate in the seminar portion of the event at no individual charge.

INDIVIDUAL PREREGISTRATION: \$20 - \$25 at Seminar if not Preregistered  
BANQUET/PARTY FEE PREREGISTRATION: \$35 - \$45 AT SEMINAR IF NOT PREREGISTERED (To insure accurate meal count)

**PREREGISTRATION FORM**  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**  
\$20 SEMINAR PREREGISTRATION (\$25 AT EVENT)  
\$100 ORGANIZATION/DIVISION PREREGISTRATION  
(SEMINAR FEE ONLY-DOES NOT INCLUDE BANQUET FEE OR ROOMS)  
\$35 BANQUET/PARTY FEE PREREGISTRATION (\$45 AT EVENT)  
**MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E.**  
P.O. Box 554  
TONGANOXIE, KS 66086

Register online at [www.midsouthmile.org](http://www.midsouthmile.org) with



**PREREGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ SEMINAR FEE \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET FEE \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

*The M.I.L.E.: Preserving Our Freedom As Motorcyclists*

## MRF Endorses Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Movement



The face of the motorcycle industry has been changing for some time now. To that end the fair play between traditional aftermarket shops and the new reseller models presents many challenges for any motorcycle business owner. Enter the Motorcycle Rider Foundation and the new Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network (IMA). What started as a casual meeting during Daytona has become so much more and needs your participation now.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has agreed to formally support the recently formed discussion group recognized as the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network. “This discussion group intends to keep the MRF informed of the challenges they face operating a business that supports motorcycle riders with services not offered by traditional franchise dealers, stated Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, furthermore the MRF will set up a formal review council to present the most pressing issues to our lobbyists in Washington, DC.” Independent motorcycle dealers and custom bike builders are critical to our industry’s sustenance with the services they provide for older bikes and customization.

Independent motorcycle dealers and custom bike builders wishing to join the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network can contact Bob Kay at [IMA19032023@gmail.com](mailto:IMA19032023@gmail.com). Or go directly to the website at <https://mrf.org/join/join-mrf-imac/>

There is also a private Facebook group set up for discussion of these important topics at [https://www.facebook.com-groups/2667411906733736/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2667411906733736/)

And a public Instagram page dedicated to passing IMA news and events. <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8f9a1a31/NeXqxXD6GEerVyKMIFSDYw?u=https://www.instagram.com/imag1903/>

You can also support our lobbyists efforts by purchasing a Sustaining Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Annual Membership at <https://mrf.org/join/join-mrf-imac/>

**Right to Repair** – You or the repair shop of your choice should have access to the tools, parts, and technology you need. However, manufacturers want to restrict your ability to service, maintain and repair your bike.

**Right to Modify** – The ability to modify and customize your bike is a fight the MRF has won before. In the 1990’s the MRF defeated a proposal that would have limited modification to “color and chrome.” We continue to fight for consumers rights to modify products they buy how they see fit.

**Renewable Fuels** – The availability of fuel for use in motorcycles is under attack. The MRF fights for the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10% ethanol by volume.

**Internal Combustion Engines** – Not only is the fuel we need under attack, but the engines that burn that fuel are being targeted. A push to ban the sale of vehicles with internal combustion engines is happening right now! We believe Americans should have the right to choose what time of engine to buy not have the choice mandated by the government.

**End of Life Directives** – In Europe, “end of life directives” require vehicles over a certain age be turned in for destruction. Policy ideas that first appear in Europe have a history of popping up in the United States. The ability to own, collect, work on, and refurbish older motorcycles is a fundamental part of who we are as motorcyclists. The MRF will battle any end-of-life directives in the U.S.

**Protect the Motorcycle Ecosystem** – Independent shops and manufacturers are a critical part of the motorcycle ecosystem. They provide choice and competition in the marketplace. The MRF believes that to preserve the lifestyle and culture of motorcycling, independent shops and manufacturers must be protected.

