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Letter to the Editor

REFLECTIONS & OBSERVATIONS: SOLIDARITY

America will never
be destroyed from
the outside. If we
falter and lose our
freedoms, it will
be because we
destroyed ourselves
- Abraham Lincoln



I'm using the words of one of the greatest American statesman from the history of the United States to address a crisis facing FORR.

We have a new cabinet that has dedicated itself to reform not only of our by-laws but of this organization itself. With reform comes growth and with growth comes growing pains. Change is rarely pleasant because we as human beings allow ourselves to get comfortable and change represents adjustment. Yes, it would be so much easier to simply leave sleeping dogs lie but easier is not always better.

One of the major issues facing FORR is the lack of solidarity. I'm blessed to be able to be out among the other Locals and attend their functions. I am in a unique position to be able to share in this brotherhood at the state level. This has allowed me to speak with many people and I've been the

recipient of some amazing insights. The most prevalent criticism of FORR has been the lack of communication. This has led to dissension among the membership and a division of the ranks. With this division has come a certain amount of "burn out" that is having an adverse effect on the long time membership, the Grey Beards if that is the proper term.

The most immediate crisis facing this organization is the subjects of dealing with Toxic Members and Local 00. Both are causing an already volatile situation to become toxic in itself. Local 00 is the immediate concern of ALL members. 00 has in its membership roster some of the most dedicated, passionate legislative crusaders in this state. No one is denying that and no one is saying otherwise but 00 was never created to be a functioning Local. It was created to allow for transition and as a "holding pen" for anyone displaced by Local closings.

I have read the by-laws from cover to cover. There are many rules that are written too broadly, just like the noise ordinances we fight and this has allowed for personal interpretation. That is why each new cabinet is charged with reviewing these rules every two years. In the case of this cabinet, issues that should have been addressed years ago are just now coming to the fore and the too open language has caused misunderstanding pure and simple. The reform of this open language is not a personal attack on any one individual. It is an attempt at true reform and clarification of the rules enacted by this organization since its inception.

This new dawn should not be a time of war amongst us. It should be a time of coming together to share experience and get down to the difficult task of making FORR the powerful legislative organization envisioned by its founders. We are at the threshold of seeing our efforts come to fruition. Individually we are just citizens with a desire to make things better for future generations. Together we have the power to insure those changes are designed in the best interest of ALL riders young and old. More importantly, together we have the power to insure personal freedom is protected. This is a great legacy we have been entrusted with and it is one we ALL must cherish and defend.

Please, the membership must come together. It is not enough to send a CC representative six times a year. Our gallery should be full during these meetings and it is imperative that our membership becomes involved. There is no room for armchair management. We will only succeed through hands on, hard work and the type of dedication those on the front lines have demonstrated. I've issued the challenge before; if you want to see change, roll up your sleeves and get busy!

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NOTES FROM KATHERINE

Here it is, that time of month where I should have all kinds of information to share, with some worthy piece of knowledge in the message there (somewhere, hopefully...), but all I have for you is writer's block. Let's start from the "past" events, (which are somewhat current events as I am typing), and (hopefully) we can get to our inspirational message together. Events that have past, but need mentioning: Lincoln Days & Demo Days: both a very successful venue. We changed a few mind sets, got to thank a few of our State House Reps & Senators for their supportive efforts with FORR in our fight for our freedom, got to meet several Federal candidates, even signed on a couple of new members! Very successful events, and couldn't happen without the help from L13, L27, L24, L5, L29, along with visits from John Stouffer and Darrell Coy. Events that haven't happened yet, but might have passed once you get the newsletter: hoping for a magnificent turnout to ALL of these next events mentioned: Capitol Crusaders' Day, Thurs. March 22, 2012. Thanks to the majority of District 4, they will be providing us with the 2nd charter bus-trip up to the Capitol. If you didn't get to make it up the first bus-trip in Feb. I am hoping this Thursday trip might be a little calmer, so we can actually get some more one-on-one time with our Legislators. Though getting closer and closer to the end of Session, who know what will be thrown their way?? We recognize how busy the State has been; trying to tackle the budget, increase jobs, etc., that is why we at FORR are so grateful for their time they spend with us. Tues, April 24th: M.A.Y. Rally up at the Capitol; should start about 1-ish pm...please get with Local 10 or Deanna Norris for more info, in addition to getting flyers out and advertising this. Sunday, April 29th, right back up to the Capitol (see a pattern here?) will be The BUFR Run. Should start about 2-ish pm, if I am not mistaken...for more info contact Georgia Haley (L24) or ABATE For MO, in addition to getting flyers out and advertising this! I have seen the flyers for both the MAY Rally and The BUFR Run up on some FB pages; I am personally asking you to all put aside differences and ALL of us stand side by side at these events. As two separate events, they are meant to represent two totally different meanings. We MUST be willing to give of ourselves, our time, efforts, and sacrifice some resources to get our awareness message out to the public! We know what we need to do, but does the public? You can pretend to care...but you can't pretend to show up.

List of Bills (as it stands 04Mar12) FORR is in support of; I need all members to be calling both their State House Rep & their State Senator, and asking them where they stand on the following Bills. Please be polite but firm in getting a straight yea or nay from them, as this is the info I will be starting our candidate spreadsheet with, and voting history in general. I told you I would be calling upon you, and now is the time. I truly need this task done. Bills you would ask your State House Rep about: HB1749-Clutch's (Upgrade) Law/Failure To Yield the Right Of Way (FTYROW); HB1242-Military exempt from roadway skills w/successful completion of riders' skill course; HB1669-MC Permit Bill; HB1670- Modification of current Helmet Bill; HB1381-our GPS Bill; prohibiting the use of GPS & similar technology to monitor your mileage travelled to impose mileage tax on you. Bills you would ask your State Senator where they stand on: SB611- Requires DOT to establish minimum yellow light change interval time for control devices; SB805-FTYROW; SB743-Helmet Mod; SB673- MC Permit; SB564-Military exempt (identical to HB1242); SB824-Designate May as "MC Awareness month". That should be

a total of (5) for House Reps and (6) for Senate.

FYI: Midway, USA will be hosting the NRA's 141st Exhibit in St. Louis at The America's Center this year! April 12th-15th; www.nraam.org for more info; this should definitely be a venue a FORR member just might want to present at...along with some membership cards, perhaps? (hint-hint; wink-wink...I KNOW I WILL be there, just sayin'..)

Again, I'm at the end of thoughts, and feel like I might have forgotten something (or things...). If I think of some more stuff, I will include in your weekly reports. Please make sure the General Office (aka, Dallas) has your most current email address. If you are not getting weekly reports (at minimum) and you want them, then this is your responsibility to get your email address updated with Dallas.

Thank you for your trust in me; this is an unbreakable bond we have, and I will never disrespect the bond. It's been a crazy ride this year, and we are almost at the end of Session. Hang in there! (from "Finding Nemo": "...~just keep swimming, swimming, swimming... just keep swimming...~") Together, we can, and will, have a fulfilled report to give at the MRF's Meeting Of The Minds this year!

"If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples, then you and I will still each have one apple. But...if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas..."

Most respectfully submitted by Katherine Fox
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Central Committee Q&A

Hearing several inquiries lately such as, "What is CC" or "Who can attend the meeting", I hope this brief will provide some answers.

CC stands for Central Committee. This group is the governing body of this organization.

Any member, as well as the general public, are encouraged to attend and will be seated in the gallery. The CC tables are reserved for local representatives.

Any member designated by their local may represent that local, as long as their membership is current. Locals may reimburse the member for certain expenses incurred.

Comments or questions from the gallery are recognized, providing there is not a motion on the floor. In that instance, a local rep may request it be heard.

All members have a vote in the actions of this organization through their local CC reps. Voting power is based on the local membership, 10-100, 1 vote, 101-200, 2 votes, 201-300, 3 votes and so on. The exception being Local 00, as it is designated a transitional local.

Should a local not be represented at two consecutive CC meetings, that local may be contacted by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman with an offer of assistance.

Meetings of the CC are conducted by the Chairman according to Roberts Rules of Order as interpreted by the Chairman.

CC meetings are held the second Sunday of odd numbered months, except in May and will be the first Sunday. CC meetings are currently held at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sky McWilliams,
Vice-Chairman

Good Intentions..., Not Well Received or "Nothing Personal"

The first impression, you don't get a second chance to make a first impression. You can't argue with that. Sometimes new thoughts and ideas are not initially received well, they may seem unnecessary, iron-fisted or destructive. Sometimes it's just the idea of getting out of the comfort of the status quo.

Given a little time to "ponder", or for those with diplomas, "rational thinking", you can understand the reasoning behind the new thoughts and ideas. It doesn't mean you have to agree with them, but you understand them just the same.

There is a saying that sums it up easily, "A smart man talks, a wise man listens".

Personalities are like thoughts and ideas, sometimes not well received initially. But after some time getting to know the person you get a better understanding of them. It doesn't mean you will agree with them, but you understand them just the same.

In the previous newsletter, Kathy wrote "that Freedom of Road Riders is not for everyone". I couldn't agree more. FORR is made up of proud, independent, strong-willed, outspoken, personalities that just want the freedom to decide how to run their own life. With so many members sharing the same qualities there is inevitably going to be differences in opinions. That's not a bad thing, in fact we need differences in opinions, it leads to discussion, which in turn gets more people involved with the decision making. After all, aren't the people the strength of an organization?

Letting personal differences get in the way of how we conduct ourselves and our decision making has the potential to have an adverse effect, or destroy an organization. Let's practice what we preach, show some brotherhood by giving your fellow man's thoughts and ideas the same consideration that you would expect him to give to yours.

We're all in this together, let's keep our eye's on the prize, the main purpose.

Martin King
Chairman

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RIDING SEASON IS FINALLY HERE

by STAPLES

OMG, can you believe it? That acronym is now officially in the dictionary. LOL (this one too). How about **TCLOCK**? Is that in your biker dictionary? If not, it needs to be. While most people think of Freedom Of Road Riders (FORR) as the "anti-helmet" group, we also promote safety and rider education. It is with this in mind that we present the following developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for assisting you in doing a comprehensive pre-ride inspection of a motorcycle.

