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## **Central Committee Meeting**

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

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

#### Next Central Committee Meetings: January 6-7, 2024

ONLY current membership
Central Committee Representatives
can conduct business during
scheduled Central Committee Meetings.
Please be sure your membership is current.

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

#### Saturday Committees

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

# Scheduled Central Committee Meetings for 2024 is as follows:

Jan. 6-7 • Mar. 9-10 • May 4-5 Jul. 13-14 • Sept. 14-15 • Nov. 9-10





# Congratulations to Nebraska motorcyclists....

# Nebraska becomes 33rd state to repeal mandatory helmet law!

#### Let Those Who Ride Decide – State #33

On June 1st, Nebraska governor Jim Pillen signed into law a motorcycle helmet modification bill, which allows riders to choose if they wear a helmet. Congratulations to the motorcyclists in Nebraska, ABATE of Nebraska and all the groups in Nebraska who for years fought to have helmet choice in the Cornhusker State.

Nebraska State Senator Ben Hansen originally introduced the language, which was included in a larger transportation bill that passed the legislature at the end of May. Effective January 1, 2024, an individual age 21 and older, who has completed a certified motorcycle safety course may now choose whether or not to wear a helmet, provided the rider uses protective eye equipment.

In 2020, Missouri passed a helmet choice bill leaving Nebraska as the sole state in the Midwest that required all riders to wear a helmet. With this new law, Nebraska now joins its neighboring states and becomes the 33rd state allowing helmet choice.

For 34 years riders in Nebraska have sought the freedom to decide whether to wear a helmet. This victory is a testament to the handiwork, determination and passion of all those involved. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long championed the belief that "those who ride should decide."

When hearing the news, MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard said, "Grass roots activism at its finest, it is encouraging to see that there are still politicians and bureaucrats in this great country of ours that bend to common sense and the will of the people. Given the nanny state of our society today, it is an outstanding achievement by ABATE of Nebraska and other involved motorcyclists in earning their freedom of choice."

\*(taken in part from abateofne.com.)

Local 1 – Lee's Summit (March 1980)
Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. - Location Varies
Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906

Facebook: FORR Local 1

Howdy all! Hope all are doing well and getting ready for some colder weather. This is a perfect time to do a little general maintenance on our scooters for the season. (Well those of us that don't ride in the COLD months) anyway do what you can to make your ride a SAFE one!

Local 1 has gained 2 new members... Ralph and Becky (Part of our 'Fun Table') So glad to have you aboard! They are a Great couple of folks I hope you will all make them feel welcome.

Dragon & I went to L14's pool tourney – had a GREAT time. There were some real cool costumes. Nov 5th was the district Toy Run. It started out at about 26 degrees and ended up about 67. Way cool right? Not as big of a turnout as usual, but hey the chiefs were playing @ 8:30 that morning. So, we went early to eat the VFW's wonderful breakfast and watched the game until kickstands up at noon. Next up is their Christmas party & auction coming up on, December 2nd. Don't miss it – great night will be had by all. Good food and a lot of crazy games!

As we all are getting to the end of the year, we are having some of our locals doing their elections of new officers – Make sure to let 'Mouse' know, and if you have any meeting changes & let our state Editor know of them as well (ME) ha, ha.

Check out your next reminder on when our next meeting will be at as we have travelling meeting locations. It keeps it interesting ya know!

Take care of yourself during this holiday season and do all you can do – that is all I can say.

So, as I always say.... Have a good one, then have another... and maybe another JUST FOR SANTA!!!! Later, *Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157* 

<u>Local 2 – Macon</u> (November 2020) Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30pm

Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley 660-973-5557 / Facebook: FORR Local 2

Local 3 - Truman Lake (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m. Call for 'new' Location Contact: John Bowen 417-321-4090

Facebook: FORR® Local 3

Hello all. As you are aware the temp has dropped significantly so the cooler weather will affect the way your bike will handle while riding, check your tire pressures and as always be on the look-out for the cage drivers who won't see you as well with fogged up windows.

Well, we had our meeting last month which ended in an interesting way. A motion and second with unanimous vote to change our meeting time back to 1:30pm. Our meeting place will no longer be at Chopper stopper in roscoe and a new location will be announced on here and our fb page so keep an eye out for it.

