



**On February 1st we lost Member #1
Larry Basso
His wife, Mary, Member #2,
we lost in 2007.**

**Larry has been moved to Local 17
so that he can be with Mary
and his other brothers & sisters**

Header is retro in memory of our founders

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Letters to the Editor

Clutch's Law

I was reading in the "Freedom Press" an article by AMA representative Tony Shepherd, about the current status of "clutches law". I know and understand that this law is near and dear to many of us, since we have all lost friends or know of a rider who is now severely handicapped due to the failure to "Yield the Right of Way". I know of one instance where a truck turned right in front of a rider, causing a horrific accident, where the rider narrowly escaped death and the driver of the truck was given a fine of \$100.00. The driver's excuse, I didn't see him. How a professional driver for a construction company couldn't see a rider 20 feet from him with headlights blinding and with a construction yellow vest on is beyond comprehension. The insult to this is of course the \$100.00 fine for imprudent driving. Where was our Clutch's law? Out gumming and slobbering all over itself, because it has no teeth!

Upon an investigation of this "Clutch's Law", I found that, no state, county or city officials ever even heard of this law. I couldn't even find one prosecuting attorney who ever heard mention of the law. My sister-in-law, who is a lawyer and county judge, has never heard of this law and she practices law in three counties of Missouri. "Clutch's law" seems to have similar notoriety as an ancient, trivial, outdated blue law. I think the problem may be we too often refer to this "failure to yield law", as "Clutch's Law", and therefore it gets lost in translation. I also found out through investigation, that many states already have pretty stiff fines for failure to yield from \$45.00 to \$300.00 for a moving violation of blowing a stop or yield sign. If you are involved in an accident the fines can be as high as \$500.00 for failure to yield and points to your driving and insurance records. In some states failure to yield is considered aggressive driving (Road Rage) and the fines move to \$5,000.00 and community service or imprisonment. If you manage to kill someone by failing to yield, you can be charged with vehicular manslaughter, fined and imprisoned. Oh, and you won't be driving ever again either.

Tony pointed out that the legislators believe that any teeth to this law would perceive bikers as a protected class of citizen. Holy Crap! No fooling. They're scared of that? Well, they have already made several groups of people on the road a protected class of citizens. Handicapped persons get special parking privileges and special treatment at events. Every time I turn around some religious or ethnic group is getting protected citizen treatment and how about UPS and Federal Express personnel, who just park in the middle of traffic? Finally, there is the Road Construction Worker. Hit a road worker and you get slapped with a \$10,000 fine and loss of your driving privileges for a year. This law not only covers construction workers, but delivery personnel and suppliers. Now that's protected citizen treatment. This law came into effect after two, that's (2) highway workers were killed. That's right two! How many people have been killed or handicapped because of failure to yield?

Legislators claim this law is not workable. From what I've found out, this law is more than workable and should be pursued to the fullest extent. The failure to yield is not just a motorcycle problem, but affects cars, trucks, bicycles and pedestrians as well. Drivers who fail to Yield the Right of Way endanger everyone on the road, not just motorcyclist. It's just with a bike the outcome is understandably more severe. I am glad the road workers have such protection as they need a noticeable deterrent to protect them from negligent drivers, but I don't want to be a protected class of citizen, just part of the group of every day drivers on the road, who would like to have a law, that if understood and enforced, may instill in a driver the importance of the Yield of Right of Way laws. We as a

group have the POWER to change legislation. We've done it before and we can do it again, we just need to stop looking for excuses why we can't and go full bore into 2012 with the right attitude of, yes we can. If we meet resistance from legislators or prosecuting attorneys, we simply get them voted out of office. We've done that a few times too and it can be done again.

This year is an election year and Missouri is getting re-zoned and we need to take advantage of the situation. The legislators of this state will be losing their security voting base and having to establish new voters. We at Local 33 plan on having these legislators at our meetings to explain their points of view. If the current legislators want our money and support, come talk to us and tell us what you're going to do for biker's rights. You're either with us or against us.

Local 33

Edward W. Carper

District 4 Crockpot Cook Off

I wanted to write and thank all that came out to support the District 4 Crock Pot Cook-off. District 4 even had FORR members that came from St. Louis and St. Joe, KUDO's to them. A BIG thank you to "Mix Master Duck" for supplying music and a live mike when we needed it.

Winners of the event were as follows:

Best Presentation won by Tim "Dragon O'Connor

Hottest won by Paul Nuckolls

Best Of won by Bob (sorry we did not get your last name)

Congrats to all the winners and hope to see all of you in Jefferson City at the Capitol.

Signed, Someone who supports the cause, not just a fence crowd!

Thank you to Freedom of Road Riders

Mark and I would like to thank you all for the eagle statues. We were definitely surprised.

We enjoyed our time as corporate officers and have met so many people throughout the State of Missouri. We have also made some lifelong friends.

Please be kind to your new 2012-2013 cabinet. They are very dedicated members of this organization.

Mark Chapman #6476

Dallas Chapman #6481



"The Main Purpose"

"The main purpose", that is what has been on the front of The Freedom Press for 30 years. It quickly describes what we are about. That is the definition of a preamble.

At the time the preamble started appearing on the cover of the newsletter our membership was around 500 eager souls with good intentions for a noble cause. We've grown to five times that many now, while retaining good intentions for a noble cause.

With growth of membership new ideas and different approaches are presented in the quest of achieving our goals. One goal that we must be ever vigilant is to abide by the preamble. While growth of the organization is one of our goals it can also present challenges. Over time, and with surges of new members, we can stray too far from the main purpose. It's kind of like the test your teacher did with the entire class. The teacher would whisper something to a student and that student would whisper to another and that would continue through the class and the last student would say it out loud to the teacher and it would be different from what it was when it was started. The information got lost somewhere along the way.

Fortunately FORR has plenty of lifetime members that have the knowledge and experience and will not let us forget our main purpose.

Some people would look at being involved with something for 20 years as having done enough, FORR life members don't see it that way. From the movie 'The Outlaw Josey Wales', "Doing right ain't got no end".

Martin King

Chairman

Freedom of Road Riders Inc.

EXERCISE YOUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

It's almost that time of year when every member of society is asked to exercise their democratic right to elect our government officials. I know all of you are probably already as tired as I am of the ongoing presidential candidate hoopla and the ultimate knowledge that we will be exposed to even more before it's all over. However there is one simple truth and that is the fact that we in America reserve the right to elect our government officials through the democratic process. However this process only works if YOU the voter take the time to go to the polls and exercise your right to vote. Many campaigns are based upon the fact that only a small percentage of the registered voters in a district will take the time to actually get out and vote. Therefore whoever can get the majority of their people to the polls has the best chance of winning. Remember if you don't get out there and exercise your vote, don't bitch if the person who gets elected doesn't support your position on important issues such as whether you have the right of choice on wearing a helmet, whether you have the be protected from unlawful searches and seizures, etc.

During the 1960's the federal government began to focus on taking rights away from motorcyclists. Helmet Laws became the law of the land from coast to coast with few exceptions by the late 1960's. Bikers realized during the early 1970's there was great need for the motorcyclists of the United States to organize and fight these oppressive laws aimed at motorcyclists.

ABATE began as a national effort in the beginning but it was quickly learned that every state was different and State Motorcycle Rights Organizations "SMRO's" were born from coast to coast. In the beginning those drawn to the cause were true freedom fighters wishing to dislodge big brother from their backs.

However over time somehow the SMRO's lost track of their true purpose and goal. In an effort to appease the general public, many

decided to show we were good little bikers and charitable citizens. Hence the birth of the charity craze and the public relations focus in an attempt to make the general public see motorcyclists as good positive charitable citizens. Many we acquired into our ranks were either only interested in belonging to a social clubs, or even worst cared more about charity than protecting the rights of motorcyclists. True Freedom fighters within the SMRO became out numbered by the influx of those who did not share their values. As a result many SMRO's became weak or ineffective in the battle for biker rights.

Freedom fighters are not normal everyday Americans. Freedom fighters are freedom-

loving individualists that are not afraid to stand up and be counted. Freedom fighters are willing to make some noise and in some cases even defy an oppressive law. Sound familiar?

Well meaning non-freedom fighters have shifted the focus away from motorcycle rights. As a result we chose to raise funds and give our fortunes to the likes of Bikers for Babies and other nationally funded groups. Charities today actively seek out motorcyclists for their fund-raising actives. However what has our generosity gained us? Does society see us in a better light as a result of our charity work? Will the charity work protect your right to ride?

