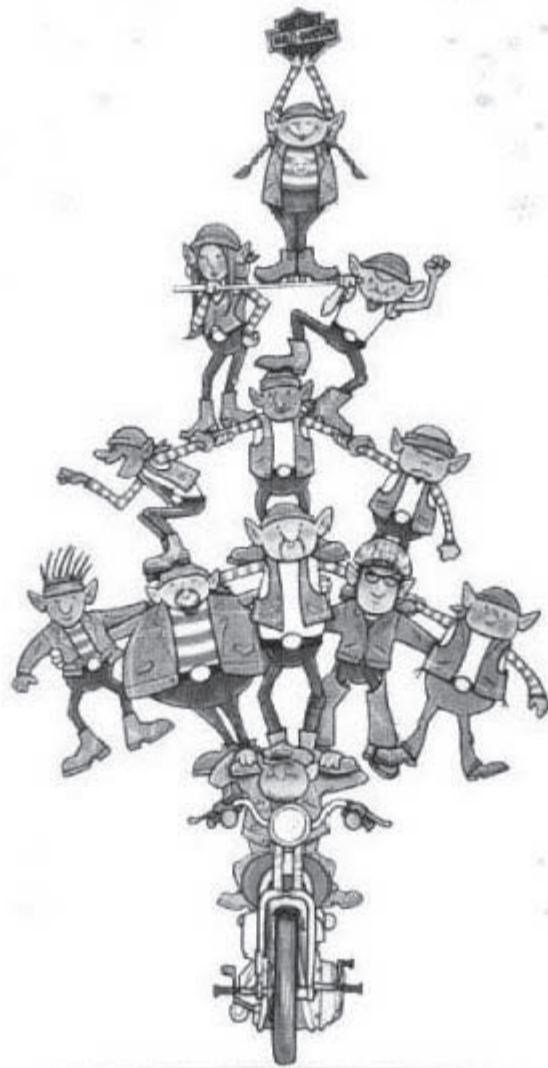




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December 2015

1 - Pre Filing of Bills

January 2016

6 - General Assembly
Convenes at 12:00 p.m.

March 2016

17 - Spring Break begins upon
adjournment

25 - Spring Break ends

27 - Easter

28 - Easter Break — NO
SESSION

29 - Senate reconvenes - Time
to be determined

May 2016

6 - Appropriation Bills must be
Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

13 - SESSION ENDS at 6:00
p.m.

October - Life Members

Name	Local
Kathi Lake	8
Stephen Gallus	41

NOTES FROM BILL

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. That means we are just one month away from getting to the start of session. We are planning on a very busy year again. I have been in touch with representatives and senators that are willing to file legislation for us. We should have some bills prefiled for us. The pre-filing will start December 1st and session will be starting January 6. Last year there were over 3000 bills filed and I think that there will be just as many this year. We will have to watch to see what is filed that might peak our interest. We are going to have the locals pick a day to go to the capitol again this year for their lobby day. There is 18 weeks of session and with 30 some locals we should get two locals a week to go to the capitol. If each local gets about 5 members to go that would be 10 every week and put over 180 for the year. The numbers could even be more than that if everyone just tried to make an effort to go. Local 10 will be going January 13 to kick things off and I think we could have a really good turnout we will also be handing out calendars to all the offices that day. So let's get with your locals and pick a week to get there. I have also heard that we could get an early hearing in the senate this year.

The FEW seminar will be held January 9 at the American legion hall in Jefferson City. This seminar will be focused on officer training. This is a good time for all the new officers of the locals to get together get some ideas for their own locals. There will be breakout sessions for each office. There will also be a good meal at the end and then there will be the auction with the minions.

The Republican Lincoln days will be coming will be February 26 thru the 28 in St Louis. We will be checking to see if we will be attending again this year. With the lineup of candidates for governor it would be a good chance to meet them. The democratic demo days will be in March and we are also making plans for this also. We need to make a presence at these events to keep our relationships with the members of the representatives and the senators.

RIDE FREE RIDE HARD RIDE OFTEN
Bill Kempker

From Smokin' Joe

Hello to all you Freedom Fighters,

Since I sent in our intent to run as your next state cabinet, notice I said our intent, this is a team effort not just an individual one. As I have stated a team effort, I believe Freedom of Road Riders is a team every last one of us. With that being said let me get back to my original thoughts. I realize I didn't say much when our intent was sent in so this is why I decided to write this letter.

I have been sitting here trying to think of what to say to everyone about the future of this great organization. Then I realized I don't have much of a clue. I know what I would like to see and the cabinet and you the membership will have our work cut out for us. Here are a few things I would like to see us work on: strengthening our brotherhood/sisterhood, growing our membership, being more visible during session at the capital and promoting Freedom of Road Riders and safety. Sounds like a lot doesn't it and I think we as a team can do this.

My mind was a blank when I sent in our intent to run but as of late I have been doing a lot of thinking, sometimes that is a good thing and sometimes not. One other thing I forgot to add was that we need to reach out to the sport bike riders and try and include those riders, in some form or other. It will be a work in progress for us and the whole organization needs to support this. Now back to where I was going to before I interrupted myself.

Missouri has been the birthplace of a couple of great organizations or rather seminars that happen in this state every so often. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's, Meeting of the Minds and the Mid-South M.I.L.E. and of course us, Freedom of Road Riders. These all have roots here from a few dedicated members of several motorcycle rights organizations across the country. Thinking about that makes me wonder how our membership stays at a little over 2000 members. At one time we were over 4000 strong and we need to figure out how to retain some members and also how to get a few back. I am not exactly sure where we are on membership numbers but I believe it is over 13,000 or more. Does that ever make you wonder where over 10,000 members went? Some of these members you aren't going to keep but some I believe we can and some maybe get back. This is where the team comes into play and with everyone's help I think we can figure out this dilemma.

Strengthening our brotherhood/sisterhood should be a no brainer. I have seen this grow off and on throughout my 20+ years. I have met some lifetime friends in this organization whom I admire and respect. I have also learned a great deal from them and have used that knowledge throughout my time in this organization. Regardless of attitudes we are all brothers and sisters and we are all here for the common goal of protecting our rights as motorcyclists. I know some of us like the parties and the fun but it takes a team to make these a success so we can continue our fight for our rights. So in my opinion strengthening our brotherhood/sisterhood will help in making all of this a success; growth in membership, successful events and strong support at the capital.

I know we have been trying to work on ways to promote our organization and this too will take a team effort. I know there are several ideas floating around and they seem justified and needed. I also know there are several locals that have taken on this task to a great extent and they are also promoting safety as well. Every local here should in some form or other attempt to try something to promote the organization and make it appealing to all riders. I also know there are some locals that may not be able to do a lot but if you can't where you are then think about helping another local out with what they are doing. Let's make this a success too. We also need to try and reach out to the sport bike riders. Now I know this is a whole new ball game but we need to at least try and get them involved somehow. Some of us may need to approach this with an open mind and accept them for who they are and appreciate what they could do for this organization. I believe we can accomplish something here but it will take time and effort on all or our parts.

Well I think I have rattled on enough for now and have laid out some goals to reach over the next few years. I wouldn't say they will all get accomplished but I hope we can at least try and make a dent in them.

One thing about it if we don't try we are going to stay stuck in this same funk. I think with the help of the membership and leadership of this great organization we can accomplish anything we want to and I really appreciate you all reading this. This one is for you all, cheers!

As I always say at the end of my newsletter article:
Down the road and movin' on,
Smokin' Joe Widmer
Local 14

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Submitted at the request of Amy Allmon, MRF Rep

2016 F.E.W. Seminar

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Freedom of Road Riders,

Well Folks the Christmas season is upon us and I have an idea I would like to pose too you, why not give an admission to the FEW Seminar as a gift to a Brother or Sister in your Local, heck even treat yourself to coming to the one event that is strictly for our Membership? This year as I have stated in previous articles will mainly be about educating the membership in offices that they are in or may plan to do at a later date. I have heard many times that is direction people wanted to see with the FEW seminar so with that said, I hope that all that can attend will do so. There is a flyer in this issue of the Freedom Press please fill it out and send in as soon as possible pre-registration is 20.00 with the guarantee of dinner and 25.00 at the door without any guarantees. The more we know in advance the easier it will be to set up as far as knowing how many workbooks we will need and also our overall dinner count. So please if at all possible pre-register. Deadline for this is December 15th, 2015.