## *Motorcycle Awareness Begins and Ends...*

Motorcycle Awareness doesn't just begin and end with one individual, it takes the whole brother/sisterhood to make sure motorcyclists are seen. That starts with being proactive when we are out riding. If we as a brother/sisterhood are not paying attention to each other, then how can we expect the vehicles around us? Obeying traffic laws is a major part of motorcycle safety and awareness. Do we really need to eek through that yellow/orange light? Do we really need those last alcohol drinks that put us just over the edge to be reckless? The answer is no. Plain and simple. If we cannot or will not watch out for each other, then no one else will.

Motorcycles pose unique safety concerns (not only for motorcyclists but for everyone on the road). However, by educating yourself about the issues and concerns surrounding motorcycle accidents, you can keep the US's roadways much safer. Here are seven important facts about motorcycle accidents that every motorist should know:

They can lead to large settlements. Motorcycle accidents are often brutal. When you're harmed on a motorcycle due to someone else's reckless actions or are harmed by a reckless motorcyclist, you deserve to find restitution for your pain and suffering. These lawsuits can lead to big settlements that can get victims' lives back on track. While it's difficult to pinpoint the exact average motorcycle accident settlement, they tend to be much larger than many other types of auto accidents. The more vigilant you are about getting a motorcycle accident lawyer in the aftermath of an accident, the more effectively you'll be able to gain a large settlement that can help you move on with your life in a dignified and financially secure fashion.

Many of them happen in cities. Urban roads are host to the majority of motorcycle-involved accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has calculated that more than sixty percent of accidents involving motorcycles happen on urban roads and within city limits. For this reason, both motorists and motorcyclists must take extra precautions when driving in these often more crowded and chaotic urban environments. Doing so can save lives and will help keep people in cities feeling safer about hopping on their motorcycles in the coming decades.

Safety gear is crucial. While many people assume motorcycle accidents are so dangerous that safety gear does not make a significant difference, this is actually a dangerous and consequential lie. Safety gear helps reduce the instance of major injuries and death in motorcycle accidents by a significant margin. Over fifty percent of those that die in motorcycle accidents failed to wear their helmets. Wearing other safety gear can prevent broken bones, irreparable scrape injuries, and other nasty injuries as well. For this reason, many states and local jurisdictions have made it a crime to ride a motorcycle without safety gear. Many of these laws only deal with helmets, but some go even further.

Motorcycle accidents are incredibly dangerous. Compared to other motorists, motorcyclists are up to thirty times more likely to die when involved in a collision or other accident. Because a person often gets thrown from a motorcycle during an accident (especially at high speeds), the chance of a major injury occurring become greatly increased. If the motorcycle hits a larger vehicle, the chance of major injury or death becomes that much higher. To keep motorcyclists safe, everyone needs to learn to care for every other driver on the road in their immediate area at all times.

Short trips are often the most dangerous. While many people think accidents tend to happen on longer trips and commutes, the opposite is actually true. Motorcycle accidents are especially commonplace during short trips and commutes. While this statistic does not have concrete reasoning driving it, many researchers suspect that drivers are simply less cautious when they know they will only be on the road for a short amount of time. To keep everyone on the roadway around you safe, you should be alert, attentive, and cautious anytime you're behind the wheel (even if you're simply leaving a parking lot).

Substance abuse is more common in motorcycle accidents. Unfortunately, motorcycle accidents have much higher rates of being fueled by substance abuse issues. Alcohol is especially prevalent when looking at the causes and influencing factors behind motorcycle accidents. Nearly one-third of motorcycle accidents involve some type of impairment, in fact. Alcohol is the most predominant substance to blame, but other substances are frequently involved as well. If you or a loved one are struggling with substance abuse issues, it's important to remember that there is help out there. Gaining control over your life will improve your quality of life significantly and keep your community much safer.