Bolstering our number in and of itself does not make success more certain; care must be taken to attract more freedom fighters to our organization. FORR was formed with a distinct purpose; and that purpose is reflected in our preamble: {"...to guard the rights of all motorcyclists; to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote rider education, brotherhood and freedom for all motorcyclists"}. However in reality, we have been moving further and further from that purpose.

FORR was founded to protect the rights of all of Missouri's Motorcyclists. We are a brotherhood of freedom fighters that was organized to protect and guard the rights of all motorcyclists. Our number one priority should first and foremost be about biker rights.

The brutal truth is that FORR is not for everyone; just like motorcycling isn't for everyone. You can put anyone on a motorcycle but it does not automatically make that person a biker or rider. You can let anyone join your SMRO but that does not automatically make that person a freedom fighter. It is easy to get a big turn out at a charity poker run/party but just try to get the same turn out at a letter writing party. We can get hundreds to show up for the Mid America Freedom Rally or the annual Toy Run, but where are they the rest of the year? Where are they when the time comes to exercise their right to vote or to let their elected officials know that they won't stand for enforced compliance? I'll tell you, they're out on their motorcycle with their face in the wind, hoping that someone else is protecting their right to continue to ride on two wheels, because they're too busy.

Well, the time has come to rally behind these few diehard freedom fighters and return FORR to the people that really care about protecting Missouri's motorcyclists. Are you going to jump on board the freedom train or be one of the riders who just hopes the government won't take away your ride in the name of public safety? Its entirely up to you!

Come join us on the Freedom Train. The whistle has sounded and we're leaving the station soon

Kathy Garver

FORR Corporate Secretary

Member # 574

"Pity the poor, wretched, timid soul, too faint hearted to resist his oppressors. He sings the songs of the damned, I cannot resist, I have too much to lose, they might take my property or confiscate my earnings, what would my family do, how would they survive. He hides behind pretended family responsibility, failing to see that the most glorious legacy that we can bequeath to our posterity is liberty!" ~

W. Vaughn Ellsworth

What is a BIKER?

by STAPLES

Look it up. I tried. There is no real formal written definition. The closest is "...a motorcyclist..." There are many opinions as to who or what is a biker. We come in all shapes and sizes, colors, genders, ages, nationalities and even sexual persuasions. Some feel you have to ride a certain brand or type of motorcycle in order to be a biker. Maybe even belong to a club, "gang," or some other social organization. Not true, in my opinion. A biker is more a frame of mind. I have all types of "biker" friends. Some ride HD, some ride "jap crap", some ride English, some ride "customs", some don't even ride at all (due to financial hardship, etc.). As the saying goes..."It's not what you ride, it's if you ride." More importantly, it's what you believe and how you practice your beliefs. It is a lot like religion.

Just owning a motorcycle doesn't make you a "biker." A true biker believes in the lifestyle of brotherhood. He / she doesn't have to advertise that they are a "biker" by wearing certain clothing, etc. (although this does help us feel part of a more kindred spirit). A true "biker" becomes part of a family. We live to help each other, no matter what. We see a "biker" broke down, we stop and help. We know a "biker" that needs help, we offer our assistance. We support each other.

Many believe that doing charity rides for anything and everything that is out there makes you a "biker." It may be and has become a part of the "biker" lifestyle. But remember...charity starts at home. As I mentioned earlier...a true biker becomes part of a family. We should and need to support our own first and foremost, above and beyond all others. In lieu of spending your money supporting some charity or organization that might not even support your lifestyle or rights as a "biker" and just wants your money, you should be spending it to belong to organizations that support you and your rights as a "biker."

On a national level there is the American Motorcycle Association, Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Motorcycle Safety Foundation. On a state level in Missouri there is Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) and ABATE for Missouri. In Illinois there is ABATE of Illinois. All of these organizations are constantly looking out for your right to ride...what you want...where you want...how you want...when you want. They are just like any other organization. They need money and support in order to function. So be a true "biker." Support your family as they support you. Join and participate in one or more of these organizations. Check them out on the web.

There are more people and organizations (including our government) out there that are trying and succeeding at limiting our "biker" family and lifestyle. All you have to do is pay attention and you will see the limits and restrictions that have been, are being and soon will be put on us. Riding restrictions, noise ordinances, safety apparel, safety equipment, cc limits, OEM only parts, lead laws, government sponsored motorcycle only safety check points and state funding restrictions based upon federal compliance. What does it take for you to "wake up and smell the coffee?" Yeh, yeh...you don't have time, you don't have the money..blah, blah blah. If you truly are a "biker" and care about your family, you will make the time and maybe buy one less beer a month, two less cartons of cigarettes a year or cut out some other meaningless vice.

Don't be a poser. Be a "biker!"



Notes from Katherine

Hello to you! I'm experiencing a bit of writer's block...though I have much to share, a majority of the info will be "in the past". I will start with issues that are on-going, and work our way back in time...

Redistricting: The results of the 2010 census have become reality, as new boundaries have taken effect for Missouri's 34 senators and 163 representatives. However, the MO Supreme Court threw out State Senate district maps and sent the congressional map back for a judge to review. Rulings opened the door to the possibility that final district boundary lines won't be drawn "in time"; this could cause confusion and possibly discourage some candidates from running for office. Legislators' better hurry, as officials in the S.O.S. Robin Carnahan's office said that if maps aren't revised by Feb 28th, 2012, original maps will go into effect. These newly drawn districts actually will not become reality until individuals are elected to serve those new legislative districts in the November 2012 elections.

Active Candidates for 2012 election: We should know who's running for what by 27Mar12. As promised, I will keep spreadsheet out of the newsletter, but will have up on our website; I will try my best to keep this as current as possible.

Dates that have past & action taking place: Feb 8th and Mar 22nd... thanks to all that showed up to the Capitol to fight for your liberty. 3 Bills on the Senate side (as of now) we are watching, all thanks to Senator "Doc" Brown. SB673 (MC Permit), SB564 (Specifies that the motorcycle road skills test is not required for a member of the armed forces who has successfully completed a military motorcycle rider training course that meets specified standards), and finally SB743 (Helmet Mod. Bill). House has identical Bills filed, all thanks to Rep. David Day, in addition to Rep. Kurt Bahr taking the lead in our vision and filing HB1381 (Prohibits the use of a global positioning system or other technology to monitor the mileage traveled by a motor vehicle in order to impose any mileage tax). FORR has been present, and gave testimony, at several hearings regarding issues listed above. Feb 17-19 & Mar 2-4 were Lincoln Days & Demo Days, respectively. These events are the political party's statewide event; republican and democratic, respectively. FORR is present at both, every year, to show unified moral support.

Two future dates: Tues, April 24th & Sun, April 29th...these are the M.A.Y. Rally and the BUFR Run, respectively. As much as I hate to "advertise" these dates together, these are, in fact, two separate events with two separate missions. The MAY Rally is strictly for motorcycle awareness! No political undertones allowed! **This is where we need to shine and truly practice to "educate not legislate"**. We kill the public with kindness and offer our time to anyone and everyone who wants to listen to us teach about looking for motorcycles, paying attention to the road and their surroundings, how to drive around a motorcycle safely and not be intimidated, etc. Offer up our time to talk to a school and give personal testimony; show them that we are real people, with real families and real jobs, and we want to get home to our families safe and sound. You feel the need to talk politics? Well then, the BUFR Run is for you...this is the arena where we are Bikers United For Rights! And let me tell you, if we are NOT united, then we are divided, doomed, destroyed... (you get the picture). I feel it in the air, I can feel the division. And I am troubled by this.

I feel as if I am forgetting something...guess that is what emails are for (grin...) Here's a bit of good news, FORR was personally invited to attend a Motorcycle Safety Strategic Planning Summit, hosted by the MO Coalition for Roadway Safety, by none other than MoDot. I think that says volumes as to how they recognize and respect us.

Anyone can hold the helm in calm waters...believe with all your heart that you will do what you were made to do...you are still master of your fate, you are still captain of your soul.