CUT IT OUT...HANG IT UP...PRACTICE IT...MAKE IT A HABIT

TCLOCK

T-tires / wheels: condition

Tires – tread depth, wear, weathering, bulges, imbedded objects
air pressure (check when tires are cold, adjust to load & speed)

Wheels – spokes; bent, broken, missing, tension
rims; cracks, dents, out of round
bearings; wear, tight, lubricated
seals; cracked, cut, torn, wear

C-controls: condition

Levers – broken, bent, cracked, secure mount, lubricated
Cables – routing, fraying, kinks, cuts, length, lubricated
Hoses – routing, fraying, kinks, cuts, bulges, leaks, deterioration, length
Throttle – moves freely, lubricated

L-lights: condition, aim, visibility

Battery – terminals, clean, secure mount, electrolyte level, vent tube
Lenses – clear, clean, cracked, broken, missing, condensation, secure mount
Reflectors – clean, cracked, broken, missing, secure mount
Wiring – fraying, chaffing, insulation, routing, secure attachment

O-oil / fluids: condition, level

Engine, Transmission, brakes, clutch, radiator, gas tank – new or old fluids, leaks, proper amount

C-chassis: condition

Frame – cracks, mounting brackets, bearings, bushings, seals
Suspension – fork, shocks, swingarm – smooth travel, equal pressure, leaks, lubricated, secure mount
Chain or Belt – primary and drive – tension, wear, lubricated (chain)
Fasteners – threaded, clips, cotter pins – tight, missing parts or completely broken

Kickstand: condition

Side or center – cracks, bent, tension, secure mount, safety switch



Why I Got Involved?

By Kathy Garver

Over the past several years I've had numerous people ask the question of why I got involved and have stayed involved in the biker rights movement. After a lot of thought this is what I have come up with in response to this question. I got involved because I saw a need to do something to protect the interests of motorcyclists and FORR and the MRF were there to fulfill that need. I stayed involved because even though I haven't always agreed with the direction the organization or local has taken, I still believe in the bigger picture. That WE must be vigilant in our fight to protect the rights of motorcycling.

I've been involved with motorcycles all my life as my parents owned a motorcycle dealership and were actively involved in the flat track and road race scene. My dad use to joke about the fact that as a small child I slept better if I was laying across a bike or in the race trailer than in my own bed. Back many moons ago the motorcycle manufacturers were just starting to market a new style of motorcycle, the early beginnings of today's high performance sport bikes. This race inspired style of bikes almost immediately faced extinction from big brother. Those of you who are old enough may remember the Danforth superbike ban. Around that same time the off road biking community was also facing another threat, the extinction of 3-wheeled ATVs. This threat wasn't coming from an outright government ban, but from regulations that made it impossible for a manufacturer to continue to produce this type of vehicle.

My family offered their service department as a meeting place to discuss a new motorcycle rights organization, FORR. From that meeting Local 2 was born. The new local needed members so mom signed me up, knowing how I felt about big brother controlling individuals lives. Local 2 met at our shop for many years and during that time many friendships were developed. Most of the old members of Local 2 aren't involved in more. People like JJ, Joe, Duffy, Dave. Some because life got in the way, some simply got tired and moved on to other things and some have gone to be with their brothers and sisters on the eternal highway. Life was different back then and so was the organization. Over the next several months I am going to try to share with you some of the interesting things from the past minutes in the hopes that you can get a feel for a little bit of the history of the organization. There is 30 plus years worth of history here so don't expect to get a detailed story. If your interested in the stories take the time to sit down with an old timer around a campfire at one of the events, I'm sure they'd be happy to share some stories with you.

Like I said before times were different back then. In March, 1981 the Central Committee Officers were Chairman - Mike McPeck; Vice-Chairman - Dennis Bitner; Secretary John Wonderly; Treasurer Jerry Smith. The corporation papers for Freedom of Road Riders were drawn up and signed by Mike McPeck, John Wonderly, Dennis Bitner and John Farmer on April 5, 1981. The state was drawn up into Districts. Central Committee meetings were held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Financial reports were made available at all CC meetings. At this point in the organizations history new members were \$15.00, renewals were \$10.00 and 25% of all funds raised at an FORR function were kept by the local and 75% went to the Central Committee. Discussion was held at the CC level about a Memorial Day get together. A questionnaire was drawn up and distributed to motorcycle dealers to give the new organization some insight into how Missouri bikers felt about issues such as the mandatory helmet law, rider education and other issues that were affecting them as motorcyclists. The Central Committee was planning a event called Octoberfest but needed to find a location to hold the event. They were also establishing communication between the organization and

elected officials and encouraged local members to do the same. The groundwork was laid for making campaign contributions to help get individuals into office that supported FORR's position.

In September, 1981 the fledgling organization received an invitation to attend a meeting with the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the MSF and other officials and bureaucrats to discuss a new proposed motorcycle licensing procedure. FORR was the only public interest group invited to attend this meeting. The members present at this CC meeting agreed that FORR might be making itself known as a group that represents the views of the majority of Missouri motorcyclists. The object of this meeting was to propose a stricter motorcycle licensing test, the need for a motorcycle only operators manual and driver's guide called "Sharing the Road". FORR also brought to the table the need for a state wide rider education program.

However, these founding fathers were also freedom fighters who wanted to repeal Missouri's long-standing helmet law in addition to making Missouri a better place for motorcyclists. They understood the need to gain members across the entire state and recognized that a lot of the political votes against the helmet law modification came from the St Louis area and the focus shifted towards membership recruitment and promotion of the organization. An information brochure was being developed for distribution at motorcycle swap meets and other motorcycle related events. It became evident in this first year that the organization needed a set of by-laws or rules and set out to develop the organizational by-laws. These proposed by-laws were set to take effect on August 15, 1982 after much discussion by the Central Committee representatives and the membership.

In early 1982 the Central Committee was being asked by the membership about the possibility of sponsoring a helmet protest rally in Jefferson City. The majority of the CC members were against such a rally and encouraged members to instead write to their elected officials and attend hearings at the capitol on the helmet law repeal bill. Many years before a protest rally had been held at the capitol and lets just leave it to say it things like poo left in helmets on the capitol steps had left a bad taste for a lot of people.

Instead of protest rallies locals came up with creative ways to get their membership involved legislatively. Things like letter writing parties began to emerge where the cost to participate in the adult beverages was a letter to your Rep and Senator. Locals were tight back then. They treated each other like family. Although you might not always agree with your brother or sister on an issue, you respected their opinion and openly discussed things. After all you were family and family always stands together when the times are tough.

So began the first year of Missouri's Motorcycle Rights Organization - To Ensure a Better Tomorrow FORR Today. Thank you to the founding members of this organization for having the vision and the passion to do something to protect the rights of Missouri's motorcyclists.



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There will be multiple rendezvous points throughout Missouri to meet and ride as a group to the Capitol.

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Time: 1:00 pm

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Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

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

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



Hey everybody!! This is going to be a lengthy one.. April is here and if you've checked out the event's calendars you've gathered that so is the time to reconnect with brothers and sisters who have also come out of hibernation. VROOOM and let that sun shine in! Our February meeting was a fantastic time at

Rev. Joe and Mary Seward's. Our March meeting was at Ken and Michelle Hardesty's (as I'm writing this it has not happened) and our April meeting will be at Mark and Dallas Chapman's. One thing that we have discussed in our meetings is the location of our meetings. There has been a remark or two made about the locations not being in Lees Summit that I would like to address (These remarks have been made from people not in attendance). Local One's personality that I have witnessed over the past few years has been one of a tight knit community. We volunteer to open our homes with hospitality the same way that we open our lives to our fellow brother. Those that host these meetings work very hard to accommodate this family during the meeting and following the meeting for fellowship. It's not "just" a meeting anymore! It is a family coming together to discuss our passion for this Org. and its future, become involved with it for its benefit and be reminded of its virtue: Brotherhood. The ones in attendance love the way everything flows almost like a monthly family dinner. If YOU would like to host a meeting contact me at the number above and let's make some new memories.

I want to wish a memorable Happy Birthday to John Hughes on April 13th! May your day be filled with good friends, many laughs and memories to last til next year!

March 22nd was our Legislative bus trip to the capitol. I will post info from this event in May as it is not presently available. BWAM is May 6th at C.U.M. in KCMO.

As promised, the date for the city wide garage sale is April 28th @ mine and Larry's home in Oak Grove. Set-up for this event will be 7ish, Friday April 27th and we will open for business bright and early Saturday morning. Bring your items at either time or just come hang out with us Saturday. We usually close up shop around 2-3. This is always a good time. Bring a chair and let the good times roll.

We have a really cool patch right now in PL that is actually a sunglass/ eye glass holder. If you would like one ask Larry or Mark. I love mine!

April Events:

- 1st: Local 33 April Fool's Poker Run at AmVets in Knob Noster, MO. Sign in is from 12-1. Rain date is April 7th. Local 15 Poker Run starting at Veteran's Memorial Museum in Branson, MO. Sign in is 12-1.
- 15th: Local 24 Blessing of the Bikes at Grand Slam Sports Bar & Grill in Fenton, MO; with a remote sign up (11 am) @ Road House in Gray Summit and Amer. Legion # 313 in Olde Town St. Peters. Gates open @ 12 pm.
- 21st: District 1 Proclamation Run in Maryville, MO at Maryville city hall.
- 22nd Local 15 Motorcycle Swap Meet in Forsyth, MO at Shadow Rock Park. Main gate opens at 9 am.
- 24th: Motorcycle Awareness an You Rally in Jefferson City, MO starting at 10:30 am.
- 28th: Local 33 Ride to Survive at AmVets in Knob Noster, MO. City Wide Garage Sale at Larry and Melany's in Oak Grove, MO.
- 29th: BUFR Run in Jefferson City, MO on the steps of the capitol

at 1:00 pm. Local 29 Kearney Bike Show in Kearney, MO from 10 am - 4 pm.