*Tricia Ruby*  
*Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator*



Hey all you Freedom Lovers,  
 For those of you that got to sit in the air conditioned sign-in gate at homecoming, make sure you give Mark Chapman a big thank you. Before he built that for us we were sitting under

a canopy with a table and chairs. The building is now in need of some TLC and we are still looking for a trailer to put under it.

Hopefully by the time you read this we have secured a food vendor for Octoberfest. We have never gone without a food vendor before but I'm sure we will not starve even if we have to feed ourselves. I have never been to a FORR event where there wasn't enough food for everyone. There will be live music both Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday morning will start off with the bike show with the drag races and biker games to follow. Make plans now, you sure don't want to miss it.

District 4 toy run will be the first Sunday in November, 11-5. Starting at Local 5's meeting place, VFW Post 1829, where they will feed us breakfast before we start on the run to the Sunshine Center where they will feed us lunch.

Short and sweet this month, so as I always say

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



# Animals Tracks

*A little something to think about...*



## Election Procedures

Those who wish to run for Central Committee Chairman must mail their intent to run and the names of the cabinet to the Corporate Secretary. This filing shall be postmarked from August 1 through midnight August 31.

This intent to run must be sent certified mail. The Corporate Secretary will verify eligibility by checking the current list of Local officers and checking with the Local presidents for past records. The Corporate Secretary will then send the list of those wishing to run to the Newsletter Editor by September 5 for printing in the October Newsletter. The Corporate Secretary will notify candidates for Chairman of the cabinet qualifications and/or approval within 10 days after receipt of intent.

Elections will be held the second Sunday in November. The term of Central Committee Chairman and the cabinet will be two (2) years. All voting will be by signed written ballot, to be retained by the Recording Secretary for two (2) years. In case of a tie vote, there will be another vote taken. Central Committee Representatives will only vote on the candidates involved in the tie. Central Committee Representatives will not have the option to abstain. If the tie is not broken with the second vote, the Central Committee Chairman will cast the tie breaking vote.

If the Central Committee Chairman cannot complete the term, the Vice-Chairman will step into that position and complete the term. The new Chairman will then appoint someone to fill the position of Vice-Chairman. If any of the Officers of the cabinet cannot complete their term, the Central Committee Chairman will appoint someone to fill that position. These changes must be approved by a vote of the Central Committee Representatives.

After the November elections all books and records will be put in order and given to the new officers before January 1.

The January Central Committee meeting, following elections, will be run by the newly elected officers.

# 31ST ANNUAL MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E. CONFERENCE

**MOTORCYCLISTS  
IMPROVING  
LEGISLATIVE  
EFFECTIVENESS**

6-STATES WORKING  
TOGETHER TO IMPROVE  
MOTORCYCLE  
LEGISLATION



SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE  
WORKSHOPS WITH  
INFORMATION GEARED  
TOWARD PROTECTING  
MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS  
AND GENERAL  
INFORMATION FOR ALL  
RIDERS.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 20-22, 2023  
REGISTRATION BEGINS  
FRIDAY @ 4:00 P.M.**

**FOR MORE INFO AND EARLY REGISTRATION VISIT:**

**WWW.MIDSOUTHMILE.ORG**

**UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL  
333 S JOHN Q HAMMONS  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI  
65806 (417) 864-7333**



Scan for MILE Website

**SEMINARS ONLY- \$20  
BANQUET - \$35  
PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE  
REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE**

Hospitality room  
Dinner Buffet

MSM Products  
Cash Bar during banquet

Live and Silent Auctions  
Raffles 50/50

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

New \$25.00       Renewal (previous member) \$25.00

Membership# (if renewal) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Membership Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited By: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Newsletter 'The Freedom Press'

Paper Copy     Digital Copy     Do Not Want A Monthly Copy

**\*Please keep your mailing address current with your Local Secretary or the Corporate Membership Secretary**

Do you want to receive emails regarding legislative information and actions?  Yes  NO