Central Committee Meeting #193
January 8, 2012

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the American Legion Hall, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Vice-Chairman, Skyler McWilliams, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Cashell, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson and Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following Central Committee Representatives answered the roll call read by the Corporate Secretary:

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	70	1 Vote	Larry Scott
South Kansas City	Local 05	61	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	125	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	46	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	136	2 Vote	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	136	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	36	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	48	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	77	1 Vote	Debbie Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	21	1 Vote	ABSENT
Branson	Local 15	248	3 Votes	Les Morris
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	100	1 Vote	Doug Pfeiffer
Kirksville	Local 19	146	2 Votes	Melissa Carlyle
Dexter	Local 20	61	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	22	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
Lincoln County	Local 23	30	1 Vote	Joe Peluso
St. Louis	Local 24	74	1 Vote	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	66	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	68	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	79	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	193	2 Votes	Phil McCombs
North Kansas City	Local 29	100	1 Vote	Russell Felts
Nixa	Local 30	64	1 Vote	Randall Owens
Rolla	Local 31	27	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	96	1 Vote	Sam King
Golden Valley	Local 33	43	1 Vote	Ray Herron
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallas
Franklin County	Local 42	95	1 Vote	Keiffer York
Greater K.C.	Local 46	21	1 Vote	ABSENT
Members at Large	Local 00	75	0 Vote	
Total		2396		January 1, 2012
Corporate Sponsors		11	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer. # Vote suspended due to District/Special Event financial records.

**Votes suspended by order of Central Committee November 2001, until insurance/event records are complete with the Insurance/Events Coordinator.

All CC reps welcomed to the meeting by Chairman Martin King

SECRETARY - Kathy Garver - Roll call of locals.

State of the Organization written by outgoing Chairman Mark Chapman presented to the Central Committee by Chairman King. A copy will be printed in the Freedom Press.

Correction to November minutes, Local 16 should have been reported as having 2 votes. Motion by Local 6 to approve minutes as corrected, 2nd Local 24, motion carries by voice vote.

Challenge issued by Local 6's Rep for everyone to bring at least one new person to the CC meeting. Darrell has brought 3 new people with him today and they have now signed up as new members.

Membership Report – Total memberships processed November/December, 2011 16 life members, 51 new members, 198 renewals. Total membership as of January 1, 2012 2,396 decrease of 11 members since last report.

Membership increase award for 2011 presented to Local 24. Last year Local 23 received the award.

Award presented to Locals 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41 and 42 for the return of all six rosters.

TREASURER - Steve "Staples" Comeau. Staples thanked the CC reps for voting him in as your new Treasurer. He hopes to do half the job that Dallas has done. He asked all locals to please submit their financial reports to him in a timely manner. Memberships should continue to be sent to the General Office.

Financial Report: General account beginning balance \$13,078.42 ending balance \$10,313.49; PAC beginning balance \$10,422.99 ending \$19,072.59; Rider Ed beginning balance \$9,362.87 ending \$8,491.85 Homecoming beginning balance \$13,489.73 ending \$10,024.06 Freedom Park beginning balance \$7,885.05 ending \$11,085.05.

Award presented to Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41, 42, 46, District 1, District 4 for timely return of financial reports.

Financial award for meeting state obligation of \$15.00 per member presented to Locals 46, 42, 35, 31, 28, 24, 19, 16, 15, 13, 11, 10, 8, 7, 1 and 33.

Highest donation for last year was Local 33 with \$2,567.00 donated.

Reminder that Freedom Park donations do not count towards your local yearly financial obligation.

Donations: Local 26 \$150 General Fund; Local 41 \$50 PAC \$50 Safety.

Award for attendance at all 6 cc meetings presented to Locals 46, 42, 41, 35, 33, 31, 30, 29, 27, 24, 21, 15, 12, 10, 8, 7, 6 and 5.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Skyler McWilliams

Engineer of Freedom award presented to Katherine Cashell

Homecoming – We talked at the last meeting about the possibility of moving to a new location. The Pulaski County Shrine Club will not release us from the current contract, but have offered to allow us to buy out the existing contract at \$5,000 per remaining year. We are therefore looking into some different options to change the event and make it better at the current location. The Homecoming committee has discussed possibly of returning this to an all age event and would like the CC reps to take this back to their locals. We have talked about changing around the bands to help cut costs and also possibly shortening the event by one day. Discussion held concerning making this an all age event. Issues addressed were: minors consuming alcohol; keeping children from witnessing things they should not see; danger associated with people riding through the infield not watching out for children; younger people are the future of this organization and we need to include them in our events; there are locals that do family friendly events; 13 events throughout the state or on a state line that are adult only; if you have 9 pm curfew for minors to be at campsites you can still have adult events after that time; have members that are not coming to Homecoming because of the 18 and over rule. Reminded everyone that the whole purpose of this discussion was to address why Homecoming is not working and what are we going to have to do to make it work at the current site. Motion by Local 10, 2nd Local 24 that we allow minors at Homecoming. Request by Local 6 to table this motion to allow this issue to be taken back to the locals for discussion. Motion tabled until the next meeting by voice vote.

Discussion regarding option of shortening the event. Our contract with the Shrine Club currently reads Labor Day weekend through Monday. We believe they would allow us to modify the contract but will have to talk with them about this if we decide this is something we want to pursue. In the past a lot of people leave Sunday morning, however there are some that want the longer event since it is a holiday weekend. This year there were only a couple hundred people at the event on Sunday evening. Please take this back to the local and discuss whether this is something that we would want to consider if the Shrine Club will allow us to modify the contract.

The committee also discussed ways to cut entertainment costs. We spent approximately \$10,000 on bands, sound company, etc last year. We believe we can still have good quality music without spending a lot of money on one band.

It is very important that we have a quality event but need to remember this is a fundraiser.

We are looking for ideas and/or changes to the rally that would encourage our membership to attend and support the rally. Please bring your ideas to the next CC meeting.

Randy Owens our vendor coordinator last year did a great job. He unfortunately will not be able to handle the task this year due to changes in his job situation. We will need someone to handle this task this year. Anyone interested please contact Skyler for more information.

FEW Seminar – We are going to do a little bit different format for the next seminar. The next FEW Seminar will be held on CC weekend, January, 2013. We are going to have separate breakout rooms with more than one seminar going on at the same time. We will be focusing on leadership, depth of leadership and officer training, but will still have the fun stuff throughout the day like the live and silent auctions, etc. Suggestion made that officer training at least be done every other year. Local donations to the FEW Seminar count towards local state donations. Also for each \$100 donated by the local the local gets a chance, up to 5 chances, at buy one get one entries into the next years seminar. Details concerning the seminar such as entertainment, etc. are being worked on.

BUFR Run – Sunday April 29 at 2:00 p.m. south lawn capitol steps. Flyers will be printed and distributed at the capitol during District 4's bus trip to the capitol. Tony Shepherd will be handling the details of reserving the site. FORR will send out a batch email with the flyer and event information. Matt Hill, Katherine and Curt Schaeffer are currently set up to speak. The committee is looking into other individuals to speak. BUFR committee meeting is at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday prior to the CC meeting.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Cashell - The floor was turned over to Ms. Sarah Steelman who is running against Claire McCaskill for US Senate. Ms. Steelman addressed the Central Committee regarding her concerns about the future for our country. She is currently facing two individuals in the primary election that have extensive political history and will maintain the status quo in DC. She has been a friend of FORR in the state legislature and has always done what she believes is right for the members of this state. Go to Sarahsteelman.com for information about her campaign. There is a fundraiser scheduled at Blue Springs Harley Davidson in February.

Legislative awards presented to Locals 24, 10, 27, 42, 30, 33, 16, District 4, Roy Hoard, Kempker family, Rhonda Felts, Lane Shady, Halfbreed. Honorable mention to Mr. John Stouffer and everyone that was in attendance at the CC meeting.

We are filing a motorcycle permit bill with the language of 16 and under removed. This bill will be applicable to every Missouri citizen. The removal of the age language required the bill to go back into research. Bill will read motorcycle permit valid for 6 months with two additional applications, cap 18 months. The bill that was introduced in 2010 will be introduced again which is the Highway Patrol's bill. They want to reduce the permit to one 6 month period. We anticipate our bill will be filed next week. Sponsors – Senate Dan Brown, House David Day. Representative Johnson did not feel comfortable with the removal of the 16 and under. Rep Day has given us his word that he will file the exactly the same bill as Senator Brown.

SB564 filed by Senator Brown– this is not our bill. Senator Brown had a constituent that was having difficulty obtaining his Missouri motorcycle endorsement after completion of a military motorcycle safety program. This bill would recognize the military rider education course for the purpose of obtaining a Missouri M endorsement.

The legislative committee has asked that FORR go forward with trying to define a motorcycle to address the motor scooter issue and make sure that statistics and all laws are equally and properly applied. We are not out to impose any additional restrictions upon another type of highway user, we simply want to make sure that these types of vehicles are properly classified statistically.