By the time this gets published in the newsletter we have already had our Halloween trunk or treat in Osceola, it was wet and cold. The only crazy person there that rode his bike was Jerry...lol

Thanks to Rooster, Foxie Roxie, big sis (Lana), AJ, Jerry, Linda, Marsha for coming out in the weather to support local 3 handing out candy to the youngins' thanks to all the members who donated to make this happen. Special thank you to Stewart & Keifer Law firm for letting us use their canopy for the night as well.

December brings up another election year for the officers, if you want to run for office then get yourself to the meetings get nominated and let's have a good vote for next year, good luck to everyone who decides to run for a position.

That's all I can think of for now but remember keep the rubber down and the chrome shiny.

Oh and happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to you all. Linda & Jerry









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

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 3 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)

Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Local 5 South KC

Happy Holidays to all,

Well Octoberfest is over, and a good time was had by everyone. Donna is already working on Octoberfest 2024. Go Donna!

Watching the Chiefs playing in Germany as I'm writing this, even better our own Amy and Art Wilson are there with the newlyweds The McCurley's. Those lucky SOBs.

The Crockpot Competition is coming up January 27th, 2024, at the Wellington Community Fair Bldg. 109 Fourth St. Wellington, Mo. Event starts at 6:00 pm. Awards for best dish and best presentation. Also, old favorites and new games and we're adding a prize drawing. So come and enjoy the fun.

Our yearly suggested donation to State has been met. Thank you for all your donations and work to make this happen.

Great news we have a new cabinet to vote on and since no one is contesting I can pretty safely say it will be unanimous.

As we all know, Amy Allmon wears 30 hats in the organization and since we had volunteers to take over as President and Secretary, she will now have only 28. Drumroll please.... President - Keith Cronan, Secretary - Shirley Cronan, CC Rep - Duane Copowycz, and myself with two hats of V-P and Treasurer.

Welcome Back Keith and Shirley, so glad to have you in the frying pan with us.

I want to thank everyone for helping to keep these wheels rolling.

Thank you for your time and prayers for a Peaceful New Year,

Rebecca.

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

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

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

Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or

Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenbwitch@hotmail.com 913-645-1570

I want to apologize to those who had birthdays in October and November, I am currently out of town without access to my planner, I will try to get them all in the next newsletter.

2 members from the local joined up with the Patriot Guard Riders to celebrate a WWII Navy Veterans 100th birthday in Overland Park Kansas. (see photos)

Had our monthly meeting on October 15th, 20 members present. Our next meeting will be on November 19th, hope to see everyone there.

On the 28th of October we had 3 members meet up with ABATE of Kansas District 11 for the Atchison Halloween Parade. Was a nice cool ride, but to put a smile on a kids face it is always worth it. (See photos)

25 members from the local joined up with other people to do the annual Noyse Home Toy Run. Always a great time to escort Santa to the home and see the kids smile. Had a great time handing out the presents and pizza lunch. Want to give a huge special thank you to the St. Joseph police department for all the help and support for the children and especially the police escort. Such a great way for them to spend their day off. Was a great day to join up with all the other people who take the time out of their day to support the kids.

Christine





















Local 7 - Lebanon (January 1983)

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

Contact: Donald Goertz 573-586-7271

Well, here we go, a lot to talk about.

Ok on Saturday the 28th of October part of our local went to Halloween bash at Buckhorn decorated our pavilion and scared the people so bad 3 of them got punched must have done a pretty good job even though it was raining they gave away half the candy. We decided to save rest for Lebanon Christmas Parade which is Saturday Nov, 18th. I did not get a time or a place for meeting I guess call our vice pres. Marie.

Now back to Halloween on October 31 another group of Local 7 went to Tricker or Treat Halloween block party on Commercial Street in Lebanon from 4:30 pm till 6:30 pm. They set up a booth with info and candy gave away all the candy in the first hour. Thank you, gal's and guy's, for putting Local 7 out there.

Oh yea, Nita and I went to Octoberfest project 360 for Sound house to raise money for the kids that need some where to go after school. They had a big turn out and raised a lot of money.

Now for our toy run it was AWESOME. I am not sure how many bodies were involved. We counted 126 bikes before we left on the ride and there were 2 or 3 fell in behind us. The Police asked me how many bikes we had, I told him 126 and he found that hard to believe he said had never seen that many bikes at once. It just warms the heart to see people donate their time and money for a good cause. We raised \$1,000.00 and a pickup truck mounded with toys plus can goods. For sharing your Christmas Local 7 wants to thank everyone for coming out and visiting with us. We also talked about yearbooks adds we should be able to finish that at our next meeting.