We will also be recognizing people from every Local in an awards ceremony to be held at the end of the seminar directly after dinner is served. This is a fantastic way to honor members. I believe the old saying that goes somewhat along these lines, A person who is shown their value is appreciated as well as recognized will excel as well as promote the common goal of the Organization. I have not received many submissions for these awards so, I am extending the deadline till December 15th. If you feel someone in your Local or inside the Organization is deserving of any of these awards what better way to celebrate their accomplishments than by recognizing them in front of

the membership as a whole. Please consider the talent in your Local and throughout the Organization, take a minute jot down what you feel about this person and their accomplishments. The Awards are as follows and the contact person is also in this overview. Let's bring a smile to these special people's faces and show them that what they have done and in most cases continue to do, has not gone unnoticed.

1. Powerhouse Award-Submissions are from the Locals themselves and honor those members, both men and women, who go the extra mile to keep the wheels of the Locals turning. This award is a certificate and the letter of submission to the recipient submissions can be directed to valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail.com.

2. Young Engineer-This is the equivalent of the Engineer of Freedom Award but is in recognition of members 17 and under who set the standards for the next generation of freedom fighters.

3. Full Throttle-In recognition of new members, two years or less, who have hit the ground running in their support of FORR. Submissions for this award can be made to valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail.com.

4. Engineer of Freedom-Last year we awarded this recognition at the FEW as well as the CC meeting the following day. It is our hope we can do this again this year. The process for this special presentation will follow the standard procedure for submission found in the back of the Freedom Press. These submissions go to the corporate secretary, Cheryl Singleton, secretary@forr.net

5 The Buck Stops Here-This is the highest award presented to a Freedom of Road Riders member. It includes a Missouri state flag which has been flown over our state capital and a special patch. This award is decided by the previous recipients with the previous year's recipient handling the honor of presentation. This is in recognition of those members who exemplify excellence in legislative advocacy and submissions can be sent to Ed "Smokey" Strodman at Smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com

Anna Kabler Local 15 has been a doll in securing our location for this event and making preparations to insure we have a nice place to gather and learn more about FORR. A big Thank you to her as she has stepped up making it easier on myself and cutting down traveling time. She has also accepted Vice Chair for this event, thank you does not seem to be enough in this case. We are working on door prizes for each seminar class and also planning a few surprises along the way throughout the presentations. Our hope is to see you there and to bring a better understand of FORR by reflecting on our past to build a better future.

Thank you for your support in this event,

Valerie "Windy" Taylor

Chair for the FEW Seminar

FORR Secretary for State Membership and Local 22

Classified Ad

I am trying to sell my property in Osceola, MO. Log cabin house with full basement & 2 (large) bay workshop with "studio apt" (or large office with bathroom, including new shower & water heater).

House does not look pretty, but basement is in great shape, as is the workshop. I need someone to look past the house & recognize the value here. 3 lots (including corner), no neighbors per say, other houses on back of property, 2 blocks from park, pool, boat ramp, post office, grocery store. I've quoted "the basement job", as well as building the workshop with metal roofing; you couldn't pour concrete for my asking price, nor could you build the shop. You get it all (& the property to boot). Don't belittle the house. Thou rough, pillars are beautiful, stone fireplace is, too (& has blower to heat the whole house, & flute has been kept up with).

I am grateful for your interest.

Please contact Katherine Fox at 573-424-5434 with your interests/questions

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/382590848464563/>

Howdy all,

Things are going well with the local at this time. Had a good turnout out the past meeting and hopefully will again for nominations in November and Decembers meetings. Lots going on as usual, but cannot express enough how much we could all use some volunteers at this time.

Had a blast at Halloween time and now we are headed to Thanksgiving. Hope you all get to visit all of your favorites families, or family's goodies this season. Christmas is just around the corner and Santa is watching - so don't get on his 'naughty' list - well if you want a visit from Santa!

As I write this I am preparing for another surgery - yes another hernial! geez - after last time you would think that I would figure out my back is stronger than my belly!!! Ahh, but the kitchen and downstairs look GREAT! Dragon will be at the Nov. CC meeting to vote Joe Widmer as future FORR Chairman, Good Luck Joey, You will do an excellent job!

Again I thank Local 20 for having us out for their anniversary party, I haven't had such a good time since I don't know when.

***One last installment that was a required request.... to the gal from Local 33 that Dragon met at Yoss Brothers in Holden.... a HUGE apology.. "when the man gets on a mission, he is hard to distract!"

Hope all of you are doing well and if you're in the Holden area feel free to give us a call and stop in, really! It's a great place to put your feet up for a while.

Well I have to get this going, so have a good and wonderful holiday and always be safe in what your doing.

And as I have always said.... HAVE A GOOD ONE - THEN HAVE ANOTHER!! and I mean it!

Always,

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor

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LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.

VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO

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LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.
 VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph
 Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

We would like to start by congratulating Mary and Larry Jackson on 28 years of marriage as of 10/27/15. Also, congratulations to Johnny and Denise Tiffany, first time Grandparents of Bennett! Several members of Local 6 had Birthdays this last month. Happy Birthday.

About 30 members and friends of Local 6 got together for a little run, about 100 miles. Everyone had a good time and thought the weather was beautiful, except one member of shorter stature, riding a Sportster, seemed to be affected by the wind. We won't mention any names; BG!

At our last meeting we had nominations for new officers for the upcoming year, 2016.

Happy Trails!

Ride safe, ride free!

Dan and Beth

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.
 Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536
 Contact: Robert 417-426-5627
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/201753790024390/>

Greetings Local 7

Well so far so good. Hope you've all been able to enjoy the color of the Ozarks this fall. Guy and I took a ride to Herman with some of my work friends. Guy and I also went to the Biker, Blues & BBQ in Arkansas. Sounds like Robert is enjoying his retirement. He got his bike out of the shop and has been putting the miles on it with Nita riding shotgun. Buck, Bubba and Tammy ran Local 7's part of the Halloween Bash in Buckhorn, helping to raise \$1700 for the Shriners. November brought Local 7's 34th annual Toy Run and it was a good one. Great weather and a good turnout, around 93 bikes! We collect a whole lot of can goods and a large pile of toys. The Spyder Lady won the 50 -50 and with the money she donated back to the Share you Christmas the organization gain \$400. We gained a new member at our meeting. His name is Bert. And there is talk of a Leather & Lace party February 6th at the Elks Lodge. Tammy, Bubba, Buck and April are the driving force for this project so be prepared. As always there will be a Freeze Yer Buns Run in March so let's just keep riding all winter.

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
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LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm
 Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City
 on Hwy 54 & Junction CC
 Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159
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LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.
 Redding Mills Inn, 102 Broadlawn Blvd, Joplin, MO
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LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: First Sunday @ 1 p.m.
 November Meeting : Bushwhacker Ben Winery in Glasgow
 Contact: Donna (660) 815-0079 or Butch (660) 631-0803
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463789827071828/>

To FORR Family

We hope everyone is well ! First I want to thank everyone who made it for trash clean up, nice to see a good turn out weather was great. We want to reach out to Local 12 members we haven't seen in awhile, come see us. Love to see ya!!! Congrats to Smokey he won 2015 award for Buck Stop Here ! He received American Flag in glass case it was flown one day. We have nominee's for offices to vote on next month. We have discuss what we can do to make Fire Cracker bigger @ better. We have come up with a few good things. We have made some changes for the good. Well that's all for now. Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving be safe. Local 12 members don't forget to let Beckett 's know ur choice of meal. Jan. 3rd next meeting at Laura @ Socko

Dec. 5th Christmas Party @ Meeting at Beckett's.