Representative Sheila Salon is the new head of the House transportation committee. She believes that individuals should continue to wear helmets when operating a motorcycle. 180 seats are currently up for election in the House and Senate this year. Brad Lager, who is running for Lt. Governor, will be a guest speaker at our next CC meeting. It's up to each and every member to attend town hall meetings, fundraisers etc put on by the candidates in their area, find out how the candidate feels about our issues and report this information back to Katherine as she is not going to do it by herself. The Legislative budget and list of questions that we want to ask the candidates will be emailed to our membership. Remember that redistricting is taking place. The new maps are available on the Missouri Secretary of State's website, however the redistricting is still not official as it has been challenged and awaiting a ruling by the Courts.

Proposed legislative budget presented. We are not going to be giving out campaign money this year. Instead we are going back to a grassroots organization and working on campaigns. This is actually the best way for us to get to know the candidates on a personal level and it is also a great way for us to market our organization. Volunteer to help a candidate. It's the best way to show our support to the candidate and also show the community that bikers are good folks. Please remember that just because something is in the budget doesn't mean it has to be spent. We have to be dynamic in our vision and acknowledge that there may be times that we need to change a decision and proceed in a different direction. Motion by Local 6 that we accept the proposed legislative budget, 2nd Local 8. Request that we add funding into the budget for advertising and marketing of the organization. Suggestion that maybe a local would like to step up and volunteer to do some printing for the organization as an in-kind donation. Motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

The organization has made a lot of accomplishments such as our comparative fault bill, killing the stunt riding bill, dead red and many others. A handout is being worked on which will show the accomplishments of the organization.

The committee discussed not introducing a helmet bill this year. However she has already been working behind the scenes on the helmet law issue through such things as talking with Mike Davis about changing their position on the helmet modification issue, locating a potential sponsor in the House and Senate and getting statistics together. It takes a lot of behind the scene work to get our legislative issues ready and moving forward. Katherine asked the CC for a show of hands regarding who wants us to introduce a helmet modification bill. General consensus is that we should file this bill.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – A couple of months ago Martin asked him to be the rider education coordinator again and he said he would really like for him to find someone else. However no one else has stepped up to take the position. Motion by Local 42, 2nd local 6 to approve the appointment of Doug Clawson as our Rider Education Coordinator, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. The Missouri safety program is going to have another sponsor program coming up on February 22, Doug and Dallas will be attending the event. Dates are being worked on for the upcoming training season. Instructor training will take place in April. Until the instructors are trained no trike classes will be scheduled. Rider Education budget presented, Motion by Local 1, 2nd Local 10 that we accept the 2012 proposed budget. MAC does have funding within the proposed budget. Motion carries by voice vote unanimously. If anyone is interested in fulfilling the rider education coordinator position please see Doug.

MAC – Deanna Norris - May Rally April 24th. District 4 has two dates for bus trips to the capitol. They will be distributing May Rally and BUFR flyers during that event. Meet at Memorial Park 10-30-12:30 p.m., leave park at 12:30 p.m. There will be coffee and donuts at the park. The weekend before is the scheduled date for the proclamation runs.

Driver's manual – New drivers manuals have been released. Deanna had previously talked with the MMSP about changing the driver's manual and has given them suggestions regarding driving around motorcycles. She is going to confirm there actually have been changes to the new manuals.

The House of Representatives has found an area in the diesis that moves and they are building a time capsule to put into this area. She has obtained an FORR patch and MAC card that she is proposing to go into the capsule.

She is going to encourage MODOT to focus funding on getting more gas pump signs, yard signs, bumper stickers for motorcycle awareness next year and not focus on t-shirts since we now have to get them through DOC and as a result the cost has gone up to \$7 each. Local 42 asked why the state money was not used to develop a share the road program within this state to take to the schools. Deanna will talk with Chris to see if this is something the funding can be used for. If this is not something that the state can do maybe it is something that FORR needs to work on.

Tri-fold – The tri-folds need to be updated before having them printed again. We need to put some thought into the pamphlet and make it a more useful tool for the organization. The following requests made concerning the tri-folds: obtain holders for the tri-folds; the front of the tri-fold contain a motorcycle plus logo; a budget be established to print and distribute new tri-folds.

AMA – Steve “Staples” Comeau – go to the AMA's website for information. There are two national organizations that do basically the same thing we do, the AMA and MRF. The MRF is solely focused on road bikes whereas the AMA covers dirt as well as road bikes. These two organizations represent motorcyclists at the national level. Membership in the AMA also gives you a lot of discounts on such things as car rental, roadside assistance, etc.

The Econo Lodge in Jefferson City is giving a 20% discount to FORR members any time of the year.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid – There was a national federal mandate for helmet laws addressed just recently in DC. Senator Lautenberg tried to slip this bill through, however, the MRF through their lobbyist, Jeff Hennie got wind of this piece of legislation and was able to get word out to all the SMRO's and as a result of the prompt action of the SMRO membership the legislation was defeated on the floor. We were that close to getting a federal helmet mandate put back on our heads. Luckily the MRF has a lobbyist that is on top of these things. If you are not on JR's email list and would like to be, let him know and he will add you to the list. Chairman King stated that our new MRF rep has been working very hard. He recently attended a local meeting in the southeast area and talked with them about the MRF. If anyone would like JR to speak at their local about the MRF please talk with him.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne – Local 8 received an award for being the local that purchased the most product line and as a result were able to promote the organization through the distribution of our products. Calendars are in and ready for distribution. If your local did not order calendars there are a few extras that will be available through the product line. Hopefully everyone will keep the calendars in mind as they are attending events this year and start collecting neat photographs for next year's calendar. Shelly thanked everyone for submitting photographs and information. The calendars are \$5.00 each. We ordered a total of 1,000 calendars with preorders of approximately 600. The presales have paid for the cost of the calendars so the 400 left over will be profit. Locals encouraged to use these calendars as a marketing tool. Suggestion that every local purchase an extra calendar and distribute it. Motion by Local 10 that FORR send every representative and senator a calendar since the calendars have been paid for already, 2nd Local 35. Katherine stated that every representative seat is up for re-election this year. 163 reps 34 senators. There are only 400 calendars left over. We need to sell what we can first. When this idea was presented the idea was to use the calendars to market the organization. Amendment of motion by Local 8 that we only give them to the reps and senators that would actually like to have them. It is unlikely we will get to meet with every rep or senator and their aids might actually like to have one. Motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

New products – Hi Vis Jacket \$72.00 m-xl; \$75 2xl-5xl; new t-shirt design and additional shirt option of 100% polyester moisture wicking available. Shirts also available with reflective stripes. Necklace and earrings, I-phone 4 covers, trailer hitch cover also available. If you are interested in a jacket or polyester shirt they are available by special order only. The jackets do run small end so you should order the next size up.

Motion by Local 24, 2nd local 27 to extend the meeting however long necessary to complete our business at hand, motion carries by voice vote.

NEWSLETTER – Local 7 said they have been sending in newsletter articles by email and have received a confirmation from Dallas that they were received but the articles have not been in the Freedom press. Would like to know why. Awards presented to Locals 42, 41, 35, 33, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 21, 16, 15, 12, 10, 8, 7, 6, 1 for submitting at least 10 articles.

Locals reminded that local submissions need to be limited to ½ a page. Be respectful of other locals because when you write a long article you are reducing the available space for other locals.

WEBSITE – Larry Scott - The password for the member only site has changed. We need to come up with a way where we can clean up our Facebook account so that when toxic messaging takes place we can remove it. The officers are working on language to address this issue but the locals need to also discuss this and be prepared to bring back ideas on how to address the issue. Remember this site represents FORR and it is viewed by potential new members, legislators etc, so please be respectful when you are posting to the site. Local 27 asked for information about FORR hosting their local website. The cost for this is \$5.00 per month. Larry reported he is currently working with a local on a fill in the blank site but if you have a local webmaster that is very familiar with website development this is a great opportunity for the local to save a lot of money.

MID SOUTH MILE – Jim Scheele - First planning committee meeting will be in Joplin on February 12th (correction 5th) at the Holiday Inn. They will start formalizing the committee with by laws, etc. Jim said he will post more information on Facebook about the meeting and will also send out an email to the officers regarding the details of the meeting. 2012 will be in Arkansas in the Fort Smith area.

GENERAL OFFICE – Secretary Garver reported the officers have completed an employee review and have given a pay raise to the general office manager. The General Office has been a very positive move for the organization in that memberships are being very timely processed; safety classes are running very smoothly; Dallas has been leaving the office phone on during the weekends and has been able to assist students in getting to the training site; she has also assisted the officers with various projects.