Our Valentine dance will be Saturday February 10th 6:00pm till midnight at the American Legion in Lebanon on Evergreen drive.

We also nominated people for our next president and vice president the president nominees are Christabell / Rocky / Patrick and my-self Robert. Nominees for vice president will be Marie and Tammy. If you are not there to vote do not complain about who gets nominated. I will put full list of officers after elections.

I am done for now ride safe. Sir Robert

Local 8 - Chillicothe (March 1986)

Meetings: (call for info - location varies) Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907

Facebook: FORR Local 8

Local 10 - Jefferson City (March 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Twin Bridges Bar & Grill 4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO

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

Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

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

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri (February 1984)

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

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

Facebook - Freedom of the Road Riders Local 11

It's hard to believe another year is winding down! This has been a busy one for most of us. We just finished with our annual food drive, and it was our best one yet. We were able to supply Souls Harbor food pantry with 324 bags and 74 cases of food and supplies from donations! We are thankful for all of those who helped and donated. What a blessing to serve our community! Wishing you all the best as the holidays approach us and we get ready to welcome another year. Stay safe and, much love from Local 11! **Brandy** 





#### Local 12 - Glasgow (April 1994)

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

Upcoming meetings: Dec. 9th Christmas Party at KBar 105 S. Elm St. Emma MO Jan. 14 Socko and Laura's 545 Briarwood Dr. in Marshall Contact Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024 Facebook Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Hey Local 12: last month we had a ride to the meeting led by VP Mike Adcock. There were 6 bikes and 7 riders... not bad for a cold day. We met at Jay and Patti's with 14 members present. Jude Lanning, your name was drawn for the incentive pot, sorry you weren't here to collect. At the meeting we voted to adopt 2 families for Thanksgiving and to grant Christmas wishes for 3 boys and 3 girls. We also set the dates for the Firecracker Classic 2024. It will be held September 27 and 28 in 2024. Two bands and one food truck have already been booked for that weekend. We want to welcome three new members to Local 12...Chris Keith and his daughters Jessica Phillips and Sara Galloway. Our Christmas party will be held Sat. December 9th at the KBar in Emma (105 S. Elm Street). Their phone number is 660-463-9818 please call for attendance and menu selection. Happy hour is from 6 to 7, with dinner following. Weather permitting, Local 12 will ride in the Marshall Christmas Parade on December 1st. We will meet at Laura and Johnnie's to decorate the bikes.

Check our Facebook page for time and other details. Let's keep member Jim Ussery in our thoughts as he is recovering from heart surgery. Get better soon Jim. *Patti B* 



## **District 4 Toy Run....**

Started off the day with a PERFECT breakfast at the VFW Post 1829 in KC,MO. Following with watching the KC Chiefs "Winning" game then all saddled up for the delivery to the Sunshine Center in Independence where Pizza was served up for all! Now back to the Lair as it is deadline today -











When nature calls... Ya Gotta Go!

















Local 13 – Mexico (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @3 pm For Meeting info or Membership Call: President Chad "Dump Truck" Gardner @ 573-253-8742 Or

Terra Hanon @ 573-721-7211

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13

# Local 14 – Independence (September 1989)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243

Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Hello brothers and sisters.

Fall is here and winter is not far behind.

A note from your L14 President and Vice President Doug and I want to say we appreciate all who support our local so the local is able to help support our organization. Thank you all that was in attendance for our pool tournament we had a great turnout, lots of fun, smiles and laughter, brotherhood/sisterhood at its best, also shout-out to the locals in attendance in support of L14, they were L1, L5, L33 and L35 and Congratulations to all the winners. Doug & Donna



Greg and Julie Robison L14

Reminder out Christmas Party coming up on December 2. The flyer is out. Hope to see you there. **Steph "Puff" Foulks** 

## Local 15 - Branson / Tri-Lakes (May 1991)

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

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

Facebook: FORR Local #15

Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season.