Until next time:

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

Love ya! Melany

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

Contact: 816-454-9470 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

Those who missed the bus in February missed out on a great time and I believe we got our issues and concerns out to the right people. We had 45 or more FORR people from across the state show up, 19 from District 4 alone. We divided up in order insure we were able to speak with as many reps as possible. I hope you can join us for the March 22nd trip. On a similar note, Lincoln Days at the Westin Crown Center was also a fabulous time. Rest assured that they won't forget "the Bikers" at the end of the hall. Thanks again to Doug Cornett for providing a sampling of the Bug Juice and Paul Nuckolls for the brisket and sauces. I also want to give a big thanks to Katherine & Dave Fox without them we would not have had the room to hang out in. Also, thanks to Ronda & Russell Felts and Barb Wiederholt from L-29 for the food and support.

Don't forget with the warmer weather coming there are lots of events to show your support. If recent spikes in the price of gas are any indication most of us will be riding more than driving this summer. I understand that money is tight but "Freedom is Not Free" so if you can't afford to give just come out and show your support. The BUFR Run is April 29 and MAY Rally is April 24, please clear your calendar and try to attend at least one event.

May is almost upon us and everyone should try to make it to the Mid-America Freedom Rally, May 25-28, Memorial Day Weekend. Last year was my first time attending and I had a blast (I think). Local 5 is tossing around some new ideas for our major fund raiser. Our bike show has had declining interest and it's time for new stuff such as maybe a BBQ contest. If that sounds like it would interest you and want to help plan or have any other fresh ideas give me a call or e-mail.

Don't forget, we are having a membership drive. If you know anyone who rides and feels as you do about freedom and the right to choose encourage them to join. Members are not required to ride

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or own a motorcycle they just need to have a passion for freedom. For the first time in three years, Kansas City's Rockfest is not the same day as our bike show/meeting and it is a big one. It is gonna be a great summer.

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

Happy Birthday to Paul Nuckolls and Bobby Eikel on April 26, when is the Party? Have a Happy Anniversary to Norman and Peggy Pursley on April 19. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know.

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

Abide!

Amy Allmon

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

Our 3 day Bike show was Feb. 24 thru 26 in Elwood KS. It was partly cloudy with some sunshine and we had 18 bikes there by 11:00 and we opened the doors at 10 AM. There were 4 bikes there before we even got there to open the building. Everyone was in a very happy, good mood. They thought that Dan Harmon should have been there long before he got there but he over slept in the recliner. We ended up with 40 bikes total. Terry Larkin's anger management didn't work too well when his bike fell over in transit to the show. He tried to pick it up but it took three more guys to get it up.

Terry weighs 140 pounds and no damage was done to the bike. One person started to load his bike onto a trailer and got it high centered and there was no one around to help him. So he had a real interesting story about how he got it loaded. One man went to Omaha NE on the 25th to pick up a bike he had just bought to put it in the show. He had to rent a U-Haul truck because the bike was too big to fit in his van. Mary Jackson spent about a day polishing her bike so they could take pictures of her bike for a flyer for Ride For Ryan, then she brought it over and put it in the show. I am glad that Mary was polishing instead of me since there were 80 spokes in one wheel. She really had it polished up good and it looked really nice.

I would like to thank these people who worked the Bike Show and made it possible: Kenny and Monica Martinez, Gaylen Jackson, Kevin Trump, Larry and Mary Jackson, Theresa Keveson, Sam Williams, Jim Cross, Dan Harmon, John Tiffany, Jim Busby, Mike Sigrest (Chaps), Kenny Burks and all the people who helped clean up after the show.

On Sunday Raymond Schwartz made a donation to the Local. Thank You Raymond.

We have had several big old ugly burly bikers and gals to become older. There are so many but I don't have time to mention all your names but Happy Birthday to all of you.

Local 6 has a full calendar for the rest of the year so watch your

mail. Editors Note, be sure to check all your flyers and hang on to them for a while.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson

Contact: 417-286-3845

Greetings Local 7

At February's meeting Nita brought the Local 7 patches she had made for us. They looked great. Everyone was impressed by the workmanship and by Nita's quick work. Good Job Nita! Don reported he has sold all of the spots for the Freedom Rally Ads. Hopefully he'll also get the money. Jerry, Alberta, Watermelon Ron, Anita and yours truly made it to the Leather & Lace Party held in Springfield. Met a couple of lovely ladies from Local 15, one of them was raised in the Lebanon area. Small world! Now as you read this Local 7 will have had our Freeze Yer Buns run which is our unofficial official kick off to the riding season. We have had all kinds of weather for this ride. Everything from snow to 70 degrees! I guess it's not hard to figure out which one I prefer. I'm sure if any members of the St. Louis Local are still around they'll tell you about their ride down and their trip home. No there were no dancing Girls or Live Bands. (I didn't write the newsletters back then) The ride ended at my house and we all know I didn't have much heat. I hope those riders from St. Louis can laugh about it and have some good stories to share about the ride to Lebanon. I sound kind of funny now that it is pasted.

Talking about rides...here's what's coming up:

April 1st ----- April Fools Ride Capt. D's 10 am

June 3rd ----- Kannyn Ball Run HarleyDavidson 12:00

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June 16th ----- USO Ride

Harley Davidson

Till next time be safe.

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.**(call for info - location varies)****Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905**

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:45 p.m.**Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)****Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or****Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

Just as I thought that it would be... our Leather & Lace Dance/Silent Auction was a HUGE success! Thanks to all that came out and celebrated with us! Seen lots of old and made lots of new friends! Also, had lots of nice items for the Silent Auction; hopefully if you got some of those items, you are enjoying them!

The weather has just been awesome!!!! Be careful out there riding! There have already been several accidents involving motorcycles. Trying to get as much motorcycle awareness signs out there as possible, but it is still up to you to watch out for yourselves. If you happen to see someone driving and they are on their cellphones, get away from them as quickly as possible...they are our worst enemies!

Tentative dates of April 14-15 were set to go to Buckhorn and erect the new Pavilion for Local 10. Contact Bill or myself at the numbers listed above if you would like to help out and we will provide you with pertinent information.

Mark your calendars for April 24th... this date is set for the May Rally (Refer to Flyer) at www.forr.net.

Spring and summer are filling up with events. We are looking at having a bike show sometime later in the fall. As I receive more information, I will get it out to everyone.

Local 10's web page is pretty much a done deal (temporarily), but if you are on Facebook, check out the events and Biker Friends pages out there. They seem to keep these pages up to date with spur of the moment events and upcoming events.

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**

Hello everyone! Here we are looking at April coming up soon and riding weather has been great. This month I'm going to start a little bit of "get to know local 11".....each month I want to introduce you to one or more of our members.

I would like to start with our longest active member, don Maki, 56

years young. He is married to Gloria and if you have met them at leather and lace you would know they like to have a good time. Don has been a member of local 11 for 12 years and resides in Anderson MO. Also don is a mid south mile committee member, as well as a member of AMA, MRF, MO Abate and legislative liaison for Abate Dist. 4 in NW Arkansas. He has been the legislative officer for local 11 for 6 or more years. Somehow he finds time to ride his 90 FLHF or his 04 Goldwing trike and in his spare time he holds down a job in maintenance at the Bentonville school district. So if you get a chance to meet don in person don't be afraid to say hey, he hasn't bitten anyone in a while.

Next month I'm going to try to introduce you to our youngest member...Jonnie Brooks. I'll leave you with this thought...before you criticize a person, walk a mile in their shoes...that way when you do criticize them you'll be a mile away and you'll have their shoes.

Ride safe pa

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.**Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email [ssstrodtman@yahoo.com](mailto:sstrodtman@yahoo.com) for more information**

I would like to start this month's news by thanking all of our 2011 officers who have been re-elected to serve in 2012. Lots of obstacles were thrown in our path last year, not the least of which was the Corps of Engineers deciding to release enough water into the MO river to flood Stump Island right at the time of the Firecracker Classic. They were all well handled by our Local 12 officers and we made a nice profit on the Firecracker and gained some new members as well. So here's a big Local 12 salute to you, Pork Chop, Socko, John, Laura, Tami, and Lyndal. We look forward to following your leadership this year.

I'd also like to express our sympathies to the families of Larry Basso, FORR member #1, and Ray "Smutley" Howard, FORR member #7. They were part of the original 13 members who had the courage and determination to form a new organization to fight an unjust law. Larry was a friend of mine when I lived in Kansas City and Smutley was my friend and brother-in-law for many years. We rode together and partied together and I will miss them both.

We had a great meeting at the Mexico Lindo restaurant on Sunday, Feb. 26th. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm with 16 members and 2 guests in attendance. The minutes were read and approved with one correction. John reported on Lincoln Republican

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Days in Kansas City and met several of the candidates but said that none of them had a chance of beating Governor Jay Nixon. He said Bill Randall was the most favorable candidate to our cause but has no chance in the election. This was depressing news to say the least.

Socko reported that there would be a swap meet next Sunday at the Sedalia Fairgrounds. Pork Chop reported that Slater wants us back for Steve McQueen Days on Saturday, April 28th. After a short discussion, a motion was passed to accept their invitation and put on a bike show and possibly make a profit for the local. As in years past, there will also be a car show. Lyndal had no district report as no activities had been going on. Tami reported that we have official permission from the City of Glasgow to have the Firecracker Classic back at Stump Island Park.

In old business, we plan to have the same t-shirt vendor for the Firecracker Classic shirts. Beckett's will again be our beer vendor and we will have two tents this year. We need to work on getting port-a-potties, food vendors, decide on bands and a d.j. and get the fireworks set up. At the next meeting we would like to have a t-shirt design. We all need to work on getting vendors, last year we had our expenses covered before we opened the gates due to all the vendors we had. We can't count on one or two people to do this, we all need to work on it. We also need to get the state trailer.

In new business, Butch suggested that we have another kid's day as we have done in the past. We agreed to get the Full Moon Band back for the Firecracker Classic. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, March 25th- Local 12 meeting, Boonesboro, Poodle's Two Palms Bar, 3 pm.

Saturday, April 26th- Steve McQueen Days, Main St., Slater

Friday and Saturday, July 6th and 7th- Firecracker Classic, Stump Island Park, Glasgow

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

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

Hello 13

There have been a lot of good things happening in the local and I am going to tell you about them. First our attendance at the meetings has doubled, plus there have been a lot of good ideas coming in on what to do next. Rock and BL have taken over the Wonder run/ Anniversary and have the run planned out. They are also trying to put together a run for each month when the weather breaks. It was decided that will bring the local back together and help everybody get to know each other again. At the last meeting we even had 5 guests, two of them from Local 10 to let us know they were going to have a stop for one of their runs in Mexico. If you can watch their article to find out when and support them the way they have done for us in the past. I tried to get them to join 13 but it did not work.