FREEDOM PARK – We have over \$11,000 in the fund now. We are not going to start seriously looking for property until we have approximately \$20,000 in the account. However if you find something that might meet our needs please bring the information to the officers. We would like to find property that is centrally located and approximately 40-80 acres. We also need to make sure that zoning, property

restricts, roads, etc. are taken into consideration for any property that is considered for purchase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Advertising increase proposal. Motion by Local 33 that we adopt the suggested 25% advertising increase, 2nd Local 1, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Remember locals receive a commission for every ad sold.

2014 MOTM – At the November CC meeting it was discussed that the MRF has asked FORR if we wanted to host the 30th annual MOTM. We have hosted the 10th and the 20th in St. Louis. They are looking at Kansas City for the 30th. This event is normally held the 3rd weekend of September. The date is not set yet. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 6 that FORR host the 2014 Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, Missouri, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Help will be needed from FORR membership to make up the booklets, handle registration, hospitality room, bike security, etc. We will need to add an MOTM committee to our Saturday meetings; elect a leader for that committee and add the funds into the 2014 budget. We have approximately 2 ½ years to get the necessary funds and planning completed. Motion by 24, 2nd Local 42 that funds donated by any local towards MOTM will be counted towards the local's state donation, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

FORR booth at Sedalia State Fair – Matthewson Exhibition Center, \$768.00 8X10 booth area. Set up August 8, tear down Sunday August 19. Must be manned from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the entire event. Must have 1 million dollars insurance coverage with State Fair Board listed as an additional insured. The cost does not include parking or admission into the fair. Locals 35, 26, 8 and 33 volunteered to work one day. This would be a good opportunity to get our information out to the general public. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 42 that we do not do this event, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Each local presented with an information sheet that the cabinet officers would like to have filled out and returned. Hopefully this will give the officers information to help make the organization better. Local 15 thanked for inviting the officers down to their Christmas party. The cabinet looks forward to attending other local events.

Jim Sheele has a new give a way project idea for 2012. Grand Prize will be a Henry Golden Boy .22 model #H004 with personalized Golden Boy Receiver Cover and monetary 1st through 4th prizes. This is an American made gun. The winner would be allowed to personalize the gun side plates with whatever they want. We would be getting the rifle from a gun dealer at cost which is \$400. The personalized receiver would cost us \$157. 1st through 4th payout \$650.00. Cost of 1000 Hi-visibility with black ink flyers would be \$100. Tickets quantity 5,000 cost \$340.50, 7,500 \$474.50. Donations \$1.00 each. If all 5,000 distributed net profit \$3352.00. If all 7,500 distributed net \$5,718.00. The drawing will take place at Homecoming 2012. These amounts do not include any pay outs to locals. The last give a way did not contain any payout to locals and some locals didn't seem interested in pushing the project because of this. There is a financial incentive for locals of .05 cents per ticket which is on par with the amount previously given. Motion by Local 10 that we proceed with this project with 7,500 tickets and all proceeds from this project will go towards MOTM fund for 2014, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed. The personalized plates will be purchased by FORR directly from Henry after we find out what the winner wants on the plate. We need to put a disclaimer on the flyer that the winner will be responsible for any shipping and FFL transfer fees. Tickets will be in books of 10.

Motion by Local 24 that we develop some type of a business directory that we print once a year which contains a list of FORR members that own a business so that our members can do business with our own members when possible, 2nd Local 27, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. This would be a voluntary thing for the member to be involved with so we would not be encroaching upon the private nature of our membership. It is going to be up to the member to submit their information to the general office. Please make sure to indicate on the note what the information is to be used for.

Motion by Local 42 that we limit candidates to 15 minutes of time on our CC floor, 2nd Local 24. Discussion that with our questions Ms. Steelman spoke for 40 minutes. These individuals have taken time out of their day to come talk with us so we really need to allow them sufficient time to present their positions and answer questions. Motion rescinded. Another option would be to have them come in and talk with us during the Saturday committee meeting. Katherine stated that she has tried to get them to speak on Sunday when the majority of our membership is present. It is a great opportunity for our membership to get to meet and talk with the candidates on a one on one basis.

District Chairman

Blacktop Rally is set for May. Flyers will be available soon.

ABATE for Missouri – Tony Shepherd – Wide Open bike show in KC and St Louis. It will be an open event for everyone. Kansas City is next weekend, St Louis is the 11th and 12th of February. Illinois just passed a dead red bill. Please remember if you are riding anywhere and testing a new bill you are at the mercy of the ticketing officer. Their bill does not apply to towns of 2 million people and over. It therefore does not apply in Chicago. They also got their rider education funds raided.

The outgoing Chairman and Treasurer have put forth untold effort, money and time to make sure things ran smoothly for the organization. Dallas and Mark will be presented with a bronze eagle for their dedication to FORR. Larry will present these to Mark and Dallas at the next Local 1 meeting on January 21st and will see that photographs are taken of the presentation for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.



Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting # 194
March 11, 2012– 10:00 a.m.

Truman Hotel & Conference Center
1510 Jefferson
Jefferson City, Missouri

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Preamble
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - d. Put cell phones on vibrate
 - e. Roll Call of Locals
 - f. Approval of Minutes
- II. Department Reports
 - a. Corporate Secretary
 - i. Membership
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - ii. Homecoming
 - iii. FEW Seminar
 - iv. BUFR Run
 - d. Legislative
 - i. AMA
 - ii. MRF
 - e. Rider Education
 - f. Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator
 - g. Product Line
 - h. Newsletter
 - i. Webmaster
 - j. Chairman
 - i. Mid South MILE
 - ii. General Office
 - iii. Freedom Park
 - iv. By-Law review
- III. Old Business
 - a. 2014 MOTM
 - b. 2012 Give-A-Way Project
 - c. Business Directory
- IV. New Business
 - a. Social media policy
 - b. FORR trademark renewal
- V. Connections
 - a. District Chairmen
 - b. ABATE for Missouri

BUFR Meeting
 Saturday March 10, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting
 Saturday March 10, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
 Saturday March 10, 2012 2:30 p.m.

FEW Seminar Meeting
 Saturday, March 10, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Membership Roundtable Discussion
 Saturday, March 10, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting
 Saturday March 10, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
 Sunday March 11, 2012 10:00 a.m.

Central Committee Representatives are asked to make sure their membership is current before the meeting begins. Contact your Local Secretary to be sure. Only current members are allowed to conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

If your Central Committee Representative is unable to attend please call 800-309-RIDE

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke – Free

*The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
 Locals 14 and 20*

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LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

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

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



Hello and greetings fellow freedom riders! It's March and normally being as I am a very Irish girl (I'm a Mick) I would write about St. Patty's Day as we ride into this month of March, but forgive me because I won't be doing that this time around. I don't know how many of you are reading this. Do you just open this to see what's going on inside your local? Do you read the Freedom Press all together, front to back? These questions and more have perplexed me. Let's first start with this: You are a Freedom of Road Rider. You paid your dues and received this newsletter that I and many others contribute to each month. YOU, yes you! Have something wonderful, believe it or not to contribute to this no matter how small it seems to you; is 100% monumental!! I am a nobody..a little girl who stays at home with her 4 year-old son every day. I don't save lives or fight wars. However I have decided to dedicate my life to raising a boy into a man and put my passion's dreams into a reality with this organization. I absolutely love everything about FORR, the good and the bad. I, myself am becoming more productive within this org. than I could have fathomed. I sincerely hope to meet you all in the future on whatever circumstances! All right enough about my crud...

At January's meeting we presented Mark and Dallas Chapman with awards from the state for the years of service and dedication to FORR. Congratulations Mark and Dallas. Speaking for myself you both mean the world to me and have taught me a lot about the fundamentals of FORR; so you deserve it!

The cook off in January brought in 100 guests; so way to go!! This also means that the Legislative Bus Trip has started! March 22nd, 8 am @ Waid's in Lees Summit will be the time to board the last bus to the capitol. Contact me so I can get your name signed up for the bus. Katherine has some great questions to bring forth which are listed in Freedom's February edition in her notes. This is YOUR opportunity to get a face to face with our representatives to discuss the issues, whether it be issues you want known or issues you want to know about.

March brings: our Kid's Easter Party on 3/31 which we need volunteers for (contact me if you want to help). I don't want to forget to mention Local 29's Pool Tournament on 3/3. For more info on any of these or other events check out the back of the Freedom Press; or take a gander through the FORR website's event page. March 17th we will be meeting at Darrel and Teri's in Lexington for the St. Patty's day parade..come one, come all and have a ball. Call me and we will get you there for sure!