I want to remind everyone that we don't have a BS Meeting or Business Meeting in December. Instead, we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner/Party. It's being held this year on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Best Western, 8514 State Hwy 76, Branson West. Doors open at 5:30. Dinner starts at 6pm. Non-Member's will be charged \$10 a person. If you want a Hotel Room for that night, it is \$109.00 with 2 Queen beds. Make sure to tell them you're with FORR, Local 15. We Will Have DINNER, GAMES, GIFTS, MUSIC. Don't forget to bring a non-gender \$20 Gift for our gift exchange and drinks for the night. Don't forget our Annual New Year's Day Ride. We'll meet at The Veterans Museum on Hwy 76 in Branson. KSU @ 1pm. We'll ride to FTW Saloon, in Rockaway where there will be a hot bowl of chili, hotdogs with the fixings and Bloody Mary's. Remember what you do on NYD, will affect the rest of your year.

Please consider going to our monthly Business Meeting, one of your New Year's resolutions. Last month, Terry Reed was the winner of Our Monthly Membership Drawing at the Business Meeting. He wasn't there so money will be added to next month. You have to be present to win the money.

Thank you to everyone that helped with our two Toy Runs. First, we want to thank our very own Randy Stovall, aka Santa. We love you and Darla very much! Next, we want to thank those that helped, whether it was collecting door and auction prizes, and signing-in bikes and bikers, organizing the day's events, or donating toys or money. We appreciate all you do to help.

Ride safe, see you soon, Lou



## Local 14's Pool Tournament





















#### Local 16 – SEMO (December 1984)

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

E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com Facebook: FORR Local 16

It's been kind of hit & miss lately with the attendance at the monthly meeting's but we are still managing to have 25% - 30% of Local 16 members showing up, although it does seem like there are always a few that are camping, on vacation, sick or otherwise incapacitated. The good thing is that no matter who or how many are in attendance, we always take care of the business at hand. And on that note, we had a fairly productive evening the last time we met (notice how I led up to that). The old business consisted of the upcoming Annual Christmas Dance at the Perryville VFW on December 1st from 8pm to 12am. We will have a hand - made Americana theme king size quilt to giveaway, along with a Mossberg Patriot 300 Win Mag rifle and a Smith & Wesson .40 cal. Pistol. Bri will have one of her trademark holiday wreaths up for grabs & Bene is reportedly concocting something special as well. Although Brian was not present at the last couple of meetings to verify – it has been said, although I cannot be 100% sure, that he will be making one of his signature wood carvings as well. And of course, there will be Live music by Still Standing.

We voted to donate \$200 to the local DAV in the form of 2 tickets on a H-D Ultra Giveaway. We have speculated what will happen if we were to win it, but we will not be counting any chickens at this time.

We have the dates for the upcoming Broomstick Pool Tournaments narrowed down but they have not been locked in at this time. They should be official by the next meeting.

We also talked about donating one of Brian's special creations to the 2024 MRF Meeting of the Minds as an auction item. And, speaking of the 2024 Meeting of the Minds, we have been lightly kicking around the idea of maybe having some sort of special kind of fund raiser to possibly try to assist in Local 16's attendance at the aforementioned 2024 Meeting of the Minds.

A big THANKS goes out to Cathy for getting all of the Local 16 "flags" made for the next round of the "Capture the Flag" contest!

And - just in time for Old Man Winter, Dudley has a fresh supply of sock caps & beanies.

Local 16 meetings are scheduled for 7pm the 4th Friday at the West End Tavern (& grocery).... BUT NOT NEXT MONTH! The next meeting will be November 17th at the "West End".

With respect to all,

#### Martin King of Pocahontas

P.S. Safety tip from Dudley – This time of year the squirrels are busy gathering their nuts for the winter, so be extra careful as there will be a lot more nuts on the road.

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

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 2PM

The Tin Can 24 N. Locust St., Dexter, MO

Contact: Robert Reif Jr 573-421-4780 / rrreifjr@bpsnetworks.com

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter

# Local 24 - St. Louis (Oct. 1986 / Closed 2006 – reinstated Jan. 2009)

Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624

Greetings. This is the slow time. I don't have anything to report about LOCAL 24 this month. Today is November 5th. I did ride yesterday. Probably about 150 miles. Alone. It was a beautiful day. I'm happy to report that no one in a car tried to kill me yesterday. I hope you are taking advantage of this special time of the year to ride. I am.

It's fall. Watch out for leaves on the road. They can be slick. Some folks like to blow 'em out into the streets and that's a hazard, so watch for that! Me and Terra just let 'em lay there. It's nature.