Yesterday was Demo Days in Hannibal, although attendance was down on Friday it was nice to see old friends again. I was really thankful for all the local members that came and worked the event and also the guests. Katherine and Dave were also there and brought a guest Thank you one and all, especially for the fact that you picked up the slack for me. I am still not a 100 percent yet but I am gaining and with members like you it makes me proud to be a

part of FORR and Local 13.

We received a lot of donations for the event and I will list them all when I get a complete list from Diana. In case you did not notice we changed the meeting date to the 3rd Sunday at 3 pm, and it seems to be working out real well. Thank you for your continued support of 13.

Breed

PS

I forgot some important things so here goes. Freedom Rally was our biggest fund raiser and made it so we did not have to worry about money through the year. As it stands now we are going to have a fund raiser to put on the Wonder run/Anniversary which will raise the funds for our local budget for the year. We were one of the original locals that started the Freedom Rally and were in it until this year. What I am proposing is that we get back in if there is enough local support. With the rally coming up in May we have time to make that choice for 2013. At the next meeting we need to have a discussion about it, and if we will have the people to work if we do get back in. That was the problem of the past workers. Even with the fine for not covering our shifts we still brought home a nice check so are you interested in trying again? Remember a vote yes means that you will work and hold up our end of the bargain. Either way we need funds to keep going, either one big fund raiser or several small ones is the question?

If we do get in, our pavilion at the Shriners is in sad shape and will need some fixing, just so you have all the facts. I know some of you have strong feelings on this subject so bring them to our next meeting and maybe we can sort this out to one way or another.

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Howdy everyone,

Sorry there hasn't been an article for the past few months, but, my computer flew the coop and I haven't had the resources to replace it. Hopefully soon.

This article is to let all you members know what is coming up and to challenge all to join us at a meeting. Two main events are coming later this year and we need your input and help. The first is a pool tournament in August. Time, place, and firm date still to be determined. Everyone's participation would be appreciated to make this a successful event.



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The other event is the Christmas Auction. And throughout the year we will need every member's help in picking up auction items, etc. Please come to a meeting and find out more.

Also sometime this summer we would like to have a get-together for all our members and others. Just to have a good time. More on this at a later date.

That's it for now, come find out more or call me at 816-252-7322. Down the road and movin' on
Smokin' Joe

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

I am writing this a few days after the tornados effected many of us residents in the Taney and Stone Co. area. I know that so many of us have praying for everyone who had damage to their property or may have just gotten the shit scared out of them. Time does heal and I hope that by the time we read this news letter that everyone lives will be back to "normal".

Last business meeting went very well at Tequila's Restaurant. The place seems very suited for our needs, so much so that we voted to have next months meeting there again. So until further notice, you can join us on the 3rd Tues. of the month at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant. Honestly there is so much information shared at the meeting. We talk about protecting our rights as Motorcyclist and Americans. Contacting out Representatives. Planning up coming events and many other things. I can't imagine being apart of an organization without knowing what is going on.

I do have a date for our Annual Highway Clean-up. It will be March 18th. We will meet along Highway 160 just past the exit to Rockaway. Most of you may remember that we always line the ditches with "goodies" also known as "treasures" just to spice up the chore. In the past couple of years we have had a wonderful turn out and the actual clean-up time is about 30-40 minutes. So please mark it on your schedule to come out and help.

We have our annual Spring Poker Run scheduled for April 1st. We will meet at the Veteran Museum I don't have the time written down, but I'm sure we can find out on our Facebook page.

Next on our list of events is our Spring Swap Meet on April 22nd. The night before we will be having our camp out. I've hung out there every year and had a blast! So join us the night before, so that you can be close to the Meet and also hang out with the coolest people I know.

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Our BS meeting will be at Sugars Bar and Grill on Hwy 13, April 3rd. Every month we go try to back and forth from Stone to Taney Co. for our BS. I have been to Sugars many times and they have great food and wonderful workers that will keep you in beer and drinks as long as you want.

I hope everyone has a great month. Hope to see you soon! Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



First, I must apologize for my error in the time listing for our Annual Broomstick Pool Tournament. My bad and it won't happen again. Thanks to my better half for providing me with a schedule to insure I don't and I promise to use it religiously.

Now the results of the Tournament itself. As mentioned before, we had some major challenges being thrown out by last year's winners preceding the competition (last year's second place winner got spanked by a GIRL, talk about an upset); third place winner was Mark Berry, second place winner was Jeff Meyer and first place winner was Jarred Oberdorfer (guess they'll

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think twice about calling him "The Kid" in the future). Congratulations to these winners and thanks to all the participants. Special thanks go out to Keith LeGrand of the West End Tavern in Frohna for hosting this event and to Kevin Engert for providing the music (there must be music!). We had a great time despite my screw up.

At the time of this writing we were anticipating the upcoming April Fools Dance, held on March 31 at D&K Trucking. This is also an annual event and I'm hoping to have pictures to share in the next newsletter submission.

Our next Local meeting will be April 28, 2012, 7:00 pm at Paul Kim's house. Again, call for directions my directional skills have not improved. Paul and Kris have taken over the product line and if the vision they shared during the February meeting is any indication, we will have some exciting new Local 16 products available.

With the promised improvement of weather in Southeast Missouri, the talk has turned to upcoming Poker Runs, or let's just admit it, any opportunity to get out and ride. We have two major rides planned for the summer. I do not have full details on either event at this time but during future newsletters I will share the plans.

One of the other topics being discussed is the upcoming Mid-South M.I.L.E. being hosted in Arkansas and also incorrectly reported as being held in Fort Smith. This time the mistake was not purely my own, the location was mistakenly posted as being in Fort Smith. For clarification purposes, this event will be held October 26-28, 2012 in FAYETTEVILLE Arkansas. For anyone that has not attended a MILE, it's one of the most awesome educational events we have available.

Local 16 has voted to earmark part of our state donations to the fundraising efforts for the much anticipated Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, while not neglecting our responsibilities to the PAC fund and the FEW Seminar. In the excitement over hosting this event, we cannot lose sight of what it takes to support FORR's overall financial well-being at the state level.

With the discussions of the upcoming state events and our own Local events, spring is shaping up to be a busy one. We have been privileged to have the opportunity to represent FORR at both Bus Trips to Jefferson City and we will participate in the MAY Rally April 24th and the BUFR Run April 29th. I say privileged because it is a great honor to have the opportunity to take part in the shaping of the history of motorcycle laws and the protection of the personal freedom motorcycling represents. I'm going to take just a moment to re-issue the statewide appeal for full membership involvement. This goes so much farther than the six Central Committee meetings we have each year. It's an opportunity to truly make a difference. One of our brothers has been faced with health issues that might defeat a lesser man. Gary we probably don't have to tell you all our prayers, well wishes and love are with you and Rhonda. It's times like these that the true meaning of "brotherhood" is felt by all.

Until next time, ride free/ride safe!

Melanie, still mostly known as Madeline and sometimes multiple other M names .

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville

Website: forr19.com

Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607

***Bring a chair**

Hey everyone,

Spring is finally here, and who would have believed some of these

warm days we've been having. Hope everyone has had a chance to get some riding in on those nice days. The February meeting was held on the 4th. Bamma attended the January CC meeting and presented 3 awards to the local: Certificate of Appreciation for Yearly Contributions 2011, Timely Manner of Rosters for 2011 and Financials for 2011. Sharron is checking into the Pepsi Wagon to use at WalMart for Motorcycle Awareness month. Dan Larson is our Road Captain and we are looking forward to some fun and interesting rides planned in the upcoming months. Congrats to Kenny Lambert for winning the Auction drawing and Terry Helton the attendance drawing. Some of us attended Rader's Biker Ball, and enjoyed seeing old friends, beverages, great music and dance. The local CMA will have a Blessing of the Bikes on April 14th, at noon, at WalMart. Check out our website for local updates and events.

Ride Safe

Peg

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion on PP Hwy in Poplar Bluff

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480



WHAT A MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to Rick Miller and Mark Tilley that became members today giving us a grand total of 32 members at our meeting if this keeps up we will need a larger meeting place so let's get to scouting for one Whoo Hoo!!!!!! (Just joking at least for now)

I stepped down as legislative Coordinator at the meeting and Mike Allen was gracious enough to pick up the gauntlet for us thanks Mike I really appreciate it. Be sure and look at our site that Mike has been working on it is quite the eye catcher and has a wealth of information including a quick link to the state legislative news.

Happy Birthday to all that celebrated in February and will be celebrating in March. We hammered out the details of our UCAN run that will be taking place in May and it has been decided that a committee will be formed to handle the details of the Bike Rally on Memorial Day weekend. If anyone wishes to be on this committee please let Rob know.

There are three different sites now to obtain information and keep up with what is happening within the local. The first is www.forr.net (state site) then we have www.forr20.com (Local site with Mike Allen as Webmaster) and our page on Face book (Shon Mares as editor of the page). If you can't find the answers there use the

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contact numbers. We are looking for ideas for fundraisers that will benefit the Local so put on your thinking caps and let's hear those great suggestions. See ya on March 25th at the American Legion in Poplar Bluff MO on PP Hwy.

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

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369

Contact: 636-665-5004

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St.

Louis, MO 63114

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



Hello to everyone this month! So many exciting events are happening and have been happening that I can't wait to share with you. First of all our 26th Anniversary Blessing of the Bikes will be held on April 15th at a new venue, Grand Slam Sports Bar

and Grill 519 Mae Ct. Fenton Mo. 63026 right off Gravois. It's going to be bigger and better than ever with the bike show, great vendors, prizes, bands, food and the all important Blessing to start the riding season off right. Hope everyone can make it! It's a great day to see old friends and meet new ones. If you need info call Treetop 314-744-1092.

On behalf of our members I'd like to send out a big Thanks to our State Chairman Martin King, for attending our February meeting. It was a pleasure and honor to have him speak.