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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Terry (Bubba) Archer 573-253-1896
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FORRLocal13/>

Hello Brother's and Sister's

Well another Toy Run season has come to pass, I hope everyone had a good turn out for yours. We had a rainy day for ours but we still had a good turn out. AS you can see in the photo we still managed to deliver a lot of toy's to there destination. And yes Santa did smell a bit musty by the time we got there. But he is all dried out now and off on his next adventure.

The rumor mill has it that Halfbreed is doing well from his surgery on Oct. 22, after a bit of a rough start. But like they say YOU CANT KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN. We all hope you will be back to your kind of normal soon brother.

Do not forget that our Christmas Party is December 12th at the Masonic Lodge in Centralia, MO (behind McDonalds) same place as last year. Voting and Social hr. from 5-6 pm, Meeting & Election results from 6-630 pm, Supper at 6:30. The Local will be providing the meat as well as coffee and tea. Please bring a side dish. We will also be doing the gift exchange, if you want to take part please bring a wrapped gift we agreed to a \$20.00 limit.

Hope to see you all there, until next month everyone ride safe and ride often.

Thank you, Terry "Bubba" Archer
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Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
 Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199315240260246/>

Hello all you Local 14 members:

I guess it is time to write this again and I about forgot. I really don't have much right now at this time but I will try and entertain you for a little bit. As everyone knows our pool tournament was a mediocre success but still a success so kudos to all that were there and thanks again for all who came it was a great time. I know I had a good time so that is all that matters..LOL Glad everyone made it and I have another one scheduled for February 26th at 6 pm too. It will be our first event of next year. I would like to see about 32 shooters there just for fun and a great time. I will be back just so you know Joker. Now on to more pressing issues and bear with me.

I believe when this comes out we will have sold everything at the auction and hopefully that too will be a success for the family we choose. As most of you know we split this with the VFW to support their families as well. It will be a great time and we will have many items to auction off, a silent auction, food and just a lot of friendly brothers and sisters. I hope everyone had a good time.

I also was hoping to get an indoor swap meet put together this next year but I just can't find a suitable place to do that and we used to use the armory at 23rd and Chrysler but I have not checked on that and I kind of doubt we can use it because of the crap going on right now. I will try and see if we can get something worked out for 2017 and see what happens.

Now then we had nominations in October and this is where we are for the time being and final nominations will be in November and elections. So here you go, President nominee's are: Ron Keese and Donna Hilburn,

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Vice President nominee is Doug Hilburn, Treasurer nominee is Christina Hilburn, Secretary nominee is Donna Hilburn, Sargent at arms nominee is Ralph Davis, CC Rep is blank, District Rep is blank, Newsletter is Smokin' Joe, and Legislative Rep is Smokin' Joe. I hope someone else steps up to fill in the blanks and take some of my positions away but it is OK. I guess we will see how it flies in November. That is about all I have for now so I am done if you need to know anything else attend a meeting or phone a friend we all have a good time and we miss you all, so come and have some fun.

Down the road and movin' on,
Smokin' Joe Widmer

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson

Contact: 417-230-1020

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279926618687174/>

November moved in fast but the weather held for the Branson Toy Run. Approximately 200 bikes participated in this growing seasonal event. Local 15's traditional Santa Claus; Randy Stovall lead the parade to the Elks Lodge of Forsyth, MO again this year, THANKS RANDY! Hope to see you all in numbers next year!! Thank you all for your support and participation.

Elections for 2016 were held on November 16th, at Charlie's Steak & Ale, Officers will be announced in the January Newsletter.

Local 15's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12th at the Honeysuckle Inn, 417-335-2030, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway Branson, MO 65616. Doors open at 6 p.m., Dinner served at 7 p.m. Band and festivities to follow. Book your hotel room early!

December looks to be a calm month but let's keep an eye on the upcoming legislation and start 2016 off with good thoughts and a powerful united voice. This may be a good time to reach out to your legislative reps and your CC reps and ask questions about what you can do.

The December B.S Meeting will take place at El Lago Mexican restaurant located at 18942 Business 13, Branson West, MO (the old Midnite Rose). The New Year's Day Ride will be finalized at the next business meeting and will be posted on the local facebook page at FORR Local#15, and in the local newsletter. Keep your newsletters close for the upcoming year's news and events.

With all my love and respect, may peace find you this holiday season.
Kimberly "Ziggy" Wise

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Martin 573-576-6662

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/FORR-Local-16/196506447044237?fref=ts>

Thank you to the Eagles of Cape Girardeau for their amazing hospitality for the Christmas Run!

We also send our thanks to Bruiser (aka Brad) for hosting the November meeting...very cool.

The next L16 event will be the Christmas Dance at the Perryville VFW. The date is December 5 @ 8. We will have a short meeting before.

Merry Christmas & the best of New Years to all of Local 16!
Melanie



LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Meeting Location Varies

Contact: 660-342-5323


<https://www.facebook.com/groups/203378816472124/>

Hello again everyone hope to find everyone well rested after gaining another hour of sleep which I dislike because we lose another hour of daylight to ride on those beautiful days like we had today for the annual toy run for the Salvation Army. Thank you everyone who participated and worked so hard to put on a success this year. Next year we need to double the fun. Joni James you worked yourself way to much making everyone happy with your yummy chili and delicious deserts but it was all worth it in the end. In all 69 bikes, 102 participants and several police officers, fire department and our city officials who made it all possible again thank you!!!!

Our next meeting will be to nominate officers for 2016 we need everyone to attend on Nov. 7th at 6 pm (Action cycle shop) so we can get them voted in at our December meeting remember this organization is for our motorcycle rights so lets don't lose track of what we believe in. Becoming an officer is a very important part of this so step up and fill these spaces and continue supporting our local. We hope to have a good team again.


I know several of you received e-mails from the state concerning this local closing as it should not be anything to be worried about but we are losing members due to ageing and deaths so we need to recruit to keep it alive. We have several life time members so it means a lot to have been in this local for that long to give it up now. Lets plan on keeping this local alive and continue to support our town with our giving awareness of motorcycles. We matter too!

We have contracted a band for the Auction in January so please make plans to attend. More info on it next month. It will be at the El Kadir





Christmas Dance

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Perryville, MO

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Shrine Club in Kirksville.

Kenny Lambert won attendance drawing at our last meeting and John Eichenier won the state line rally work drawing which attendance was down this year due to.....RAIN who would of guessed it would do that, right?

Our 30 year Local 19 celebration party was a huge success at Phil and Joni James place with musicians playing and singing all night. Members from past and present were there with memorabilia pictures of the last 30 years to reminisce. My how times have changed but people are still having good times riding, camping and getting together. Let's plan our 50th year party!

Thank you Phil and Joni for all you do for this local and everyone who helped make the celebration a fun time. It was a little rough for JB but he survived like a champ wink wink!

FEW Seminar is looking for submissions for Power House and young Engineer awards so keep that in mind.

Just wanted to mention also if you ride with a large group always stay focused and be on guard as Darek and I found out riding with the toy run for Trustees in Moberly. You never know until it happens right in front of you how fast an accident can happen. Thankfully the couple will be OK after being life flighted out. Fabulous turnout with over 420 bikes showing up for it. Maybe they will come to ours next year wouldn't that be great !!

Well keep on riding the rubber side down our days are limited now !! Corena

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/189905384430744/>

Welcome Fall

Cooler temperatures and beautiful colors along with the smell of wood burning in stoves warming the homes. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that have celebrated and will be celebrating in the months of October and November. Thank you to all that have renewed and attend the meetings.

The Halloween party was a blast and toys and food were collected and will be collected until mid December then donated to Stoddard County residents to help out during Christmas however there is unfortunately a sad ending to the evening brother Darrell Swinger fell after he returned home and is in South East hospital in Cape Girardeau with a broken hip. We will keep everyone updated via our Facebook page. We also ask that everyone keep Mindy Reif and her family in their prayers as she continues her treatment for throat cancer.