March lucky clover Birthdays are as follows: 4th Russell Hilburn, 12th Gene Hilburn, 18th : Michelle O'Connor, Dallas Chapman and finally 22nd Mary Seward. Happy birthday my loves! May your day be wish fulfilling; full of laughter and friends.

I will continue to be vigilant about the city wide garage sale coming soon!! All we need is donated items and we'll bring the brotherhood!

Until next time I'll leave you with this :

I believe there are two periods in life, one for the bike, the other for becoming active on one's work.

Love you!

Melany

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

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

When the newsletter is printed the first of Dist 4 bus rides to Jeff City will be history. Be sure to plan to ride on March 22, contact me to add your name to the list. A few weeks ago, our own Indy and Wildchild went down on their ride and were injured. Indy broke an ankle and needed surgery and Wildchild broke a couple of ribs and was very sore. We are glad they are recovering and will back in the wind soon.

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

Congratulations to Cheryl Hanlon whose birthday is March 6, VP Tony Morris, March 11 and Norman Pursley March 21. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know.

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

Abide!

Amy Allmon

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

I'm sure everyone has had the urge to get out on their motorcycles with all this great weather we have had so far this winter. There has not been much happening and everyone has just been hibernating.

Local 6 Activities Committee has been meeting and has plans for several events in the upcoming year. There will be Bike Shows, Poker Runs, Scavenger Hunt, Motorcycle Rodeo, Hog Roast, Christmas Party and Possibly a Halloween Party. Flyers will be sent out on each event to members but be sure to invite your friends.

Be sure to check your Mailing Label for expiration date so you don't miss any of these events.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson

Contact: 417-286-3845

Editors Note: I would like to apologize to Local 7. Their December submittal was inadvertently left out. Following is that submittal:

Greeting Local 7

Well its fall in the Ozarks. Hope all of you have been able to enjoy this great weather on your bikes. Local 7 started the month off with our annual Scavenger hunt. This event raised \$200 for the Hughes

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Center in Lebanon. Stan won 3rd place and donated his winnings back for the cause. The next weekend was the Toy Run in Licking. The weather was perfect for Jerry, Beaver and I to make this ride. This Toy Run always has about a 100 mile ride and the route is always a good one. This is a great area to ride. Of course only I would leave my camera in the bag I brought my toys to donate. Luckily the next day when I couldn't find my camera I had an idea where I'd left it. I contacted Jerry and he made some calls and was able to get it back for me. Thanks goes out to Jerry and the person running the Licking toy run. Next Lee, Beaver & I rode to the Drifters Toy Run in Linn Creek. Don couldn't make the ride but still sent a donation. By the time you read this Local 7 will have had our Toy Run but you still have opportunities to make more toy runs if you like. Buffalo has their toy run on Nov. 20th and the first of December is always the Springfield Toy Run. That's all folks. So here's hoping the weather stays nice and I see you further on up the road.

Ride on
Geezer

Greeting Local 7

Alright folks can you believe it...Winter is almost over and with the weather we've had so far you would think it hadn't started yet. On the last day of the year Lee T, Robert, Don Jerry, Lee H, and I took a little ride. Beaver would of rode with us but he would much rather have a gall bladder removed. Guy and his wife rode with the H.O.G. Group so all of us enjoyed the day of riding with the temps in the high 60's. Only the propane salesman (sorry Robert) could complain about this weather. The next day was more normal with the high only in the 40's. I am really looking forward to Spring.

On our last meeting we set up some rides.

March 4th, 1 pm Bell Restaurant – Freeze yer Buns

April 1st, 10 am behind Capt D's – April Fools Run

June 3rd, 1 pm Lebanon H.D. – Cannon Ball Run

That's all folks

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

Greetings from Local 8,

Hope everyone is enjoying the weather. I think Mother Nature feels bad about the way she treated us last winter and is making up for it. Bring it on .

It has been awhile since I wrote the newsletter but since I'm now retired I will take on the challenge. We had no new members and two renewals. Jim Higgins 12 years and Jerry Noble 9 years. We will honor our 20 year members at Cabin Fever.

Plans are under way for the 26th Spring Fling. Looks like we will have a new location. Watch for details. We need input and help to make this work. If you are not happy about something, get involved and change it.

A big thank you to Local 19 for helping me celebrate my birthday again. Also the guys from Abate. I always have a great time with you.

Support your locals and have a great winter.

Foxy Gma
Meredith

I am requesting for anyone with historical materials to get it to me so I can put our Local 8 history all in one place.

Louise Reasoner
justnewoman@live.com

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Pizza Hut, Hwy 50 E @ Eastland Dr near Super Gerbes
(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)

Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or
Denise Taylor 573-353-4127



With the weather being the way it has been... RIDING weather, I sure hope you have been out there enjoying it! I have seen so many bikes out and about in this extremely mild winter.... hope it continues to stay this way until spring!

By this time we have had our Leather & Lace Dance/ Silent Auction; I will give you the results in the next issue of the Freedom Press.

Time is ticking and it is getting closer to the Freedom Rally, I am so ready!!!! We will have a brand new Pavilion just in time for this event.

I have not been keeping the webpage up-to-date. Hopefully, we will have someone in the near future that can take over the webpage for our local. It is still out there for anyone to post in the message forum at www.forrlocal10.net. Click on the message forum, if you

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don't see it out there, post it! Also, if you are on Facebook, check out all of the events that get posted out there and check out the group Biker Friends... we have hooked up with some wonderful new friends by checking out these events. It is also good for spur of the moment rides... they will tell you when and where to meet for a scenic ride for the day.

Denise Taylor
taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage
Contact: 417-793-4899

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.
Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email
sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information

Greetings again from your friends in local 12. Can anyone believe some of this weather we've been having? Almost 60 degrees on Ground Hog Day? Hope everyone got a chance to get some riding in on these nice days. I saw a beautiful new Road Glide out for a putt on the last day of January, man, nobody does paint and chrome like Harley!

We had a good meeting on January 29th at Mexico Lindo Restaurant and Bar in Marshall. Pork Chop had a prior commitment so Socko called the meeting to order at 3:28 pm. The minutes were approved with one correction. John gave his legislative report and said there was a huge crowd at the state legislative meeting. Katherine is staying on as our Legislative Coordinator. One of the main bills we are watching in the Capitol will limit riders to riding 18 months on a temporary permit, then they must get licensed.

Buckhorn will not release us from our four year contract so we will be going back there for the Homecoming. It will be a more family oriented event but minors must be back at the campground by 9 pm. In his V.P. report, Socko informed us there was a bike show in Sedalia on February 4th. There were no president or district reports. In her event coordinator's report, Tami said we must determine the location of the 2012 Firecracker Classic, which would be done in old business.

Under old business, after some discussion on the 2012 officers, a motion was passed to retain all the 2011 officers and re-elect them by acclamation. There was some discussion on the Firecracker Classic location and a motion was passed to go back to Stump Island while retaining the Slater Airport as a backup in case the river is high that weekend. The dates will be Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th.

In new business we decided to come back to the Mexico Lindo Restaurant for our meeting on Sunday, February 26th at 3 pm. The March 25th meeting will be held in Boonesboro at Poodle's Bar and Restaurant starting at 3 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Upcoming events:

Feb. 26th-L. 12 meeting, Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Marshall, 3 pm.

Mar. 25th-L. 12 meeting, Poodle's Bar, Boonesboro, 3 pm

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

If you have any news you would like in the newsletter, call me at

660-631-7324 or e-mail me at sstrodman@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free, Smokey

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO
Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345

Hello 13

The January mtg. was very productive and several people showed with 3 new members and 3 renewals (this is good). We are gaining members, up to 80 now.

Wonder Run /25th Anniversary are in the planning stage now with Rock and BL volunteered to take on this chore. They will be trying to come up with something different this year so any suggestions or help will be appreciated. This will not be your normal poker run, they promised to keep us wondering to the end.

Our calendar of local and state events was sent out to the members in our last 13 newsletter. Hope you like getting this each month, Diana thought it was a good idea to keep you informed. Great job Diana!! We were sending it out the past members also but had to scale it down to the present members due to costs. As far as money we will be able to put on Demo Days with a few contributions (March 2 and 3rd) but are going to need a fund raiser to put on the Wonder run / Anniversary. If anybody has any ideas let us know or if you can help work any of our events let us know. We will discuss these and many more issues at our next meeting.

Stacey's place worked real good for the meeting and those that attended seemed to like the place and time. THANKS STACEY!!