I'd like to say how proud we are of all our members for their efforts in having their voices heard in our Capitol. We had quite a turnout this year for Capitol Days and in our letter writing campaign. A million thanks to all of you who stood up for your rights. You make FORR what it is! Kudos to all who made our first Mardi Gras Party a great success. Everyone had such fun! The costumes, music by Meatwagon, the food and decorations all came together to make for a great party! Job well done everyone!

I want to welcome all the new members to our group, Jim Krause, Rikki Winston, Tim Wilder, Frank Stroot, Julia Griffin, Jason Davis and Briana

Schallert. Our local keeps growing and that's a wonderful thing. New faces, ideas and hearts keep us alive!

Lots of great events coming up in the next few months so hope to see you all at as many as possible.

CALENDAR

April 15 Blessing of the Bikes

April 24 May Rally

April 29 B.U.F.R. Run

May 12 Spring Feed My People Food Drive

June 16 Broadway B.A.R. Hop

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August 26 Redneck Golf

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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,

Woo Hoo... Spring has sprung !!! Blow those cobwebs off the handlebars, throw a charge into that battery, drop some gas dryer into the tank, pull off those bald tires and trade um in for some new rubbers... It's time to ride kids !!!

Oh My Goodness , our local is growing fast !

Our last meeting was so big we had to move it upstairs at Hobo's. Lets fill the upstairs by the end of summer... Keep spreading the Freedom to your friends.

Just in case anyone missed last months issue, our events that are locked in so far are as follows.

The Bear Run - June 16

Save the Ta Ta's Poker Run - July 14

5th Annual ABATE/FORR Biker Rodeo & Bike Show - August 18

Annual Leaves In The Breeze Poker Run - October 20 - 22

Toy Run - November 4

Social Christmas Party - December 8

The next upcoming event will be on April 15th... Local 24's Big 26th Annual Blessing of the Bikes. This year it will be at a new location. It will be held at Grand Slam Sports Bar & Grill 519 Mae Ct. Fenton Mo. 63026 If anyone would like to meet up and ride in together please call me at (636) 262-6338 for info. This is the largest bike blessing in St. Louis.

Patches - Our Local also has Patches for sale. We have "Ride FORR Ever" patches for \$5 & Really unique patches that are holders for Glasses/Sun Glasses for \$3. These patches can only be purchased through our Local. Hope to see everyone at the Bike Blessing on the 15th.

Any Questions, don't hesitate to call me (636) 262-6338
As Always Remember ! Leather UP & Rubber DOWN !!!

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Old news: Pot Luck meetings at Movie Magic were Nov. 29, 2011 and Jan. 17, 2012. 11 members were present at both meetings. Information on the CC rifle give away was given and members decided to get 10 books of 10 tickets to sell. Roy Brown gave a report on the CC meeting. Plans for the Member appreciation party was discussed and Kathy passed out menus that A&Gs made up for the party. Motion was made and passed to send CC \$150.

Everyone was impressed with the FORR calendars that Roy Brown brought from CC and all calendars were sold to members. President Kathy Rice presented Diane Ashbaugh and Jeanine Montgomery with Certificates of Recognition given

from the Corporate Office. Diane was recognized for getting all the Local 26 financials sent in and Jeanine was recognized for Freedom Press submissions and returning all reviewed and corrected rosters. Congratulations!

2012 Officers were nominated as follows: Kathy Rice-President, Milt Sovereign-V. Pres., Diane Ashbaugh-Treasurer, Jeanine Montgomery-Secretary, Warren Tate-Events Coordinator, and Roy Brown-CC Rep.

Our annual member appreciation party (aka: Spring Fever Fling), was Feb. 11 at A&Gs in Maryville. Around 30 members attended. About \$400 was raised from the Silent Auction. Thanks to Ed and Jeanine Montgomery and Warren Tate for soliciting donations from local buisnesses for the Auction. The following buisnesses donated items: Bumper to Bumper, Maryville Tools, Watkins True Value, Big Bird Bait Shop, Westside Tatoos, SouthPaws Vet Clinic, Breaktime Gas Station, O'Reilly Auto Parts, CarQuest Auto Parts, Little Toys for Big Boys (Scooter sales), St. Joe Harley, Fastenal (Ed Baker), Movie Magic, and A&Gs.

A big thank you to the following members who donated items: Roy Brown, Carl and Diane Ashbaugh, Pat Null, Ed and Jeanine Montgomery, Sandy Jones, Jay Steeby, Milt Sovereign, Linda and Mike Pitzenberger, Lewis Rice, Warren and Janette Tate, and Rob Wilson.

Happy Belated Birthday to Feb. birthdays: Pat Null, Stan Oliver and Sandy Steeby

Happy Birthday to March birthdays: Rick Frampton, Marie Walsh, Richard Hanson, Rob Wilson, and Miranda Spurgin

Happy Birthday to April birthdays: Linda Pitzenberger, Jay Steeby, Jerry Watkins, Arnold and Carol Lance, and Pam Oliver

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

March 11-CC meeting

20-Potluck and Safety meeting at Movie Magic

April 17- Meeting, Junction Cafe at Bedford

21- Proclamation Run

24- Mike Sloan Memorial Run

29- BUFR Run

May 6---CC meeting

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April 3--Longhorn Resturant at Braddyville
10--Gambino's at Stanberry
24--K&T's at Parnell

What lies behind us and what lies before us , are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. But I am looking forward to what lies before us...hopefully...warmer riding weather!

God Bless you and the USA,
Jeanine

Local 26's April's Members Profile Diane Ashbaugh



Local 26's' Treasurer Diane Ashbaugh, 57, is our member of the month. She has been married to Carl for 32 years!

They have two children, Callie and Cory (who also rides with us sometimes), and a dog Taylor (who doesn't).

Diane has worked for Bank Midwest in Maryville for 31 years.

She started riding just over 3 years on a new baby blue Suzuki Boulevard. Her longest ride was with us to Sturgis in 2010.

Her most memorable ride was to the Bikers, Blues and BBQ rally in Fayetteville, Arkansas with Carl.

Diane is a natural on her bike. She had only been riding a year when she went to Sturgis and handled the winding "S" curves in the Black Hills Custard State Park like a pro. I was impressed and relieved that she (and I) came thru the park without a scratch (let alone a major accident). The buffaloes had the right of way and they knew it too. She is ready to ride and has been on some of our Eat N' Rides without Carl. Her confidence and style of riding makes us proud that she is part of our local. She always has a smile for us and her volunteering to be our Treasurer has made her a "keeper". Just kidding Diane, we would have let you stay even if you weren't our awesome Treasurer...but, without the smile it would have been questionable....ha.

Her favorite saying is: "you did what?!" and her "bucket" list includes traveling and seeing the Grand Canyon.

Her advice to new riders? "Take the motorcycle safety class/course and practice, practice, practice." Was Sturgis your practice time Diane? A few of us may use her favorite saying when she comes back from Alaska this summer..."you did what?!".

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Well, we find ourselves one month closer to spring riding weather, and like the rest of you I'm ready! It seems like we get a day or two of warmth and sun, just enough to tease us a little, then right back to the cold blustery weather.

In the mean time, we here at Local 27 are using this time to plan for the months ahead. You better catch your breath now because it looks like it's going to be a busy summer! Our local schedule of events is out by now, but I'll use this space as another reminder of things coming up. Our Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up day will be coming up in April. Dean will let us know when the rights of way will be mowed and ready for us, so be sure and keep your ears open for that. We also have the Proclamation Run, May Rally, and BUFR Runs in April, so things will get started quickly. May will bring up Yancey's Dam Ride, as well as our benefit ride for the Deaf Camp in El Dorado Springs, and of course the Freedom Rally at Buckhorn on Memorial weekend. I won't get too bogged down in dates, but it's easy to see there's going to be plenty of things happening before long.

At our February meeting we covered several things, including beginning to make plans for our annual Roscoe Rally, the date is set for June 8-10. I know those involved in the planning are hard at (continued on Page 18)

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work to make it another success. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year so let's all pitch in and do what we can to help. We also discussed the possibility of changing our meeting place. This seems to have been discussed behind the scenes for some time now, and by the time you read this it will have been decided upon. Check the header above for any changes, and those will also be noted in this month's postcards.

I would like to take a little bit of space to acknowledge the recent passing of two EARLY FORR members, Ray Howard and Larry Basso. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these brothers who were instrumental to the founding and success of our organization. Thank you.

That's about it for this month. Everybody keep your fingers crossed for spring. Stay safe and enjoy the ride!

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

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

Howdy to everyone and hope you've been out enjoying the nice winter we've been having this year!!!! I know I have been able to get out a few times and enjoy the open road, sun, wind---an boy howdy, how it's been blowing for us all here in Missouri! LOL Our Local 28 meetings are the 1st Friday of each month, so either by cager or bike come out and see everyone and get in on some of the events that are happening!!!! We do have fun runs on the Saturday after our local meetings depending on weather, so not always starting at the Shrine Club or taking place but decided at the meetings.

Be sure to check your bikes out before hitting the road, especially the tires as pressure is main concern along with all your fluids. Also potholes that are developing out on some of the streets and general debris.

Hope you have been following some of the bills in the House/ Senate also. More of these and updated at next meeting on bills. There has been talk in the Freedom Press and Facebook site on these. As you all are aware, this is an election year so be sure to check our your representatives for your area along with those in both House/Senate for the state, so you know who you'll be voting for and if they are for your Motorcyclists rights. David Day has been doing one heck of a job in getting some of the bills introduced along with his cohorts, and Katherine Fox is the Legislative Coordinator for FORR. Remember the BUFR Run (to capital) is April 29 and meeting spot

will be forthcoming.

Amanda (membership) informed us all, that with renewals and new members our count for the local is over 200 again. Yeah to everyone that brought new members in along with those renewing for the local!!!!

If you missed the Valentine Party, is was a great success and big "Thanks" to everyone that came out an decorated along with those that participated in the evening fun!

Mid America Freedom Rally is just about upon us, Yeah!!!! We still have 7 slots to fill on the work shifts left. Step up and help out, as any shifts not filled by our local is \$100 ea out of our kitty we receive. This fund sure helps us to support allot the fun things we do for the year but also contributions we give as a local to many organizations and adopted families at the Holiday season. Be sure at next meeting to get check these open spots out!

Not sure who the incentive winner was this meeting as didn't hear it announced, but will report on this in the next newsletter.