Elections were held at our last meeting and the line up is as follows: President – Mona Morgan Vice President – Gene Todd, Treasurer – Mary Reeves and Secretary Pam Lloyd. Thank you to Matt Reynolds for his term as VP last year I would have been lost without you and thanks to Gene for stepping up I know you will do a great job.

We will be doing the Festival of Lights at the lake again this year and I invite all locals to send something from your local that we can display with your local number and location on it as this is a free way to advertise FORR and people come from every where to see this display. I am waiting on our permit and site number from the Corp of Engineers the only restrictions are no political statements or glass ornaments. This display grows larger each year.

We will be wrapping up our year with a Christmas Party at the Eagle's Club on Saturday December 12 at 8 pm. (Insurance and all other required paperwork will be on its way shortly). Thank you to Darrell Swinger and Dave Garner for you generous donations to pay the insurance. Snack foods will be provided and each member is requested to donate something toward the snacks. Just a reminder our December meeting has been moved up to Sunday the 20th so as not to interfere with the Christmas weekend.

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

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

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO

Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989

Well what do you know!... I guess you can do that on a Harley!!...and ifin' you were at the Dam Rally you probably seen 'em doin it!!

We at Local 21 would like to thank the folks with "Rising Sons" who put on quite a stunt show for us. I hope they can make it next year.

We also would like to thank all those faithful Local 21 members who showed up to help remove and replace the decking on the stage. This was a huge job and had it not been done with such skill and precision this event would not have happened. If a contractor had done this job the bill would've been over \$3,500.00 in labor alone! I know most of us put in 3 or 4 days mostly because of no electricity, which we were told we would have. So thanks for all your help Ya'll!

We also want to thank Bill Kempker who helped get the support of FORR to finance this endeavor (cuz we only had about \$600.00 in our account!) Why.. he can pick up the phone and have the party's started! I ain't seen nothin like it! And thanks to all who put in their time doin' the shifts. This was a successful Rally and we haven't even begun to take advantage of the publicity it can bring for FORR.

We would also like to Welcome the 5 new members who signed up to our Local at the rally: Tim Cook, Don Veppe, Annette and Michael Douglas (not the actor) and Jason Hwang. Welcome to Local 21 ya'll. We are proud to have you!

See Ya'll Soon
Dan

LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Senior Center, West Plains

Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-1465

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/>

Merry Christmas Brothers, Sisters and friends of South Central Local 22,

Well because of deadlines could not report this last month so here goes nothing. Our Mystery Tour run went very well for our first, very proud of everyone who worked and helped to pull this off. A big thank you to my Sissy Stampede and Brother Bubba of L13 thanks to them we pulled it off like pros. They helped fill some holes not to mention because of Bubba keeping BL grounded we still have a President LOL All kidding aside BL and I are very proud of our Local way to go guys, great job. For the record got two new members during this run, we had two sister Local's attend this run also, thank you too Local's 13 and 28. Our winners included Oldest Bike Joe Ceresini, Farthest Traveled Larry Carson, Oldest Biker Kool-Aid, Youngest Rider Bethany Guilliams, First Place Phil Greer, Second Place Derald Upton, Third Place Bill Mad Dawg Thornhill, Worse Score was Bam-Bam aka Damon Cernetisch, we would like to Thank everyone for their support of this event. Also I can't close this without saying a big Thank you to Bear Ingalsbe and Kim Amyx for planning the route, we pulled it off yay TEAM !!!

On another note we would like to welcome Derald Upton and Trey Kimbrough to our South Central Local 22. As well as welcome back Hazel "Sassy" Stover and we also had a transfer from Local 30 Bob

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Thompson, we are so honored that you choose to become part of the largest Motorcycle Rights Organizations in the state of Missouri and a part of South Central Local 22. Together we can be heard, united we stand, divided we will ultimately fall. I cannot express enough how very much this Organization means to me, I believe that we have the right to be heard, I believe we can make a difference if collectively we voice our concerns and most of all I believe that employees should listen to their employers within reason. They are our employee's and so many have fought for our Right to be Free isn't it time our government allows us the Freedom of choice? I feel it is and if we voice our concern and actually do the work we may come closer to achieving these goals of simple FREEDOM. Our membership I am proud to say is made of all different kinds of people from many different walks of life but one thing that remains true is we have over 50% of our membership are Veterans from all branches of service and if anyone understands Freedom is not Free it would be these fellow members. We owe to ourselves and these fine Brothers and Sisters to fight against anything we find wrong at the State level. It is a right to many do not exercise, time for change...or so I think.

I realize that our main time for voting was last month but the truth remains that Sessions will start in January we need to be watching the people elected to these offices and understand their stand on issues that concern us as Motorcyclist. That is one of the main reasons this premier Organization was created here in the State of Missouri to safeguard our rights as Motorcyclist. That means doing your homework on the issues at hand this year we will be pushing for, the Failure to Yield the Right a Way and the Helmet Modification Bills. As well as following E15 regulations this is something that we will have to keep an eye on the dangers are real, right down to the blended pumps that we have all over the State. Also Lane Splitting will be in the arena this year as other State have passed this, Missouri will be looking into this issue this year also.

The FEW Seminar is next month I hope that we have a good turnout from Local 22 this will be an educational session for newly appointed officers or anyone considering holding an office in the future. Actually with any luck at all by attending you may come away with a better understanding about the largest Volunteer Organization for Motorcycle Rights in the beautiful State of Missouri where we are simply, All FORR One and One FORR All, quote from Terry Biggers L 13. It was decided at the last meeting that our meeting time should be moved to accommodate all members since we literally have people from 5 different surrounding towns, so through out the winter months we will still meet on the third Sunday at the Senior Center but the meeting time was changed to 1:00 pm. Before meeting rides will resume in early spring. My hope is that we find another outlet to get together to socialize and become a stronger Local. On a personal note I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year, it has been one heck of a ride getting this Local re-established and getting to know you all. Thank you for helping to make our Local strong and believing in us enough to be a part of it. Here's to the New Year time to turn the page and see what's in store for this our South Central Local 22 and it's wonderful membership.

Until next time Live Life to the fullest and be FORRever Free,
Valerie "Windy" Taylor
FORR Secretary Local 22

Questions or Concerns please feel free to contact BL McDonnell at 573-301-7139 or Valerie Taylor @ valerie.taylorlocal22@gmail.com

***Meeting time has changed Third Sunday Senior Center at 1:00 pm

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW Post 4105, 410 Rue St Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225526100855350/>

Merry Christmas Freedom Fighters!!!

From the urban dictionary

Drama

Something women and especially teenage girls thrive on. Consisting of any number of situations that have an easy solution, which would bring a fairly good outcome, but these girls choose another , shitty, bad way to deal with it, again consisting of backstabbing, blackmailing/gossiping/betraying their friends.

With the New Year right around the corner it is time to put aside personal grudges and get this local back on to defending our right to ride.

If you have an issue with someone or what they have done, talk to them directly, don't talk to everyone else and let them hear it through the grapevine, imagine what this local could do if we all worked together.

Make sure that you have the legislative liaison and FORR chairman's email on your ok list in your email so their updates do not end up in your spam folder.

We have a big year coming up, elections are right around the corner and people in that domed building in Jefferson City, need to be replaced with motorcycle friendly people, pay attention to what your local candidate says.

A big thank you to all officers who served local 24 over the past year, I hope that everyone in the local learned something over the past 12 months.

St. Pats Massacre is right around the corner, then the Blessing of the bikes, hopefully the whole local steps up to the plate and a select few are not stuck working the event.

Take a look at the local's web page - <http://forr24org.webs.com>
Felicia has done an outstanding job keeping this updated.

Good luck to the newly elected officers in local 24, keep your eyes focused on what the main purpose of this fine organization is

'It is easy to go down in to hell; night and day the gates of dark death stand wide; but to climb back up again, to retrace one's steps to the open air, there lies the problem, the difficult task.' Virgil: The Aeneid
DO SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE

So long, fare well, alveterzane, adieu
Captain Von Trapp

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 pm

KT's Bar & Grill, 407 Sonderen St, Ofallon, MO

Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-293-5998

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November has come and gone and December is in full swing. Our Toy Run on November 1st for Shriners Hospital was a great success. We had a couple dozen riders, Santa, and as usual, the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department motorcycle escorts that took us from Pete's Drive-In at Wentzville to KT's in Ofallon where we had a chili cook-off. The weather was as good as it gets with temps in the low 70's and nary a cloud in the sky.