Have you noticed that robins are little dare devil stunt birds? Why do they fly across the road right in front of you? Have you ever hit one? I haven't yet but there's been some very near misses. What are they doing? Do they make little bird bets on how close they can get without being hit? Is this part of a mating ritual? The closest to getting creamed gets the hot girl bird? Where do they come from? I never see them until they're right in front of me. I picture one robin watching the other one that's flying across the road, secretly wishing that he'll slam into the front of my bike, his beak scratching the paint on my fairing then laying there (*Continued on next page*)



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(Continued from previous page) all busted up with a broken wing flopping around in circles. Then along comes a car. SQUISH. And what about the squirrels? How many times has a squirrel trotted out in front of you and right about the time he's in the middle of the road he STOPS. Looks at you approaching, then goes left right left right and finally darts across the street at the last millisecond. Are they suicidal? Is this a mating ritual as well? Is this a game? Or are they just that dumb? One time I was test riding my '46 WL after an adjustment of some kind. I was about 150 feet from my driveway doing about 25 MPH. A squirrel darted out at the last, and I mean LAST second. This was obviously a suicide. He must have perfectly calculated my speed and the distance he would have to run and at what speed to run to EXACTLY meet my rear tire. This squirrel was very good at math. I was amazed. It couldn't have been better executed. (pun intended) I was so impressed that I turned around to have a look at the little feller. Yep, it was over for Rocky. I felt sorry for him.

I was going to upload a bunch of cool pictures, but they won't go through to Terra's email. Technology sure can be a pain.

TCLOCK YER MACHINE. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. ALWAYS HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN AT EVERY INTERSECTION. WATCH OUT FOR ROBINS.

Rob & Terra



Our Chairman & First Lady @ Octoberfest

Local 25 - St. Charles County (November 1986)
Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 p.m. St Charles Music House

Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693
Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

Here we are again, another month has gone by. Is it just me, or are the days moving faster? Well, I made the meeting this month and was happy to see everyone. We had a very informative report by Mark on what happened at the C.C. meeting, and a lot of discussion on the up-coming Poker Run. We also had nominations for officer elections, so show up next month to vote!!! Again, the incentive will roll over to next month, Tammy Haines could have been a little richer but alas, she was not at the meeting. So good Luck to those who make the meetings.

We couldn't have asked for better weather for our Fall Poker Run. We had a pretty good turn-out, could have been better but hey those of us who made it had a good time!!!! It was really hard to pick a worse hand since everyone had at least 1 face card, but we finally managed to pick one. The winner was Mark Kirby with 3 aces!!!! Way to go Kirby!! And worse hand was Cindy Lablanca with J-7-5-4&2. Both prizes were donated back to the Local. THANK YOU, GUYS VERY MUCH!!!!! Our cash drawing was won by Lynne Adkins, who also donated it back to the local. THANK YOU!!!! Lynne also donated 10 "Ride FORR ever" patches that she had bought a while back and never got them sold. Thanks Again Lynne for all you do for us.

I want to ask everyone who reads this to go to motorcyleprofilingproject.com and take the time to answer a few questions to help all motorcyclists, the results are sent to each State to help them recognize and help to correct the profiling problem. There are only like 5 questions, and you don't have to provide anything you don't want to. They ask your State, zip code, and ask if you have ever been singled out or harassed while on a motorcycle. Also please go to MRF.org to get more information.

I want to WELCOME our new members:

Jessica Oreilly Ray & Karen Nelson
Gary Greeney Gabrial Greeney
Bradley Greeney Donald Scott Greeney

I also want to say THANK YOU to those who renewed:

Mark Kirby Cindy & Jeremy Lablanca

Lindsey Law Bruce Little

Brian & Shannon Wolff

Dave Smith Mike Neal Lynne Adkins Robert Meyer

Without everyone we wouldn't be what we are - a kooky bunch of friends and family that I have the pleasure to know and be a part of!!! So, until next month, take care and take the down time to repair or adapt you motorcycles for the next riding season!!

Merry Christmas!!!

**Emily** 



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#### Local 26 - Maryville (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6p.m. Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

Local 26 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We planned a short ride late Sunday morning, November 5 to the Pickering Lions Turkey and Ham Dinner. Very good food, thank you Lions. There were 12 of us there; not all on motorcycles, just seven.

Harold and Lori Spire, Richard Piveral, Earl Baker, Joe Furlong, Milt Sovereign and his family, Pat Null and Mindy Rowlett, Angela McIntosh, Marie Walsh and Lewis and Kathy Rice.