Up and coming events are:

Easter Egg Hunt/ Waynesville City Park/ Am. Legion Riders
4-7-12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Spring Poker Run (? Weather Day) 4-21-12 (believe meet at the Shrine Club

USO Ride - 6-16-12

Buckhorn Blast/ Shrine Club/ 6-30-12

Memorial Ride/Shrine Club/ 8-4-12

Again, if you have any news/jokes please submit to me or give to me at the meeting. I run a month ahead for the Freedom Press Publication in order to get them in. Next meeting will be April 6, 2012 @7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Club. Happy Birthday's in April are: Anita Hudgen/5th, John Washburn/6th, Bob Braddum/21st Debra

St. Louis 26th Anniversary **Local 24**

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Valentin/26th, and yours truly me on the 30th!!!! Have a wonderful and memorial one to everyone!!!! Until next one, enjoy the ride!!!!

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com



Here we go again... It seems the months are going by faster. I would like to wish everyone that is having a birthday or anniversary this month a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary. I would also like to express our deepest sympathy to Norb Wiederholt for the loss of his brother, Dave.

Bike Show, Bike Show, Bike Show! Everyone, it's getting close again. Set up is April 28, 2012 at 12:00 and the Bike Show is April 29, 2012 So PLEASE come and help.

I was at the lake, but I guess The Pool Tournament was a blast. Here is a statement from Ursula: "Many Thanks to the wonderful brothers and sisters who came out for a great time to our pool tournament. It was awesome to see everyone enjoy themselves, does a heart good to see all the smiles and listen to the laughter. Congratulations to the winners: 1st place goes to John Owen, 2nd place goes to Joshua Sisk and 3rd place goes to Ken DeMoss. You guys were great. Thank

you to the ones that donated their winnings back to the local. Much appreciated. We enjoyed our guest Joshua Sisk and Ted Derks from L-00 and Gary Maddox from L-46. Hope to see everyone soon." Thank you Ursula!

Lincoln Days was a hit, thanks to Barb Wiederholt and Ronda Felts. Once again Barb used her Local 29 Chef skills to help support an important event. Way to go girls. Everyone needs to get their butts on their bikes down to the capital. We have much work to do or the government will totally take over

our lives.

We don't want that to happen even more than it is already. We have quite a bit of stuff coming up:

April 6th at 7:00 is the final planning meeting of the Kearney Bike Show

April 8th is Easter April 14th is the Proclamation Run April 24th is the May Rally @ the State capital

April 27th is our dinner run @ Paul and Jacks in N.K.C.

May 21st is the Run for the Wall and Memorial weekend is the Mid American Freedom Rally.

Our wonderful Safety officer stated at our last meeting to watch out for all that sand that the clowns have put on the roads...LOL

Well that's all I know for now. Everyone be careful out there. Nancy Martin 12303



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LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Well, riding season is almost upon us. We are getting teased a lot with this 70 degree temp. If you haven't dusted your bike off yet, it's time. We have many miles ahead of us, so come on out and join our group rides this year. There will be some great places to visit and good roads to ride.

Leather and Lace was a success, all responses said they had a good time and the band was great—thank you Kaps & Stems. We would like to put out a special thanks for attending our event to Locals 07, 11, 15, 27, 33 and a strong showing of BADD members some of them with a dual membership in FORR., We appreciate your support. Thank you to Local 30 members who spent their time making this event great—your time and effort was appreciated. We are already making plans for next year so if you attended this year and would like to see some things changed or added, let us know.

Our last meeting was held on the 16th and we had a great turnout. The main topics that we addressed were the vote on Buckhorn's possible changes and the Motorcycle Awareness ride which is coming up in April. We have sent our CC Rep to Jeff City with a unanimous vote representing our views on Buckhorn's options.

The Awareness Ride draws several hundred riders, showing our numbers to the public and making the cages aware of just how many motorcycles they are sharing the road with. Once is not enough "Look Twice" Saves Lives. This ride also promotes rider safety and brotherhood with all riders. Come make a difference and make your presence known, join us on the Awareness Ride.

We would like for our members to be more involved in the group rides this season. We have all been on a ride that we enjoyed either with the group or on our own. These were possible because someone took the initiative to put it together or just got on their bikes and rode. Think back to some of your favorite rides, or one you've heard about, and let's discuss it so we can put together a great riding season again this year. One of our favorite rides was one we call the Mill Run, with any luck Larry Dotson will lead this one again. I hear rumors of something called the "Blue Hole" being added to the run. If you miss this ride you have truly missed out.

For information on our monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, make sure you check our website (forrlocal30.webs.com/) to see where we will be. We had some issues with our last FB page and started a different one. Any of our members (or friends of FORR) on the previous page are welcome to join us on our new

Facebook "group" page. So sign in and take a look, it is. FORR Local 30 Nixa MO.

We would like to welcome our new members: Callie & CT Williams, Gary Mehok and Gary McCurter. We will have two additional members before this comes out, so glad you all joined our Local—look forward to the good times. Way to grow Local 30. With all these Gary's we are going to have to start passing out nicknames—so you may want to let us know yours if you have one, you may not want the one we pick.

Upcoming events:

Cave bike show—April 14th at the Shrine Mosque

Rock'N'Ribs—April 20th-21st

5th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride—April 22nd

Cat

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Various locations

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or

Mike Adams 573-578-4239

Local 33's Aprils Members Profile Bonnie and Clyde and you thought they were dead!



OK, it's not really Bonnie and Clyde, they just look like that. These two are from the Seattle Washington area and I'd like to introduce to you Bill and Kim James two of our fairly new members. Bill and Kim ride a 1996 Honda Goldwing, which is fully dressed out. Prior to this bike, Bill had a 1984 1200 Goldwing Aspencade. Their history is a bit different from most bikers story, there were never any Harley's in their past. There were a few Triumphs, but these folks are Honda people. "You meet the nicest people on a Honda". Bill and Kim met at a square dance and then lost track of each other only to reunite after Bill gave up driving a big rig. Got married and the rest is history as they say. Today Bill works as a machinist and Kim is retiring. They both have children from previous marriages and I believe a few grand children. I'd like to point out that Bill is an old land based sailor of construction or also known as a C.B. During my extended stay in South East Asia, these guys were amazing. Thank you Bill for your service and to you Kim for putting up with him all these years, so come and say hello and get to know these two.

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LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

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February 15th Bo, Roy, Sarge and I, went to Jefferson City to listen to the reading of the "Helmet Modification Bill." It's essentially very difficult to describe exactly what happened in the chamber that day, but I will tell you I never saw anything like it before. Katherine, our legislative goddess, outlined the bill to

the committee and then sat down. Sen. Bill Stouffer (R) asked for opposing testimony and as each witness came forward Sen. Bill Stouffer (R), Sen. John T. Lamping (R) and Sen. Kevin Engle (R) slowly, and methodically took each witness's testimony apart and told them their information was flawed, inaccurate and needed more substantiating facts. Sen. Robin Wright Jones (D), who does not support our passion to ride free still, asked some great questions the witnesses could not answer. I reemphasize, you just had to be there to get the full effect. If not for Katherine and all the members of FORR who worked so hard over the years to enlightening these and other senators, this scenario would never have occurred. For us at Local 33, we would like to extend our gratitude to Katherine and all the members of FORR for all your hard work! It clearly showed by 08:30 hrs on the morning of February the 15th. Wow!

On February the 19th we had our local meeting with 32 members

in attendance. The meeting started off with a big "thank you" from Doug and Randy to everyone who showed up to work the booth on February the 4th and showed support for the local and the Sedalia Motorcycle Association. The members who attended all agreed it was a great show of bikes, vendors and swap meet. Everyone agreed let's do it again! Doug and the members welcomed one of our new members to the meeting, Dustin Tracy, who rides a custom Harley. Sweet bike if you didn't see it. Randy explained where we stand with the booth for the Missouri State Fair and we are now waiting for approval from the powers that be to give us the OK and assign us a spot. Sam King gave his CC report and we discussed several upcoming bills and where we stand as an organization. (For an in-depth explanation of the bills, read Katherine's report every other month in the Freedom Press.) Sarge, gave his report on District 4 and the local approved \$40.00 in support of the March 31st Easter Egg Hunt. Sarge also requested that the Local support the freedom bus, with a \$50.00 donation to help pay for its usage. This money was also approved. BO Smith, our safety officer, has organized a Rider's Safety Seminar for April the 28th at Am-Vets. It is called "How to survive and prevent a motorcycle accidents". (Watch for the flyers). A new meeting time was suggested for 1:00 o'clock with little enthusiasm, but the membership is open to the change. A vote will take place next meeting.

April Schedule of Events.

- April 1st, April fool's Poker Run @ Am-Vets 12:00 o'clock. First bike out at 1:00 pm
- April 7th, Rain Date, April fool's day poker run,
- April 15th, L-33 Meeting @ Am-Vets 12:00 noon. A lot going on and we need everyone there to take a vote on several issues.
- April 21st NOTE! No Concordia "RUN FOR THE WALL" Luncheon!! Susan Goofed! "Run for the Wall" is on May 21st.
- April 28th, Rider safety Seminar! 12:00 o'clock @ AM-Vets. \$5.00 Donation.

Doug closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting. He stated it was obvious we are becoming a family again and on track for a great year of success, so keep it going.

You are not going to believe this one. Granny was driving down Hwy 13, when she rear ended a fairly new compact car. Low and behold the driver was a Dwarf and as he got out of the car he looked up at Granny and said; I'm not "happy"! Granny replied; Oh, then which one are you then?



Local 33

Freedom Of Road Riders®

3rd Annual



Fun Run & Picnic

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

Sunday May 20th, 2012

**Sign-In Noon til 1:00 PM @ AmVets
Hwy 50, Knob Noster**

This is a Fun Run and Rolling Meeting with a picnic for all participants to follow the run. Come on out and enjoy the run!



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Local News

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Location varies - please call for info

**Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
or (Day) 660-885-5741**

Local 35 is gearing up for its 15th annual spring poker run on April 22nd, rain date of April 29th. Come join us! Lyle, our road captain, is really good at picking a good ride for us! April is such a wonderful month... the trees are starting to sprout some leaves and the temps are getting warmer. A good month to ride! April is a busy month. We'll be working on getting proclamations for the May ride.