If you want to see the actual ride there is a video recorded in 1080p with 5.1 Surround and set to royalty-free music on YouTube. You can link to it via our local page or type Local 25 Toy Run for Shriners Hospital 2015 in the YouTube search. It's a riders-eye view from the back of the pack using hi-def recording sunglasses, not the goofy looking helmet mounted systems made popular by the wheelie kids.

Chili cook-off winners were Brian Lundy with 1st Place and our own Robert Harrellson came in second. After eating nine different varieties of chili over two days I'm ready to put chili behind me for a while...maybe a week. Our 50/50 drawing was won by Melissa's son and he graciously donated his \$50.00 back. KT's owner Kevin also donated his cut of the chili cook-off back to our local which will benefit Shriners Hospital. I cannot emphasize enough what a class act Kevin and Melissa are.

We will be setting up a date to bring the toys and other donations for our annual Shriners Hospital tour and if you want to experience something that will touch your heart, this is it.

Our annual Freeze-Out (or not) ride will be January 1st with a plaque awarded to the brave soul who travels the longest distance to our starting place. Check out our local page for details as they become available. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year!

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.

BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St, Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-26-Freedom-of-Road-Riders/210883762255451?fref=ts>

Greetings fellow Riders,

By the time you receive this November will be well under way and the riding season will be over for the majority of you.. There will be a few diehards that will brave the cold on the days with clear skies and dry pavement, but the warm days are coming to an end. I personally have managed to ride every day November at this point. Of course the newsletter deadline in the 5th, so that's not really all that impressive. Still, the weather for the first bit of November has been unseasonably nice.

Our Toy run was a success; we managed to gather a few toys and made a donation to both them and are other charity. The group had lunch across the street from the Court House and then a few of us went for a ride for dessert. It was a pleasant 125 miles or so for the loop. It let our lunch settle enough to really enjoy the strawberry shortcake.

Even though the scheduled rides are over for the year, we managed an unscheduled Eat & Ride on the 3rd to Savannah. It was getting dark when we left and really dark upon arrival and on the way home. Gave some of us a chance to show off our lights. Thank you SB 650. Visibility is a good thing.

As winter is approaching, it is time to think about winterizing your bikes and planning for next year. Don't forget to drain your carbs or condition your fuel for winter storage. Now is also a good time to change the oil so it won't have all of the acids and impurities sitting in it over the winter. Plan on some of those maintenance projects you put off during riding weather and do them while it's cold. It may help to stave off the onset of PMS: Parked Motorcycle Syndrome. You're going to get antsy to ride soon enough and no need to succumb sooner than necessary.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and will see you in the wind come spring or maybe on a clear day.

Safe Journeys,
Harold



Local 26 and friends completed the annual Toys for Tots motorcycle run on November 1. The group raised \$225 for Toys for Tots of Nodaway County and \$200 for The Ministry Center. A few toys were also collected. After lunch at

Carson's Sports Grill, Maryville, seven members enjoyed a 120 mile ride which ended at the Nodaway County Courthouse.



Members of Local 26 stopped by Paul and Sandy Jones' house to present them with their 2014 FORR Contribution pins on October 6 during the weekly Tuesday night "Eat 'n Ride." The Jones have been members of Local 26 for over 21 years, but have been unable to ride with the group for the last couple of years because of Paul's health.



LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: Call for information

Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres. Leland Seymour 636-497-2814

<https://www.facebook.com/Local27FORR?fref=nf>

Goodbye, spooks and goblins! Hello winter! Local 27 sent 10 members to Carthage for a Masquerade Ball and Silent Auction. It was a great time!

Still looking for our Christmas families to give Christmas to. We will find them!

Be safe as the weather cools down--people are not expecting us to be out! Wear bright colors and keep your eyes peeled! Hope to see a lot of you at the toy runs coming up.

Local 27's next meeting will be held at El Rodeo, just off the square in Bolivar, MO, on Sunday, November 15, at 4:00 pm. Come join us!

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

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

Contact: President Shena Flick 573-433-5122, Vice President Eric Johnson 573-336-7679, Shrine Club 573-774-545

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150?fref=ts>



LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO

Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184

Facebook: FORR Local 29 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/106652842710031/>

Three members of Local 29 attend the Mid South Mile in Dallas, Texas. Jim and Donna Duyck and Ann Dodson represented us. Jim and Donna were able to ride and said it was a great ride down and back. One of the highlights was they were able to see Theo from Belgium give his last seminar for the MSM. Ann Dodson received a special award and thank you for her years of service to the Mid South Mile. It was a bracelet with charms from Kansas, Arkansas, and two charms from Texas. The Missouri MSM gave Roy Hoard, Local 33, money to buy baskets and he was able to buy baskets from Texas and Louisiana. These will be resold at the FEW seminar in January. Next year is the 25th Anniversary for the MSM and it will be held in Missouri.

Our October meeting was a little different. We had officers on vacation and officers and members at the MSM. We did have six loyal members show up. Thank you Steve, Janet, Sheila, Chappy, Anthony, and Chris for making the meeting. There was no membership incentive, attendance incentive, or Bob's Grab Bag but other business was conducted. Hopefully things will be back to normal next month.

About the time you are reading this we will be in the middle of the Holidays. Happy Holidays to everyone in FORR land.

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd


Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373004336052023/>**LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**

Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

Spuds Place, Hwy 63, Vichy, MO

Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129



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LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.

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President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;

Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403

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Well, Octoberfest has come and gone and it sure isn't what it used to be. In my selfish opinion we need to find a new location for this event. I'm not apposed to a guy making a living, but we aren't getting our moneys worth at that place. We need to keep in mind that we are a legitimate business too, and we need to make money as well, and lots of it if we are going to survive and get legislation passed. I feel we're getting taken at this location. We're really paying that kind of money for the use of a parking lot? Really? We need to look around for some property we can use and abuse. We're in farm country where there is lots of land to be had cheaply and for rent.

Gee, after all that I still hope you got to Octoberfest, because it was quite the hoot. Not what I would call a wild fun filled rally, but it was definitely entertaining. For those of us who went to socialize, drink and eat it was great. Lots of fires at night with plenty of liquor flowing and some hilarious stories of past rallies and bike adventures. However, the main entertainment for me was a fella from local 14, who was either determined to blow up his bike, break the overland speed record or his neck. We would be standing around in a small group and all of a sudden you would hear this engine revving up and then see this guy flying by, throwing dirt and dust everywhere all over the area and then a few moments later come flying by in the opposite direction doing the same breakneck speed and throwing more dirt and dust. He had several close calls with parked bikes, trailers or tents, as well as one particular out-house. If you were really bored you could've watched this fellow for hours and been quit entertained.



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Poor Amy was catching the dickens from the rally participants over the band that played Saturday night. As Amy put it, they really weren't hired, as much as they, just volunteered to work the rally. They were somewhere between a high school dance band and a down the back ally run down bar band. Not the best band we could have gotten, but they were really inexpensive.

Our last poker run of the year, the "Adopt A Family Poker Run" was a huge success and it was perfect riding weather for a change. (Someone must have sacrificed a goat or something) The route JR and Doug picked was a good run and we ended our day at the "End Zone" sports bar, which is also one of our corporate sponsors. You know, (that's from the movie Fargo) You know, you don't have to be on a poker run to stop by there and eat, watch sports on the big screen TV's or get a tall cool one. While we wound down from our ride at the END ZONE. I heard one old rider mention it was windy, his friend answered, no it's Thursday and the third said, me too, let's get a beer. And my wife thinks I need a fricken hearing aid.