I don't think any of us are looking forward to putting the bikes up for the winter. Ours are definitely going to be on battery chargers. Starting this morning was not an easy task.

To keep us together, this winter we're planning to meet for supper on the first Tuesday of the month. Dinner locations, probably in Maryville, will be pulled out of the hat. I'll keep the text list going.

I'm looking forward to spring, as I know everyone else is. Please be thinking of places to ride on Tuesday nights and for the Saturday or Sunday rides, especially in spring and fall when the nights come early.

Stay safe, Kathy Rice, Local 26 President

### Local 28 - Waynesville (March 1990)

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike "Bama" Roser, VP Wes "Yeti" Ellzey, Sec./Treasurer Mayra Preble 573-765-5309

Membership Marta Bruno, CC/Freedom Press Merel Johnson, Shrine Club 573-774-5454

Facebook: Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

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

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. November meeting will be at LEGENDS GRILL & BAR, 1189 WEST KANSAS,

LIBERTY MO 64068. (Cross streets 291 & 152)

Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566 or Paul McCormack 816-560-5359

Facebook: FORR Local 29

Winter is coming and riding for most of us is over for a few months:

The following is information for "in the meantime"!!

CC meeting is November 12, 2023. That is the day we find out who wins the AR15

Next year in September 2024, FORR sponsors Meeting Of The Minds in St Louis. This is a major event for the MRF who guards' all of our rights.

Please make plans to attend if you haven't attended in the past! It is a big deal!

Congrats to Amy Allmon who will be taking over General Office (and admin for Riders Ed). This is a paid position.

We are making plans for a ride next summer to commemorate all of our past members. We hope you will all join us! Stay Warm, **Donna Duyck** 

P.S. - PLEASE CHECK OUR FORR LOCAL 29 PAGE EVERY MONTH BEFORE OUR MEETING AS BOOZER'S HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE AT LEGENDS GRILL & BAR, 1189 WEST KANSAS, LIBERTY MO 64068. (Cross streets 291 & 152)







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

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

Foxhole Bar and Grill 2350 N. Clifton Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

Contact: President – David Hall 417-241-1230 or Vice President – Brandon Barber 417-837-9001

Facebook: FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO

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

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7p.m.

Check Facebook for meeting location or call

Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010 Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John, 573-647-0129

Facebook: Local 31 Central MO

As we head into the cooler season, local 31 is still out and active in the community. Several members attended the 22nd annual George Lipscomb Toy Run in Montgomery City, alongside 220+ other motorcyclist to raise money for local families in need. While the day started off on the chilly side, by the start of the ride you couldn't have asked for better weather. If you haven't ridden in this event before, we would highly recommend looking it up for next year as it is an epic group ride for a great cause.

Additionally, 'more to come' has arrived with the official marriage announcement of Mike Thompson and April Cahill. The couple held a hell of a biker wedding in Arkansas surrounded by friends, families, and motorcycles in late September. Followed by a grand combined wedding reception with our other Local 31 lovebirds Angel and Razor back home in Rolla. Please wish both of these happy couples nothing but the best for the future.

A few recent and future birthdays for members include Stephanie Allison, Oliver Caniglia, Jake Allison, Heather Wagner, Tami Short, and Donnie Miller. Please send positive birthday vibes their way to help them celebrate!

Coming in the next month are the local's holiday meetings and elections, so with that I wish everyone a fond farewell as I will be passing the newsletter baton to the next member of 31, it's been a heck of a trip for sure. We hope you all have a great holidays ahead, spend as much time with those you love as you possibly can, and as always, enjoy the ride in between.

Heather, Local 31







#### Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West (March 1999) Meetings: 3rd Friday of every month @ 6:30 pm

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

President: Roy Hoard 660-527-3395

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

Merry December FORR Family!!! It is that ride if you can time of year weather.

Local 33 Members,,,AmVets needed us to change our meeting day and time since they are not usually open on Sunday and are not able to open for us on that day anymore. Our new day is Friday and time is 6:30 pm.

Adopt a Family final decisions for this year were determined at the November Meeting. Please call Cowboy with any questions or details.

Happy Birthday to all December Babies in Local 33. Roy Hoard, Nancy Brown, Karen Ryan. If I didn't mention your name...Happy Birthday to you too!

Santa's got a joke for you. What did Mrs. Claus say when I asked her how the weather looked? It looks like reindeer. Ba dump!