I'm seeing more and more of the yellow and black watch for motorcycle signs out. They really stand out!!! If you don't have one in your yard you really need to get one! The magnetic bumper stickers are highly visible as well. Your cage needs one!

Helmets off to Shelly, she did a fine job on the 2012 FORR calendar.

This month's quote is once again from my favorite founding father. Education is primary in everything, it's a basic for our organization as well!

Ride On!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.

Thomas Jefferson

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Bredeaux Pizza

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

We had a very good turn out at our Feb. meeting. The BIKE SHOW committee will be getting every thing ready. REMEMBER JULY 21st. Thanks to Jerry, Rex, Robert, and Kevin for renewing their memberships.

Steve filled us in on what's going on with the state side of the organization. It sure sounds like the new cabinet is off to a very good start. It means a lot to FORR to be able to continue good leadership.

Hope you made it to the anniversary party. We have three events we need to support.

PROCLAMATION RUN APRIL 21st, DISTRICT RALLY MAY 18,19,& 20th, and our LOCAL BIKE SHOW JULY 21st!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See District news letter for more info. APRIL MEETING 4-3-12 at BREDEAUX PIZZA in CAMERON at 7:00.

Looking forward to seeing all this summer. I went to college to be a wit, but I dropped out half way thru. Tried to get a job at the prison, they said I'd make a better inmate than guard, so I'm writing newsletters.

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April 22nd, 2012

Rain date
April 29th, 2012



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Sign in: Noon till 1pm - Ride ends at the End Zone in Sedalia



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Local News

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Tex Garner 636-744-6609



Greetings From Local 42

First we would like to Welcome our newest members to Local 42: Russell Nash, Victor Cluniey, Pat Smiley, Jean Presley & William (Bill) Phillips... We would also like to say Welcome BACK Larry Murray. So happy to have each and everyone of you in our Local.

Now on to business, Special Thanks go out Rick Gish, Kenny "Ditch" Williams, Connie Adams, Ricky Nunnery, Debbie Buhlinger and David Ross for join me at Capital Days this past February.

This was my first time attending as it was for several others that day, and we had a wonderful time and learned a lot. I urge everyone that hasn't attended a lobby day at the State Capital to Please do so! If anyone has questions about what it was like for the first time, please feel free to call me (636-744-9489), I'd be more than Happy to let you know what I experienced. Our next trip to the Capital is March 22nd, and it sure would be nice to see some more new faces.

Upcoming Events for April:

April 21st – Local 42's 1st Annual Spring Poker Run for Action Riders

April 22nd – Monthly Meeting

You can always check out Local 42's Facebook page for a complete listing of this year events.

Happy Spring Everyone and don't forget to Ride Safe!

Ride Safe....Ride Smart!

Sue "Rebel" Sweet

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Deb's House, 3700 Brooktree Ln, Gladstone, MO 64119

Contact: Kevin Olver 816-590-2344 or

Debbie Callicot 816-868-9369

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday

Check with your local rep for location

Mike asked me to reprint last month's submittal

District 1 PROCLAMATION RUN APRIL 21st

MARYVILLE----9:00----9:30 SATURDAY

STANBERRY----10:00--10:30

BETHANY-----11:15--11:45

GALLATIN-----12:15--12:45

CAMERON-----1:15---2:30 (lunch break)

MAYSVILLE-----3:00---3:45

ST. JOE.....4:15----????

These times will probably vary, but these are all our stops so you can hook up with us at any place.

DISTRICT RALLY MAY 18, 19, & 20th PONY EXPRESS RV PARK MAYSVILLE MO.

GATE DUTY!!!!

SECURITY DUTY

LOCAL 6----1:00---5:00

9:00---11:00

LOCAL 26---5:00--9:00

7:00---9:00

LOCAL 41---9:00--1:00

11:00---1:00

Hope to see you at the MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS BLACKTOP RALLY!!!!!! D.J. FRIDAY NIGHT AND PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!!! SATURDAY WILL BE BIKE DRAGS AT OSBORN SPEEDWAY, POKER RUN, BIKE GAMES, JEFF LUX BAND PLAYING ROCK AND ROLL AND MORE PARTY, PARTY, PARTY. FOR INFORMATION CALL 868-0281.

SEE YOU THERE
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DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove

Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147

Lincoln Days was a roaring success. We were able to speak with the Republican candidates hoping to oust Jay Nixon and affirm our support as a group for our friends who are seeking new positions. Keep an eye out for Katherine's weekly updates regarding our upcoming bills.

As you know this is an election year be sure to research each person and choose your representatives wisely. That includes national, state and local.

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April 21-22	July 14-15
April 28-29	August 4-5
May 5-6	August 11-12
May 19-20	September 8-9
June 2-3	September 29-30
June 9-10	October 6-7
July 7-8	October 13-14

Jefferson City – 3 Wheel Course

TBA

Jefferson City – Experienced Riders Course

April 7	May 12	June 17
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Jefferson City – Advanced Riders Course

TBA

Kirksville – Beginner Riders Course

April 27-29	May 25-27	June 15-17
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Kirksville – Experienced Riders Course

TBA

Trenton – Beginner Riders Course

April 21-22	June 9-10	August 18-19
May 19-20	July 7-8	September 15-16

Trenton – Experienced Riders Course

May 6	July 29
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Call or email for course availability - 1-800-309-7433 - go@forr.net

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RFTW	1/12

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US House Committee Passes HR 3199

Tuesday, February 7th, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology passed HR 3199 - a bill that would require a comprehensive study of the scientific and technical research on the implications of fuel with more than 10 percent ethanol. Essentially, this bill would slow down the fast tracking of the fuel blend that is 15 percent or more ethanol. The Administration made it legal at the end of 2010 for fuel suppliers to sell the blend.

In an Opinion Editorial to the Hill newspaper, Rep. Sensenbrenner (WI) had this to say, "Many claims by E15's supporters are questionable. For instance, ethanol's proponents argue that ethanol is cheaper. But this claim ignores the fact that E15 lowers fuel efficiency. Since ethanol's energy content is just 70 percent of the energy content of gasoline, American drivers will be forced to make more trips to the pump, largely negating any savings from E15."

Sensenbrenner added, "As bad as E15 is for our cars, it is downright dangerous in small gasoline-based engines like those in our lawnmowers, boats and ATVs. E15 in a boat engine is like metal in a microwave. The United States Coast Guard warned that E15 in marine engines increases the risk of fires and explosions. And, "The EPA dismisses these concerns — from stakeholders within the government, no less — because these engines are not included in EPA's E15 waiver, but EPA is willfully ignoring inevitable issues with misfueling and lack of availability of fuel with lower ethanol content. At a Science Committee hearing last year, we examined the EPA's E15 decision, and witnesses testified that the agency cannot prevent misfueling."

We at the MRF are all for reducing our dependence on foreign oil and keeping the planet healthy, but the facts are not all in when it comes to the 15 percent blend when used in a motorcycle engine. In fact, the Motorcycle Industry Council has said that the blend could be harmful to motorcycles. The EPA went so far as to say that motorcycles are prohibited from using the new blend altogether.

Until further comprehensive study, such as required by this legislation, is conducted we must issue caution when using the new blend. The MRF will keep you updated on this and every other issue effecting motorcyclists from Washington DC.

The BEAST is Coming to Atlanta!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) Annual BEAST of the East Conference will take place in Atlanta, April 13-15, 2012, hosted by ABATE of Georgia. MRF conferences are designed to educate and motivate those in the motorcyclists' rights community. In addition to being a fantastic learning opportunity, these events are a great chance to meet other people from all over the country who are as passionate about motorcyclists' rights as you are. Workshops and seminars this year will be presented by motorcyclists' rights activists from Georgia, Washington DC, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin, and we expect participants from all over the country as well.

You can register in advance for BEAST, as well as download and/or view the BEAST poster, registration information, and tentative agenda at www.mrf.org/events.php. When making your travel arrangements, PLEASE NOTE that workshops for BEAST this year will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 13. The agenda covers a wide range of topics, and naturally, we will update participants on all federal motorcycling issues and the MRF's 2012 legislative agenda. We will have informative seminars regarding motorcycle awareness and education, women in motorcycling, a variety of legal perspectives, and the U.S. Constitution. In addition, we will have training seminars on how a federal bill becomes a law, developing relationships with legislators and agencies, passing bills, and "Share the Road" programs; as well as special meetings for MRF Reps and for motorcycle club members. One of the highlights of the conference will be a general session on "The History of the MRF." Some of the most valuable knowledge you will gain will be in the "meetings after the meetings," which take place in the hallways, hospitality suite, and banquet. The networking opportunities are phenomenal at MRF conferences.

We do have an auction at the banquet to raise money for the MRF (it costs approximately \$1000/day to keep our office open in DC, even with an entire volunteer Board of Directors). Auction item donations are greatly appreciated, and will be collected on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at the conference hotel.

Conference participants are required to make their own hotel reservations. We have negotiated a special room rate of \$89 per night at the Westin Atlanta Airport, which includes free parking and special meal rates in the hotel restaurant. Attendees who are not staying at the Westin will be required to pay \$10/day to park in their lot. Rooms must be reserved by March 15, and you must mention the Motorcycle Riders Foundation BEAST of the East Conference, to get the special room rate. The BEAST conference poster provides all of the hotel registration information.

MRF Testifies Before Maryland State Senate

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) was asked to testify before the Maryland State Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The bill is SB 488, which would modernize the current Maryland mandatory motorcycle helmet bill. The bill is sponsored by Senator John Astle, a fellow rider.

Drafted by ABATE of MD, SB 488 would change the mandatory helmet requirement to allow for adult choice. According to the bill, Marylanders would be able to choose to wear a helmet as long as they met the age requirement of 21 and carry at least \$10,000.00 in health insurance. Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, stood before the committee and urged passage of the legislation. "Maryland repealed their mandatory helmet bill in 1979, but with the threat from DC that they would lose federal money if they didn't have one, the General Assembly voted it back in place in 1992, just three years before that federal blackmail practice was ended." "It was an honor to stand with the ABATE leadership and membership and deliver a unified message" Hennie said.