A couple of our members, Bill and Kim James along with Randy and Debbie Farris showed up sporting new used bikes. Both bikes were Harley's and very nice rides, both of course are black and are pretty tricked out as far as accessories go, so have fun and enjoy the new rides folks. We also, picked up three new members on this run, which we need to keep us going to influence legislation on keeping our motorcycle rights intact or we'll end up like some European nations with no motorcycle rights, or motorcycles for that matter.

On October the 18th we had our local meeting which had the smallest attendance I've ever seen. I know, it's that time of year again isn't it? Bill our V.P. took the reign's for this meeting as JR and Cathy were on an alcohol and Bar-B-Que inspired adventure, endorsed by "Jack Daniels" through the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee. I've heard tell it is quite the trip with outstanding Bar-B-Que from all over the country. I believe it's an invitation by Jack Daniel's Corp. to only the best Bar-B-Qers in the country.

We discussed our last Poker Run and we actually made money and during the attendance drawing the happy "non-member" winner of \$58.00 donated his winnings back to the local for the Adopt A Family dinner and gifts. Thank you sir. According to our records we had 18 members ride the run and 13 non-members. Pretty good turn out! Each officer then gave their reports and we moved along quickly until we got to the Mid-American Freedom Rally. Mark, Allen and Randy all had a plate full of information to share with the local. One of the major topics was the giving away of some item at the gate during the MAFR. No one wants another scarf, so a coin was suggested or the current MAFR patch. The local voted to go with the patch give-a-way. They're inexpensive and most people want then. Pat pointed out that every year we order to many patches and have a bunch left over in the inventory. Allen, in conjunction with Pat, came up with an idea to have a quilt made, utilizing all the patches from years past that are still in our inventory. It would be raffled off at the MAFR and be quite unique, since it would be a one of a kind ever item. Allen volunteered to make sure the patches are

collected from each year and have the quilt made. The local voted YES on the Patch give-a-way and quilt idea. However, the coin thing is not a dead issue, since local 33 may have some made just for our local as a nice give away to our folks. Randy brought up the Christmas Parade in Sedalia. We had to take a vote right away whether to participator or not, since this week was the dead line to commit or not. The local voted YES, but I saw very little real enthusiasm for the project. I guess we'll see who shows up in December.

Our last piece of business was nominating officer's for the 2016 local 33 cabinet. A little suggestion goes in here. If you volunteer for any of the few specific jobs or positions, don't just raise your hand to fill in a spot or to get a title. If you need a title, We can surely invent one just for you. If you want an officers position, then preform that positions descriptive duties to the fullest. As Kim so eloquently put it. Communicate with each other. If you have a question, call someone and ask! If your not 100% sure how to handle a situation, call someone and ask. Don't allow yourself to get egg on your face and look inept. Can't make a specific meeting call someone to take your place. Kim said it, Communicate! Enough said!

Dist. 4 had a request to vote whether to have a fire juggler or not for Octoberfest 2016 at the tune of \$1500.00. The local voted no, since we already have several of our own pyros who will preform for little to no cost. As a matter of fact, now that I think about it, I bet we could get that fellow from Local 14 to put up his bike long enough to get him to do an act for \$50.00. I'm willing to bet he'd be pretty good at it too. At least extremely entertaining with enough alcohol down him. Wait, alcohol, fire, bad combination. I pick on this mysterious rider from his dust and dirt filled kingdom, but only in jest. He's actually a pretty good guy and a very accomplished rider.

December 12th 12:00 to 1:00 pm Gather at Am-Vets. From Am-Vets we will go shopping for the four families Christmas and wrap presents till?.

December 13th at Am-Vets prepare for the Christmas Dinner @ 1:00 pm. spend time with Santa and give out gifts and food prior to eating dinner.

Grannie came into our meeting Sunday with both her ears in bandages. Someone asked her what had happened to her ears. She said, she was ironing her boyfriends shirts when the phone rang and she answered the iron instead of the phone. Ouch, I thought, but Grannie ,that only explains the one ear. What the hell happened to the other ear. Grannie answered; Well, I had to call the doctor! Oh, ha, stupid me?

That's it for now, see ya all next year I surely hope, and don't call me Shirley. It's Steve!

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735****Contact : President- Bob Hawkins****biker1@embarqmail.com Daytime - (660) 885-5741 and
Evenings (660) 694-3589****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/432405513588834/>**

Where did summer go? I was told a long long time ago that as you got older time would go faster. Hell maybe they were right.

Local 35 has several things in the works that maybe will help winter go as fast as summer did. Looking back on the summer it was a good one overall. We had members present at a lot of rallies like MAFR, Fire Cracker Classic, Homecoming, That Dam FORR Rally and last Octoberfest. We also had several members make their first trip to Sturgis this year.

We are going to have our December meeting early and at a different location and incorporate our Christmas Dinner into it. It will be the old fashion Christmas dinner with Turkey and all the trimmings.

We will be electing new officers at our November meeting.

I believe the thing that Local 35 is the most proud of is our Contributions to the Corporation. We did not stop at the \$15.00 per member we gave more. If I have figured right I believe we gave over \$30.00 per member. I know several locals will give larger dollars but will they give as much per member.

As most of you know I will be going back onto the Corporation cabinet as Vice Chairman. I have been in that capacity before with Louise Reasoner's Cabinet. My pet project then was marketing this organization and I had a lot of great help. We already have a Membership committee in place and working and I feel Marketing and Membership go hand in hand. I

would sure like to see some of the members that was on the committee back in 2002 thru 2006 come back and get active again. We can grow this organization back to the 4000 members we had then.

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LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm
Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

Hello there Local 41, just got home from the meeting. I realize that there hasn't been a newsletter in the last couple of Freedom Presses due to lack of communication. We are going to try and fix that.

Our newest members were there. David and Roxy Fry, glad to see some new faces. Roxy is chairman of Toys for Tots in the Cameron area which includes Clinton, Dekalb, and Caldwell Counties. The local has done so much with her and Toys for Tots they joined the local.

We had our toy run on Oct. 31st, couldn't tell if Santa was there for Christmas or Halloween. His bag was full of Toys and not candy, SO it must have been for Christmas.

Wasn't much on legislative being that CC meeting isn't till the Sunday after the meeting.

We held officer elections and it was motioned that we stay as we are so we did.

David Fry has offered to help set up a face book page for the local, I think I said that right. I have enough trouble just sending this newsletter.

It was discussed that the local needs to try and do some money making projects so we can pay our money obligations to the PAC.

There are several other things that I need to tell you about but being that it is late on the 5th and this needs to be in before midnight this will be this for this time.

Steve G VP Local 41

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.
Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164; Vice-President Kevin King 636-236-6601
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/118270741593141/>

Hey Local 42,

The leaves are falling, the deer are jumping, the roads are slick, be careful out there. Bambi and all her kinfolk are being pushed out of the woods by the hunters so keep a watch out for them.

In January the meeting time is gonna be 2 pm now, still at the same place, just an hour earlier now, so keep that in mind.

The F.E.W. Seminar is in January also, that's just around the corner. I can't believe this year is winding down already. We all had a part in this year's events and thank you for your participation. I know, there still is December to do thru. We still have time to party and hang out with each other.

We might still have time to ride also, as long as it don't get too cold. I'm one of those people who still ride, just got to bundle up. Ain't scared of no stinkin cold, right Brother Tom??

Alright peeps I will let you go until next time. Stay true to yourself and each other.

Peace.

JK - "Tarzan"

**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am
Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)
Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497
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Local 47 had their November meeting at our usual meeting place, Dirk's Bar & Grill. It may have been a light attendance, but we had some good conversation about our plans for 2016, new members showed interest in accepting positions within the Local and a renewed passion for our fight at the Capitol. Many are interested in attending the FEW Seminar that will be held January 9th at the American Legion in Jefferson City. Doors open at 9, seminar starts at 11:00. If you want to partake in the buffet, you better get signed up now!