Where does she get these jokes?

Here's hoping everyone has a Wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

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

Karen 'Susie Q' Ryan - News Editor



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

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m. Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO

**Contact: President David Roberts Nelson** 

660-492-7493

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders ® Local 35

December!? Where did the year go!?

Hope everyone is doing good and has had a great year! Reminder that we will be having our Local 35 Christmas party and Officer Elections on December 2nd. Set up at 3:30 pm at the Eagle's Aries 723 North 3rd street in Clinton Mo.

Bring a side dish and if you can a \$20 gift for the White Elephant gift exchange game! Hope that everyone can make it! Even you all that haven't been to a meeting in a while!

We want to welcome new members Chuck and Anita Duffy! Thanks for rejoining the Organization! Troy Greer, you missed out on the last incentive pot! Sorry you didn't make it to our last Local meeting. Be even more money to win at the next one!

Congratulations to Alex Hopkins, winning first place at the Local 14's Pool tournament! Also, Congratulations to Sam Nussbaum on winning, best costume at the Halloween party! Great time had by all!

Happy December birthdays to Rick Greer, Ruby Lawson, Sam Nussbaum, and Kelli Schnepf- Schneider! Hope you all had a great day!

Everyone enjoy the holidays and please be safe! Looking forward to next year with all of you!

If you have any questions, please call President David Nelson at 660-492-7493 or myself V.P Rod Huff at 660-233-9944!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free,

\*Rod \*















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

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Dino's Diner

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

Facebook: FORR® Local 41

Hello, bikers.

There's not much going on in the local. But it's time to put in a newsletter.

I myself have put more miles on my bike this fall than all of last year. The weather has been great.

We have had 2 locals show up to collect our flag. I hope they accomplish their goal. If Local twelve or fourteen hasn't been to your meeting, get ready!

Like I said, there's not much going on, so till next time.

RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE.

Later Steve G.

Local 42 - Franklin County (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Roadhouse 100 – 2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194

or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136

Facebook: F.O.R.R. LOCAL 42 FRANKLIN CO.

Hello Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well enjoying the holiday season with the ones they love the most.

Local 42 wants to thank everyone that came out to game day we enjoyed having each of you. Great Job Judie on your win!

Following our November meeting Local 42 had a Friendsgiving.

What a great time we had with all of our friends! I am grateful for each of you. Good times. Good food. Good friends.

Local forty-two is overjoyed to welcome our 4 new members Kristi, Stacy, Jason, and Dylan.

Our annual Christmas celebration will be held December 17 after our monthly meeting. Bring a dish and a twenty-dollar gift to be a part of the fun!!

Until next time.

Jess



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# Repair Act Takes a Step Forward

Thursday, the House Subcommittee on Innovation, Data and Commerce passed H.R. 906, the Repair Act. As a reminder, H.R. 906 mandates that consumers and independent maintenance shops have access to the parts, tools and information needed to work on vehicles.

Fundamentally, this act helps preserve motorcyclists' choices and a fair marketplace. It allows consumers to work on their bikes themselves or to obtain service at the shop of their choice. Otherwise, they could have no choice but to receive service from a dealer or manufacturer.



This move by the subcommittee is a key step toward the passage of this much-needed bill. Next, the full House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has authority over this issue, will consider the bill. The subcommittee and committee proceses allow law makers the opportunity to discuss, debate, and amend bills before they head to the House floor for final passage. Concerns, including public safety, data ownership and cyber security, were raised during the subcommittee hearing. The lead author of the bill, Representative Neal Dunn of Florida, has pledged to collaborate with his colleagues to address these concerns.

This committee was a crucial legislative process in the long road to the final passage. H.R. 906 now has forty-six (46) bipartisan cosponsors. It is not too late to contact your Representative and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906. Click here and tell Congress to support the Repair Act.





Hey all you Freedom Lovers,

District 4 Octoberfest was a blast as usual. I hope you were there to share in the festivities. Did you get to see Mike Cox ride in on the vintage 1982 Turbo? Rebel and I made out real good, or I should say Rebel made out real good. She won the money drawing AND two of the prize drawings. Well one of the prizes went to a new member of Local 1, Ralph Wheat, he and his wife Becky were there Friday night and gave Rebel their tickets. A BIG thank you to Rebecca and Amy for coming up with some really nice giveaway prizes, I hope everyone else that won prizes enjoyed them also. It wasn't a big turnout but we made enough to pay all the bills. We had more people last year and it was about thirty degrees colder last year. We didn't have enough racers signed up to pay Jeff, the owner, to set up and run the lights for the drag races but thanks to Doug Hilburn we still got to watch some bikes race down the track. Here is a list of the winners of the races and

Bike Show 1st– Cliff Hilburn, 2nd- Keith Collier. Trike Show 1st– Brenda Williams, 2nd– Heinz Maurer.