New bus. We need people to help plan and put on Family Day and some fun runs just to bring the local closer together, some people forgot that this is supposed to be fun and do a little business along the way. Come back and help us make a difference again, there is always a place for one more .

Breed

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.
VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
Location Varies
Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

This winter was made with bikers in mind, for sure! I'm wondering if we be drowning in rain to pay for all the lack of snow!

I hope not because our Local 15 is gearing up for our Spring Swap April 22nd. Last year we were flooded out, so were hoping not to have a repeat of that! Make sure to start collecting all you cool parts that you no longer need. Someone may be looking high and low for just that part! If you belong to our Local, don't forget to sign up and do your part to help. Remember, it's at Shadow Rock Park, I believe we open the gate at 8 and we swap and hang out until 3 pm. I bet we'll have a flyer in this letter.

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Make sure to check the Facebook page "Local 15" to find out where we are having our meetings. Right now we are going to Tequila Mexican restaurant. I have not been there. I do know that it is on Gretna Blvd. I have heard they have great food and of course you know the company is AMAZING!

The next BS meeting will be on East 76 at our old favorite bar, Beverly's. They love us as much as we love their Nachos! So mark it down on your calendar and come in time to get a decent table!

I did forget to mention that one more person was inducted as Ambassador. He didn't make it to the Christmas Party so we held the announcement off until he came to an event. Well he was on the New Years Day ride so he was presented with his patch. He of course is.....David McMinn. Congrats!

We have many rides in the making. So as when we get a little closer to the month I will let you know.

Take care for now, and as always love and respect each other.
Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



Elections are over and the results are in. Whitey will continue to lead us as Local 16 president with Chico taking over the duties of vice president. Sarah still holds the position of treasurer and Karen will continue as secretary. In honor of Doug's 50th birthday and the fact that he was sick and missed the meeting and his party (SURPRISE!), He's still going to be our CC rep, as well as Legislative and Safety rep. (We have ways of dealing with absentees.) Kris and Paul will be heading the product line with both Lisa's taking over (continuing) the duties of web master. I'll be doing the newsletter. SALUTE!!!!

Our former vice president, Darin, will be leaving the State of Missouri but he won't be leaving our Local (what would we do without that smiling face?). Rick stepped down from the product line but he won't be far away either. Special thanks to both of them for a job well done.

Thanks also goes to Bill Hotop of Bill's Place in Biehle for hosting our January Local meeting.

Local 16 received state awards for keeping the financials up to date, legislative activism and the newsletter. Congratulations to Sarah, Whitey, Doug and Martin for their hard work.

We welcome three new members. Kris Hartman, Charles Duckworth and Jimmy Thele. Kris has been active with us for some time but Charles and Jimmy came to the meeting as guests and joined before we even started proceedings. All have a passion for promoting the FORR cause. We look forward to their fresh perspectives and the experience they bring with them.

The talk turned to the Broomstick Pool Tournament with last year's first and second place winners discussing the merits of bigger trophies. Seems we might still have a little rivalry going on there so it should make for an interesting competition. The tournament was held at the West End Tavern in Frohna on February 18, as of this writing I do not have the results. Should make for a very entertaining newsletter in the next issue.

We have the annual April Fool's Dance coming up at D & K Trucking on March 31, 2012. You'll need to call for directions. I'm

sorely challenged in that department. We will be grateful to anyone wishing to bring food, tables or chairs. This is our first big party of the year with our Local meeting beginning at 7:00. We extend an open invitation to everyone and our members are encouraged to bring a guest. I doubt there is a better way to introduce FORR to potential new members than to show them what real Southeast Missouri hospitality is all about.

Some of the future events we have in the planning are of course the bus trips to Jefferson City, plans for the upcoming MILE being held in Fort Smith Arkansas and fund raising for the Meeting of the Minds but we're also working on adding more extended rides to our calendar. With the renewed sense of brotherhood has come a new resolve to bring solidarity back to all riders. These future runs will carry open invitations to all FORR locals and the riding groups wishing to show their support for the cause of protecting personal freedoms.

All in all spring is shaping up to be one of the best in FORR history. Exciting stuff!

Melanie aka Madeline



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville

***Bring a chair**

Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607

Hey everyone,

We had our 25th Annual Action and Party, on January 21, at the Shrine Club, with a great turnout. A good time was had by all..... good band, good beverages, good friends (old and new) and good auction treasures. The Shrine Club was recognized for hosting the auction for the past few years, as well as Joannie James for the many beautiful T shirt quilts that she has made through the years for the auction. Lastly, to Cork for his years of service, dedicated to bike safety awareness/classes. Thanks to the local CMA for covering the door, we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks also to all who donated/collected items for the auction and gave of their time. There was also talk of "paper airplanes" flying around at the end of the party! Anyone know about that.....

We've had a mild winter and Spring is around the corner, get the bikes ready, if not already out. Hope to see you out there!

Ride Safe and Stay Warm,

Peg

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Dexter Eagles on Hwy 25

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480



Hello To all

Happy Birthday to everyone this month and to those that have renewed thank you and a big welcome to all new members and thanks to Martin for visiting us and getting us up to date on all of the CC happenings. Many things were discussed at the meeting and the attendance was great Sherri Whitehead stepped down as our CC rep because she will be relocating to

Florida within a few weeks to be closer to her family. Thanks Sherri for a great job as secretary and rep you will be missed. Mike Allen has accepted the position of CC rep the local thanks him for stepping up.

Most of the discussion was on the legislative happenings and a new event for UCAN which is an organization that assist cancer patients in Butler and Stoddard counties for more information watch our Local's page on face book and our web page on forr.net. Any members that still are not on our face book page please send a friends request to Mona Morgan or Shon Mares and we will accept you and then you can access the page. There appears to be another Mona Morgan (that is scary isn't it Mark and Dallas....LOL) I am the one with my picture posted. We invite any members from other locals to become part of our page also just use one of the contacts mentioned and state which local you belong to and we will accept you. To find out what is going on come to a meeting or keep an eye on Face book see you at our next meeting on Feb. 26 at the Eagles in Dexter.

Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan – L20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

Hey Ya'll

Hope yer' enjoyin the nice weather we've had the past few months, if you haven't ridden at least once a month since fall then there just must be somethin wrong with ya!!

Thought it might be a good time to list our officers for 2012:

President	Dale VonSande
Vice Pres	Dan Eairheart
Treasurer	Steve Bartos
Secretary	Deb Bouchard
CC Rep	Tommy Shauck

As always, we appreciate everyones support and efforts. Keep up the good work ya'!!!

For the march meeting we're hopin for a good turnout so we can do some plottin' and plannin' for an April ride, and who knows maybe we'll even figure out how to fix our broken political system as well you know all that brain power in one place and all, no tellin what will happen!!

There are a couple of our members who are havin' some health issues and we want them to know that we are here for them. If ya'll need us just holler and we'll come a runnin. Hang in there and know we're thinkin' of ya!!

Here's somethin disturbing ... Little Johnny woke up in the middle of the nite to the sounds of his mothers screaming and moaning coming from the other room. So, he jumps up and runs down the hall and

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throws open the bedroom door, and what he sees there makes him scream and run out of the room. We'll his dad starts laughing becuz of the look on Johnny's face and he tells his wife "Oh don't worry I'll talk to him later about it" and promptly forgets about it. We'll a couple of nites later the dad is woken up by noises coming out of HIS moms room so he runs down the hall and throws open the door and there's little Johnny just given his Grandma a good "what fer" Well the dad totally freaks out and grabs his chest cuz he thinks he's gonna have a heart attack and he falls to his knees and screams and little Johnny looks over his shoulder and says "Yeah ...I guess it ain't so funny when its your Mom is it."

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

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

Contact: 636-665-5004

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114

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



Welcome Spring! March 20th can't get here soon enough for me. I'm sure you all feel the same. Warm breezes, sun on your face and the freedom that only the open road and two wheels can bring to our heart and soul. I know we have a lot of brave cold weather riders but it sure feels better when it's warmer.

This month on March 22 is Capital Days! Let's all show a strong presence in Jeff City and let our legislators know that FORR is a force to be reckoned with. Let our voices be heard! We'd like to thank Katherine Cashell for speaking at our January meeting. What an inspiring and knowledgeable lady. She can sure fire you up! Thanks again Katherine and please come back soon.

Our Local 24 members led by Bill 'Treetop' Duncan were proud to be a part of the Welcome Home Veterans Parade held in St. Louis January 28th honoring our Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. It was the first of it's kind in the USA. Thank you Veterans for your unfailing service!