At the time of this writing, the November CC Meeting was held just yesterday and it was my final meeting as Vice Chairman of Freedom of Road Riders. I learned so much in my two years as Vice Chair, both good and bad. I was honored to be a part of this cabinet and will always hold my fellow officers close to my heart. We indeed became family. Saying goodbye was more difficult than I anticipated but I am relieved knowing that the organization will continue on in the more than capable hands of the 2016 cabinet which is: Joe Widmer as Chairman, Bob Hawkins as Vice Chairman, Cheryl Singleton as Secretary and last but definitely not least, Lynne Adkins as Treasurer. I wish you all much success and if you ever need help with something just holler.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Solstice, Happy Hanukkah or however you celebrate the season. I also want to wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes,
 Ronda Felts

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 2nd Thursday
Check with your local rep for location

DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm
Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011
Contact: 816-536-1647 or 816-728-6389

Greetings District 4,

Octoberfest is in the bag and I want to thank EVERYONE who came, worked a shift, and had a great time. Special thanks to Local 14, Knobber and the Hilburn's for their hard work with the games and drags. Bob & Linda Hawkins, Local 35, Bob for keeping us secure and Linda for letting him, JR, Kathy, and "Mom" Elle for gathering the give-away goodies and selling the tickets. I can't name everyone but rest assured that we are thankful.

I will not be continuing as the District 4 Legislative Chairperson but I won't be gone. Please continue your support the next cabinet whoever that may be. Next District 4 event is the Crock Pot Cook Off in January, stay tuned for more information.

See you on the road.

Abide!
 Amy



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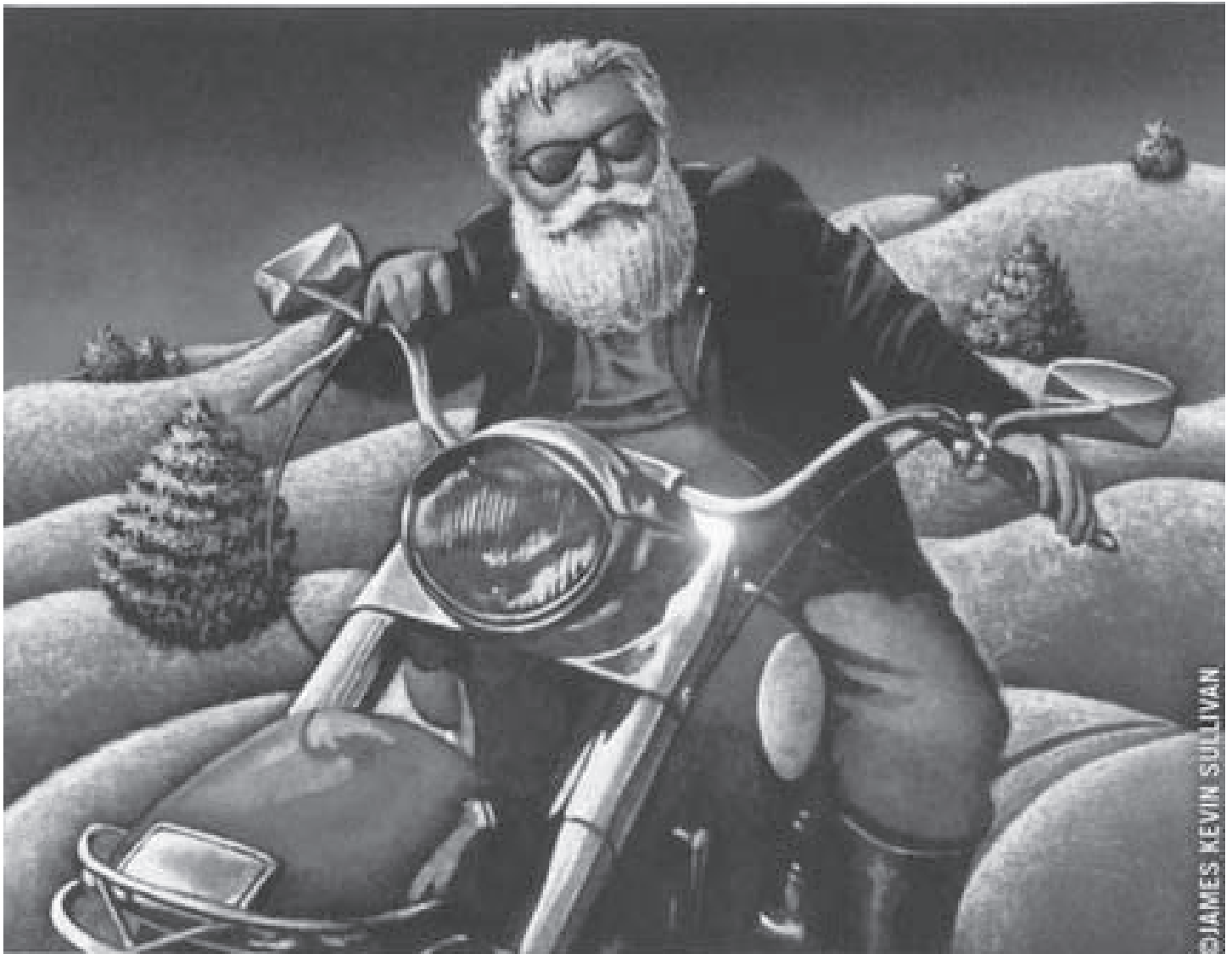
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Q. Who may receive the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

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

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

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Cheryl Singleton, 5985 SE 1401 Rd, Weaubleau MO 65774-92058 or secretary@forr.net

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

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

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

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

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

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Connections



Lane Splitting

The American Motorcyclist Association places significant emphasis on motorcycle operator and passenger safety. On every type of public roadway, motorcyclists encounter challenges from other roadway users and are constantly vigilant to unsafe conditions around them.

Perhaps one of the most dangerous situations for any on-highway motorcyclist is being caught in congested traffic, where stop-and-go vehicles, distracted and inattentive vehicle operators, and environmental conditions pose an increased risk of physical contact with another vehicle or hazard. Even minor contact under such conditions can be disastrous for motorcyclists.

The Hurt Report¹, the most comprehensive motorcycle crash causation study to date, noted that, "Moderate or heavy traffic was the situation at 59.2 percent of the accidents [studied]." Reducing a motorcyclist's exposure to vehicles that are frequently accelerating and decelerating on congested roadways can be one way to reduce rear-end collisions for those most vulnerable in traffic.

In many countries (excluding the United States), lane splittingⁱⁱ and filteringⁱⁱⁱ are normal practices for motorcyclists. Particularly in the highly urbanized areas of Europe and Asia, motorcycle and scooter operators are expected to pass between conventional vehicles and filter (advance) to the front of the group.

Recent events in the U.S. have renewed motorcyclists' interest in lane splitting. Therefore, the AMA has prepared this position statement to aid in understanding this issue and assist motorcyclists in deciding whether to support efforts to permit lane splitting in their state.

The University of California at Berkeley published a report in May 2015 that concludes that motorcyclists who split lanes in heavy traffic are significantly less likely to be struck from behind by other motorists, are less likely to suffer head or torso injuries, and are less likely to sustain fatal injuries in a crash².

One of the recommendations in the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS)³ is: "Study the safety implications of lane splitting." In support of this recommendation, the report states:

"A motorcycle's narrow width can allow it to pass between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars on roadways where the lanes are wide enough to offer an adequate gap. This option can provide an escape route for motorcyclists who would otherwise be trapped or struck from behind. There is evidence (Hurt, 1981) that traveling between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars (i.e., lane splitting) on multiple-lane roads (such as interstate highways) slightly reduces crash frequency compared with staying within the lane and moving with other traffic.

"Although lane splitting is allowed in just a few areas of the United States, notably California, it appears to be worthy of further study because it offers a means of reducing congestion in addition to possible safety benefits. It is widely used in many other countries."

In a statement issued by the Motorcycle Industry Council in 2011 and revised in 2014, the trade group states: "In full consideration of the risks and benefits of lane splitting, the Motorcycle Industry Council supports state laws that allow lane splitting under reasonable restrictions."