The bill faces an uphill battle on the way to becoming law, but ABATE has a good bill with a great bill sponsor who has a long history of working with both sides of the aisle in Annapolis. A vote has not yet been scheduled.

The MRF will keep you updated on this issue.

Connections



Save the Recreational Trails Program Email or Call your U.S. Senators Today!

The U.S. Senate is set to consider an amendment that could save the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) is offering the amendment to revise the Senate transportation bill entitled "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century," or MAP-21.

The current draft of MAP-21 would essentially destroy the RTP by eliminating its dedicated funding source. This amendment is necessary to restore the RTP.

The RTP was created on a bipartisan basis in 1991 to provide funds to the states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Funds for the RTP come from taxes generated by fuel used for off-highway vehicle recreation -- by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-highway light trucks.

Please urge your senators to cosponsor the Klobuchar amendment to save the RTP in MAP-21. A prewritten email is available for you to send to your senators immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information. If you would like to call your senators, go to <http://www.capwiz.com/amacycle/callalert/index.tt?alertid=60984036&type=co>.

House Committee passed bill to require EPA to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent ethanol

Urge your Representative to support today!

On February 7, 2012, the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology reported H.R. 3199 favorably, as amended, with a vote of 19 - 7. The bill, introduced by Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent ethanol blend (E15) gasoline.

The bill now heads for consideration on the House floor. No date has been scheduled.

"The EPA's decision to allow E15 into the marketplace will impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower or boat," Sensenbrenner said. Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency and cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users.

"There are serious concerns that the EPA used only one Department of Energy test and rushed E15's introduction into the marketplace," Sensenbrenner said. "This test was limited in scope and ignored a plethora of evidence -- albeit inconvenient evidence for the EPA -- that shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect on engines."

The new E15 gasoline formulation may appear at a fueling station near you and you need to be careful where you use this new fuel blend. That is because the EPA, in October 2010, approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

Riders should pay attention to this list because no motorcycles or ATVs are currently listed.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is concerned about E15 because it burns hotter than gasoline that contains a lesser amount of ethanol. In engines not designed to dissipate that extra heat, damage in the form of premature wear can result. Although this is a concern in all motorcycles, it's particularly problematic for air-cooled engines found in many bikes. Moreover, use of E15 may even void the manufacturer warranty.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. This should concern all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts since this may affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

We need your help to pass H.R. 3199 when it reaches the House floor. You can find contact information for your Representative at AmericanMotorcyclist.com > Rights > Issues & Legislation, then enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. A prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your federal elected official immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

In a previous AMA alert, Rep. Sensenbrenner also introduced H.R. 748. This bill would prohibit the Administrator of the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles. For more information on H.R. 748, go to <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/CYCBRHZEMU/IWOXRHZEQC/7898261671>

Again, the AMA urges you to write your Representative today and ask them to support H.R. 748 and H.R. 3199.

For a detailed analysis of this issue, including access to related documents, please sign up to be an AMA Defender member at AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join. If you are already an AMA member, please call us at (800) AMA - JOIN. Defender members who sign up to receive Action Alerts automatically receive the detailed analysis.

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News From Around the Globe

Good News on Road Guarding Bills Abate of Minnesota

This week SF1719 and HF2008, the bills to allow trained and certified motorcyclists to road guard during motorcycle runs, passed both the Senate and House Transportation Committees. While there were questions and concerns brought up during discussion, in the end both bills passed by unanimous voice vote with no amendments. Mack Backlund, State Coordinator for ABATE of Minnesota, testified in favor before both committees and answered questions from the committee members. Mr. Backlund thanks Chairmans Gimse and Beard for hearing the bills in their respective committees and Senator Hoffman and Representative Nornes for authoring the bills. This language has a long way to go in the process before becoming law, but passage in the Senate and House Transportation Committees is a great start. An overview of the bill language is listed below. For more information contact Todd Riba at toddriba@gmail.com

This bill creates a motorcycle road guard certificate under which a person can stop and hold traffic during a motorcycle group ride.

1) Obedience to traffic-control signal or flagger; presumptions. Permits holders of a motorcycle road guard certificate who are acting as a flagger for a motorcycle ride to stop and hold traffic, and override traffic control devices to direct motorcycle operators or other vehicles. Requires drivers to remain stopped until directed to proceed.

2) [171.60] Motorcycle road guard certificate. Establishes a motorcycle road guard certificate program. Subd. 1. Certificate required. Restricts performing traffic control by a motorcycle road guard unless the person holds a valid motorcycle road guard certificate. Subd. 2. Certification qualifications and standards. Directs the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center in the Department of Public Safety to: set qualifications to obtain a certificate; create and provide a certification course; and establish vehicle and equipment standards. Sets minimum requirements, including completion of a certification course and use of a safety vest. Subd. 3. Fee. Directs the department to set a fee for the certificate based on agency costs in implementing the program. Subd. 4. Penalty. Makes violation of the section a petty misdemeanor. Subd. 5. Rulemaking. Directs the department to adopt administrative rules governing motorcycle road guard certificates, including setting the certificate fee.

3) Effective date. Except for rulemaking authority, makes the certificate program effective one year following publication of associated administrative rules.

Press Release by the Oceanside Police Department Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation Set for Friday

Extra officers will crack down on traffic violations and be on the lookout for drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol from 6 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Oceanside Police Department will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation Friday from 6 a.m.-12 p.m. In an effort to continue lowering deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and cracking down on traffic violations made by motorcyclists as well as other vehicle drivers that can lead to motorcycle collisions, injuries and fatalities.

While motorcycle fatalities had been on the rise in California, increasing 175 percent in the last decade, from 204 killed in 1998 to 560 killed in 2008, the trend has changed. In 2009, California experienced a 29.6 percent reduction with 394 motorcyclists killed, and preliminary 2010 numbers indicate another 10 percent drop to 353 motorcyclists killed.

California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved crashes include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs. The Oceanside Police Department is also reminding all motorists to always be alert and watch out for motorcycles, especially when turning and changing lanes.

Some of the reduction in riders killed can be attributed to fewer improperly licensed riders. In 2008, 62.7 percent of motorcycle operators killed under age 25 were not properly licensed. In 2009, that statistic fell to only 45.5 percent. Riders, young and old, are encouraged to be properly licensed and to seek training and safety information.

Riders can get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at www.CA-msp.org or 1-877 RIDE 411 or 1-877-743-3411.

New Mexico

HB 12 Careless Driving Bill has passed the House floor unanimously, 63-0. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill would increase the penalties in regard to Careless Driving.

Wisconsin lawmakers say don't fund motorcycle-only safety checks

By Rick Barrett of the Journal Sentinel

Wisconsin Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner and Tom Petri say they're backing a resolution that would prohibit the use of federal funds for creating motorcycle-only safety checkpoints.

"Motorcycle riders are right to be outraged at being singled out for safety inspections," Petri said.

"Nobody is suggesting flagging cars down for unscheduled inspections, and there's no good reason why motorcycles should be treated differently. It's unnecessarily intrusive, and not a smart way to use limited police resources," he added in a news release.

Motorcycle-only inspection checkpoints have been criticized in New York and other states by riders who say the impromptu inspections were unnecessary and targeted them for reasons that had nothing to do with the safety of their bikes.

House Resolution 904 would prohibit the Transportation Department from providing funds to state and local governments for the use of creating motorcycle-only safety checkpoints.

Indiana Lawmakers Consider Allowing Sunday Cycle Sales

After four years of trying, State Senator Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) recently won committee approval for legislation allowing the sale of motorcycles on Sundays. The Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee voted 7-0 to forward Senate Bill 192 to the full Senate.

Sen. Charbonneau says motorcycle sales have increased in New Jersey and Pennsylvania after those states passed laws allowing motorcycle sales on the Sabbath.

The legislation distinguishes motorcycle sales from motor vehicle sales which would remain prohibited on Sundays. Thirteen states don't allow cars to be sold on Sunday, including Indiana.

Charbonneau said many motorcycle dealerships are already open Sundays, selling merchandise or servicing motorcycles, and they should be able to sell motorcycles too.

Vulnerable Highway Users

A bill has been introduced in Wisconsin lumping motorcyclists in with non-motorized highway users as "vulnerable highway users" and dramatically increased the fine and sets jail time for causing injury or death to a vulnerable user. This bill was introduced at the request of the Bicycle Federation without consulting ABATE because they claim that other states are now classifying motorcyclists as vulnerable highway users.

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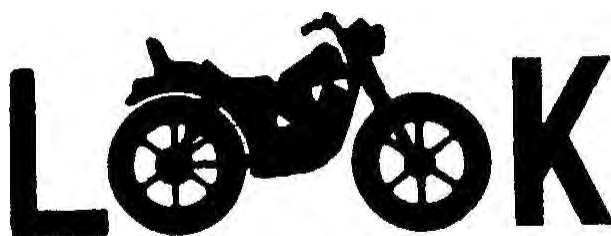
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- 1 Local 33 50 Hwy W April Fools Run 660-233-3949
- 1 Local 15 Branson Poker Run 417-331-2387
- 7 Local 20 Dexter Sierra Osage Poker Run 573-421-7480
- 15 Local 24 St. Louis Blessing of the Bikes 314-744-1092
- 21 District 1 Proclamation Run 816-449-5037
- 21 Local 42 Franklin County Spring Poker Run 636-744-9489
- 22 Local 15 Branson Swap Meet 417-334-0775
- 22 Local 35 Golden Valley Spring Poker Run 660-694-3589
- 24 Central Committee MAY Rally 816-591-3478
- 28 Local 33 50 Hwy W Ride to Survive 660-233-3949

- 29 Local 29 N Kansas City Kearney Bike Show 816-699-9505
- 29 Central Committee BUFR Run 573-820-8182

MAY

- 18-20 District 1 Motorcycle Awareness Rally 816-449-2707
- 19 Local 27 Sac-Osage Bike Show & Poker Run 417-296-4964
- 20 Local 33 50 Hwy W Fun Run/Picnic 660-233-3949
- 25-26 Local 20 Dexter Qulin Bike Rally 573-421-7480
- 25-28 Mid America Freedom Rally 417-650-8353
- 30-6/3 Local 15 Branson Bikers Camp 417-334-4029

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