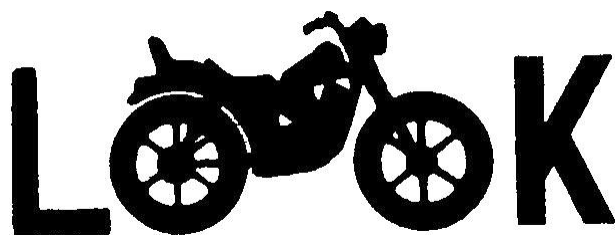
Would you like to be a PAC (Political Action Committee) Supporter? You will receive a special patch.  \$10.00

Send this completed application, along with a check or money order:

**Kerri 'Mouse' Lewis  
1350 Greenway Chase Dr., Florissant, MO 63031-1534**

**Please make check payable to FORR, Inc.**  
Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing membership.

Activities in FORR® may be restricted due to age, insurance, state, federal or local regulations.



### Important Information...

You can Join, Renew, or Change your membership information online at

**www.forr.net**

Just click on the Member Services button then choose the option you need.

**We accept MasterCard, VISA and Discover.**

Or you can renew by calling (314) 546-1170

### Request For Local Transfer

*(You can only transfer once per year.)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to transfer from

Local \_\_\_\_\_ to Local \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Signature

Send to: FORR®, Inc, Kerri 'Mouse' Lewis  
1350 Greenway Chase Dr.  
Florissant, MO 63031-1534

### Change of Info Use this change of address form

#### Old Address Information

Membership# \_\_\_\_\_ Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### New Address Information

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form to:  
FORR®, Inc, Kerri 'Mouse' Lewis  
1350 Greenway Chase Dr., Florissant, MO 63031-1534  
**\*Please keep your mailing address current with your Local Secretary or the Corporate Membership Secretary**

FORR®  
"The Freedom Press"  
1170 SW 225th Rd.  
Holden, MO 64040-9352

PRSR  
MARKETING MAIL  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT #3  
VERSAILLES, MO

**Dear Postal Worker;**

This is dated material.  
Our members depend on  
a quick delivery.

**THANK YOU!**

• Deliver to Addressee or Current Resident •



**TIME IS RUNNING OUT**  
CHECK THE DATE ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL  
& SEE IF YOUR *DUE TO RENEW!*

**OCTOBER 2023**



## Events

### OCTOBER

6-8 / Dist 4 - Octoberfest, 1 / L15 - Stone County Toy Run  
14 / L42 - Game Day, 28 / L14 - Pool Tournament,  
21 / L11 - Halloween Bash

### NOVEMBER

4 / L11 - Food Drive, 5 / L15 - Motorcycle Run  
5 / L7 - Toy Run, 18 / L25 - Pool Tournament



### THE KICKSTAND MEMORIAL POOL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 28th 2023  
SIGN IN IS 5:00PM TO  
6:00PM



**8 BALL POOL TOURNAMENT (GENTLEMEN'S  
RULES)  
STARTS AT 6:00 PM**

**THE HIDEAWAY BAR & GRILL  
68 SE 180TH RD  
WARRENSBURG, MO. 64093**

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME'S OPTIONAL**

**\$15 TO ENTER WITH PAYOUT'S TO 1st , 2nd AND 3rd  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DOUG OR DONNA HILBURN @  
816-582-8808 OR 816-665-7243**

CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS TO FORR @ INC. ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT MAY BE USED TO FUND A P.A.C.



Freedom of Road Riders®, (FORR®) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists. FORR® membership is made up of motorcyclists from all walks of life, who ride all types of motorcycles and with all sorts of interests. Whether your interests center around legislative activities, motorcycle shows, or motorcycle rallies, FORR® has something to offer to you. You could belong to one of the largest motorcycling related organizations in the State of Missouri, with Local affiliates throughout the State. FORR® is different from most motorcycle organizations in that persons who ride ANY motorcycle or who support our freedom to ride without riding themselves can join. So regardless of whether you ride a Honda or Harley, a moped, dirt bike or an automobile, if you love motorcycling or would like to support the right to ride, you belong in Freedom of Road Riders®.