For decades, California has been the only state to permit lane splitting. While not specifically permitted or prohibited in the California Vehicle Code, lane splitting authority comes from the California Highway Patrol. In early 2013, the CHP published lane splitting guidelines⁵ for the first time. While the guidelines do not carry the force of law, they provide clear indicators under which a motorcyclist might be cited for unsafe or imprudent behavior.

Legislatively, there has been state-level activity on lane splitting, although to date no bill has been enacted.

Passing legislation to permit lane splitting may be the easiest part of the process. Significant effort would subsequently be required to educate the law enforcement community, officials and administrators within state departments of transportation and public safety prosecutors, the judiciary and the general motoring public on the benefits to those groups and motorcyclists to make lane splitting safe for everyone. Using public service

announcements and campaigns, traditional broadcast and print media, social media, and other forms of information sharing could assist in highlighting the safety, congestion reduction, and other benefits of lane splitting.

Taking into consideration that the vast majority of the motoring public does not ride motorcycles, we are certain non-motorcyclists do not understand the risks and the benefits of lane splitting to the riding community. Motorists in California being the exception, we believe it would take many years of experience and substantial and ongoing public information campaigns to educate non-motorcyclists to accept motorcyclists passing them between lanes of traffic.

The AMA endorses rider responsibility and actions that make roadways safer for motorcyclists. While research and evidence suggest that lane splitting may reduce a motorcyclist's risk exposure somewhat, we are cautious to issue a blanket endorsement supporting the practice. In particular, experience has taught us that the legislative process and the implementation of new laws are fraught with uncertainty. A straightforward lane splitting bill may easily be amended with provisions that the AMA and the motorcycling community would find unacceptable. Provisions such as mandatory helmet use in an adult-choice state or mandatory minimum medical insurance coverage provisions would quickly poison an otherwise well-intentioned effort.

Motorcyclists who oppose lane splitting should remember that it is optional in California. Permitting lane splitting is not the same as requiring it, so those opposed to the practice should consider the desires of other motorcyclists who believe they would benefit from it. Lane splitting is an issue of choice.

Even with the best intentions and organization, inappropriate behavior by motorcyclists can quickly garner a large negative response from the motoring public. With the easy availability of video systems and the Internet, a few postings of public roadway stunting, such as speeding past motorists stuck in traffic, could sour a legitimate campaign to approve lane splitting in a state. While the AMA has long advocated responsible riding practices and does not condone any behavior that violates the rules of the road, we caution that the future of lane splitting in any state could be derailed by the actions of a few irresponsible motorcyclists. Advocates of lane splitting should be prepared to counter any negative responses they receive from legislators and those responsible for implementing lane splitting laws.

Given the ongoing success of lane splitting in California and the recent enthusiasm for lane splitting and/or filtering in other states, the AMA endorses these practices and will assist groups and individuals working to bring legal lane splitting and/or filtering to their states.

¹ Hurt, H.H. Jr., Ouellet, J.V. & Thom D.R. (1981b). Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures. (DOT HS 805 862). Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, page 57.

² Rice, Thomas, Troszak, Lara and Erhardt, Taryn (2015). Motorcycle Lane-splitting and Safety in California. May 29, 2015, page 5.

³ National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (DOT HS 809 156), 2000, page 51.

⁴ "Position on Lane Splitting," <<http://mic.org/downloads/Lane-Splitting-7-29-14.pdf>>, Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), July 29, 2014.

⁵ Issued by the California Highway Patrol, California Motorcycle Safety Program in 2013, the guidelines were rescinded in 2014 for administrative reasons but are still viewable at "Lane Splitting General Guidelines."

ⁱ "Motorcycle," as used throughout this position statement, refers to a two-wheeled, single-track registered motor vehicle that requires a motorcycle license or an operator's license with motorcycle endorsement to operate legally on public roadways. Motorized bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles equipped with a sidecar, three-wheeled motorcycles, motorcycles pulling a trailer, and other non-standard configurations are excluded from this definition.

ⁱⁱ "Lane splitting" refers to the practice of riding a motorcycle between clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction.

ⁱⁱⁱ "Filtering" refers to the practice of riding a motorcycle between stopped motor vehicles to the front of the pack, typically at a signalized intersection.

Connections



Transportation Committee Passes Long Term Highway Legislation

October 23, 2015

United States House of Representatives Transportation Committee Passes Long Term Highway Legislation.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to report that the US House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has passed a six-year highway bill. The bill, H.R. 3763, otherwise known as the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (STRRA) of 2015, was passed unanimously by the committee chaired by Representative Bill Schuster (R-PA).

The committee termed the measure, “a bipartisan, multi-year surface transportation bill to reauthorize and reform federal highway, transit, and highway safety programs,” and described it as proposal that is “fiscally responsible, provides greater flexibility and more certainty for states and local governments to address their priorities, and accelerates project delivery.”

The bill contains a few provisions near and dear to the motorcyclists of America. Most importantly, it ends the federal funding of the highly unpopular motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. “Ending the checkpoints was, and is, ‘Priority Number One’ for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation,” said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF. “We are knocking on the doorstep of accomplishing this because similar language is already in the Senate highway bill.” Additionally, the bill re-launches the much-needed Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (FMAC). The FMAC was initially set up under a previous highway bill and served the country well, but because of some bureaucratic red tape the council was done away with. This bill revives the FMAC for the purpose of developing recommendations to the sitting Secretary of Transportation on all things regarding motorcycles and motorcycle-related infrastructure. In its first incarnation, the FMAC made some very worthwhile efforts on issues such as cable barriers, signage, and pavement conditions. The MRF, AMA, MIC, state motorcycle rights organizations (SMROs), state DOT officials, and highway engineers all have seats on the council. The only caveat? Every council member must ride a motorcycle.

Lastly, H.R. 3763 commissions a study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences on the best practices for preventing motorcycle crashes. While it will be a while before the study is begun and the results analyzed, it will be very significant as it will be the first study ever that is totally about crash prevention and not about helmets.

“This bill improves the everyday lives of motorcyclists in a very profound way,” added Hennie. “Living in a world where we can be pulled over for just riding a motorcycle has been an unacceptable practice. Ending those unwarranted stops has been the focal point of the MRF legislative agenda since they began, and we thank the Congress for hearing our demands and serving justice.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank those members of the House Transportation Committee who were of particular help with this bill, including but not limited to, Representatives Reid Ribble (WI), Barbara Comstock (VA), James Sensenbrenner (WI) and Chairman Schuster (PA). The full support of these elected officials was instrumental to this incredible success.

The MRF thanks all of the SMROs and the individuals who are dedicated to fighting government tyranny and control of motorcyclists. Read the text of the bill and the amendments here: <http://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=104111>

US House Passes Long-Term Highway Bill

November 9, 2015

The United States House of Representatives finished up work on a long-term highway bill and approved its passage by a vote of 363-64. The bill—the first long-term highway bill passed by the US House in decades—is matched by a similar bill passed earlier this year by the Senate. “This bill is absolutely critical to America and our economy,” said Rep. Bill Shuster, R-PA, Chairman to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

This bill has several provisions important to motorcyclists. First and most importantly, the bill ends the federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints, a top priority of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The bill also re-convenes the National Motorcycle Advisory Council (NMAC), an advisory council that advises the Secretary of Transportation on how infrastructure issues affect motorcyclists in ways that are vastly different than for four-wheeled vehicles.

Lastly, the bill commissions a study to determine the best ways to prevent motorcycle crashes. Because it focuses only on prevention rather than on helmet use, this study would be the first of its kind.

The House and Senate will next form a conference committee to iron out the slight differences between the two versions of legislation before sending it the President for his signature, a process that is expected to be fast-tracked for quick approval.

The MRF thanks every motorcyclist who came to DC to lobby, as well as every motorcyclist who communicated with their members of Congress on this important issue.

As always, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you updated and informed on this issue.

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5 Local 14 Independence Annual Christmas Auction 816-536-7512

5 Local 16 SEMO Christmas Dance 573-768-2524

JANUARY

9 Central Committee 2016 F.E.W. Seminar 573-291-1465

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