Plank Run 1st- Joker, 2nd- Conner.

Slow Race 1st-Woody, 2nd-Danny.

Keg Push 1st– Conner, 2nd– Joker.

Weenie Bite 1st– Woody & Christine, 2nd– Joker & Chelsie.

Potato in the Hay 1st- Kendall & Barb, 2nd- Lumpy & Chas.

First race 1st-Conner, 2nd-Kendall.

Second race 1st-Conner, 2nd-Kendall.

Third race 1st-Joker, 2nd-Chuck, 3rd-Woody.

Fourth race 1st—Conner, 2nd—Joker.

Trike race 1st-Louie, 2nd - Heinz.

The District 4 toy run is this coming weekend, 11-5. We are meeting at Local 5's meeting place, VFW Post 1829, where they will feed us breakfast while we are watching the KC Chiefs play in Germany at 8:30am. We will leave at noon for the Sunshine Center, so we should be able to watch the whole game before leaving.

The District 4 Crockpot Cookoff is scheduled for January 27, 2024 at the same place as last year in Wellington. Bring your favorite dish but remember it must be presented in a crockpot to be eligible for the contest. Bring whatever you want to drink and be ready to participate in all the games.

As I always say Keep Pushin On Tim "Dragon" O'Connor Member # 7156



# Eleven Principles of Strong Locals

- 1. Become a part of a family as a member of FORR®. Inc.
- 2. All new members get 5 membership cards. If they sign up 5 new members their next membership is paid by the Local. All members carry cards.
- 3. The Secretary sends two monthly reminder letters. This updates Local business and sends a renewal card at the appropriate time.
- 4. Officers of the Local review submissions to the newsletter. They make sure nothing is left out and all upcoming events are included.
- 5. Stress personal connections between members. Don't let problems develop.
- 6. Support Locals in your area as you would expect them to support your Local.
- 7. All mailings to members have the membership expiration dates on the labels. It's just one more reminder.
- 8. The Local keeps expired members on the mailing list for three months. This gives members time to work on renewal.
- 9. Officers conduct relaxed yet meaningful meetings.
- 10. Twice each year the Local pays the expenses for members at an event. It expresses appreciation to members for a job well done.
- 11. The January meeting each year is used to establish a Local budget. All events are assigned dates, and each event has a budget amount stated. No one wonders where the money will come from. It's allocated.



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#### Letter to the Editor...

Hello Everyone,

We had a good time at the MidSouth MILE. It is too bad ya'll missed it. Not only did the MRF send Kirk "Hardtail" Willard and Mark Buckner to speak to us, but we had Congressman Eric Burlison on Saturday morning and Rep. Brian Seitz on Saturday evening. We also were graced with 3 past FORR Chairmen, Wayne "Tip" Tipton, Terry Lee Cook and "Smokin" Joe Widmer as well as our current FORR Chairman. Let me tell you, there were lots of stories floating around the hospitality room of days gone past with those folks in the room. It was nice to sit and listen. Gets the blood going again.

I want to thank the 19 Missouri folks who showed up. I also want to thank the following 9 Locals: L3, L5, L12, L14, L15, L25, L29, L31, L35 for your generous donations to the Missouri basket. It turned out great!

I'm just sorry that more of you couldn't find it in yourselves to support something that your state was hosting this year. It's disappointing. I know that I will get some of you upset for this, but I am allowed my opinion. Just as you are allowed yours. I have listened to certain people spouting at the CC meetings that we have to support the state events. Well, this was one of those events. It happens every 5/6 years. Next year we will be hosting the Meeting of the Minds. I'm guessing that will be top of the list for attendance other than Homecoming?? Ok, mini rant over.

Thank you to those who came, I appreciate all of you and the hard work you put into this adventure. It was a tough one. But so worth it!!!

Tami McMinn L15 Life member dmcminn000@live.com MidSouth MILE MO committee member

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