We'd like to welcome our new members to our FORR family for this month, Laura Schallert, Michael "Skull" Schallert, Jessica Steele, Tom Spoon, Michael "Bear" Montalbano, Rhonda Ward and our youngest member, Tip and Libbi Tipton's grandson, Hunter McGruder born 12/30/11.

We have our largest event of the year coming up April 15th, our 26th Anniversary Blessing of the Bikes. This year due to safety concerns we have moved the location to Grand Slam Sports Bar & Grill 519 Mae Ct. in Fenton MO 63026 for info contact Bill "Treetop" Duncan@ 314-744-1092

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22	Capital Days
April 15	Local 24 Blessing of the Bikes
April 24	May Rally
April 29	B.U.F.R. Run
May 12	Spring Feed My People Food Drive
June 16	Broadway B.A.R. Hop
July 14-15	Around the World in a Weekend Ride
August 26	Redneck Golf

Hope to see you all at as many events as possible! See you all next month and remember "When life throws you a curve, lean into it." Peace and Love Sherry "Hippiechick" Schallert

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032



Hello all,

Our 2012 schedule of events goes as follows....

June 16 - Bear Run

July 14 - Save the Ta-Ta's Poker Run

August 18 - 5th Annual ABATE/ FORR Rodeo and Bike

Show

October 20 - 22nd Annual Leaves In The Breeze Poker

Run

November 4 - Toy Run

December 8 - Social Christmas Party

Our next meeting is March 18th @ 1 pm American Legion Post 313 St. Peters, Mo. (aka HOBOS)

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting Remember... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN Rascal



Local 25 Officers @ the Jonesburg Riders Christmas Party



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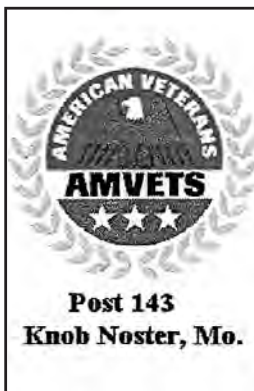


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LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

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Contact: 660-582-4599

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 32nd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

Rivers Edge Bar & Grill, 315 SW Pence Avenue

Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079

Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941 or

V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058

Well, like the rest of you I'm spending most of my days wishing for spring. Even though we've a pretty easy winter so far, it seems like the time when we can just hop on the bike and take off are too far away. Never fear fellow motorcyclists, riding weather is getting closer all the time!

We here at Local 27 have been doing all we can to enjoy this season, and the main activity for January was our annual After Christmas Party. We had a great turn-out, with about 30 members and around 15 or so guests present. I'm not sure of the exact numbers because I know not everyone signed in, but it was a full house! River's Edge Bar & Grill did a great job on the smoked whole hog, the tables were full of food that members brought to share, and the atmosphere was alive with our FORR brothers and sisters, and guests enjoying the evening. We would like to give a special shout-out to the members of Local 30 who made the trip up from the Nixa area, hope y'all got plenty to eat and had as much fun as we did having you here. Tickets were drawn for door prizes given away in, of all things, baskets! Thanks Cheryl for your contribution, we may have to figure out a way to get you replacements!

At the meeting preceding the festivities we went over several things that needed immediate attention. Hopefully all of our members have given any activities they have scheduled to the officer team. Calendars with the details will be out shortly. Bill informed us of awards that Local 27 received at the CC meeting. Among them was recognition for turning in newsletter and financial reports on time for all of 2011, great job Cheryl and Darla! We also voted to change our meetings to the 2nd Thursday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m., hopefully this will avoid conflicts with weekend riding, deer hunting, and NFL that we've had in the past. Bill announced a couple of new awards from the Local, which will be funded by our officer team. Plaques will be made to display the names of each year's top recruiter, and for the person riding the most miles. Odometer readings will be taken at the April meeting to begin tracking members' miles ridden. Each plaque will have room for the top person at recruiting new members and riding the most miles each year.

That's about all for this month. Everybody stay safe and enjoy the ride!

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

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

Howdy to All!!!! Well guess the last newsletter I sent, is still circulating in hyperspace as the Freedom Press did not receive it

for the February issue. Hopefully, this month's will make it and not land in August! I'm sure everyone has been enjoying our awesome weather we've been having and getting some riding time in! Be sure also with the change in weather to check your tires, oil and all those little nuts/bolts that like to shake loose(especially on the older bikes if they are starting, an not being cooperative) right now.

Looks like up and coming events are as follows:

APRIL 21 - Spring Poker Run

APRIL 29 - BUFF Run to the Capital

MARCH 3 - Roadside clean-up

MAY 25-28 - MAFR Buckhorn Rally

If you missed out on the Valentine Party in February, you missed a great event of seeing friends and enjoying everyone's company. Thanks to everyone attending along with Debbie Parsons in coordinating such a wonderful get together/gathering for everyone and those that helped to decorate to make a special evening. Cricket Alley played and rocked everyone!

We still have shifts open for the MAFR (Buckhorn) to fill so at the next meeting be sure to check the what is open and get yourself signed up! With everyone's help, no one would have to work more than 1 shift the whole weekend. This event helps put money in our kitty for other events we sponsor throughout the year as a local and with all our members, no one should be working more than 1 shift! Tommy will be putting the games on also, so get with him an see if he needs helpers with this.

We did have a local vote on Homecoming to allow 18 and under at this event that came from District. For those attending, it was voted by the local that those 18 and over only, just as it has been previously. It was also voted on for each meeting night, a theme dinner would be prepared by the kitchen. Come on out to your meeting and enjoy the dinner and the variety! A few other items were discussed and voted on an sure they will be addressed again at the next meeting. There was also a listing of the different Legislative bills in both the House/ Senate for the year that Phil passed out. Get familiar with these so you can give your opinion on these!

Birthdays for MARCH: Brittany Pearson - 3/ Tasha Prothro - 3/ Terry Roberson- 3/ Suzi Shaw - 9/ Amanda Boise - 11/ Donald Vandegriffe- 27th. Happy Birthday to each of you an have a great special day!

Incentive Winner was Phil McComb in February. You all know him, as has been in many of the Officers position over the years with Local 28 and a big "Thank You" for all you've done, past-present (current CC Rep). Phil is married to Manda, which she is currently the Membership person for the local. They have been members of the local for 6 years and they both have been in some type of position for the local during their membership. He's been riding for 8 yrs but just last year traded for a 2011 Ultra Limited/ 2-tone coloring in Root Beer. The longest ride was to KY, to the Old Shawnee Town Rally (outside of Little Sturgis) and enjoyed the beautiful country in the area to ride in. When he's not doing FORR things, he likes to spend time with his family/friends and just out riding on the bike. His scare last year(just after getting his new bike) was backing up into the bike with his truck an breaking out a lens only on it---a big "sigh" of relief was heard from Phil with Manda excitedly saying " you backed into it"! Main thing, all was fine, heart rates went down, thankfully! LOL

Until next month, sure hope to see everyone getting back out to the meeting!!! Also, the Saturday after meetings will be our "Fun Runs"!!!! Sue Miller

Local News

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com



Hello everyone...

What a wonderful winter for Missouri. I hope everyone is safe and being careful out there riding. To start off I want to say Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to the people that are celebrating this month. I want to thank Richard and Connie Kephart and Steve and Janet Williams,

who provided our lunch at our January meeting. It was awesome!

Our scheduled meetings:

March meeting is March 18, 2012 at 1:00pm

April meeting is April 22, 2012

May meeting is May 20, 2012

June meeting is June 17, 2012

July meeting is July 15, 2012

August meeting is August 19, 2012

September meeting is September 16, 2012

October meeting is October 21, 2012

November meeting is November 18, 2012

December meeting is December 16, 2012

We have the Kearney Bike show coming up April 29, 2012. Set up is the day before. Please come and help set up.

Bike show meetings are:

February 3, 2012 at Kearney V.F.W.

March 2, 2012 same place

April 6, 2012 same place all at 7:00 pm

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31, 2012 location not confirmed.

We are also having a Pool Tournament March 3, 2012 at Brass Rail starting at 11:00 am.

And let's not forget Bikers with a Mission May 6, 2012.

Ursula is doing a great job keeping our membership up. We are at 102. Good job!!!!

At our meeting we had 26 members and 9 guests. Welcome all. Al Richardson won the membership drawing. Lucky duck.

Well that's all I need to say this month everyone be safe and enjoy life.

Nancy

Skittles

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LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Editors Note: I would like to apologize to Local 30. Their February submittal was inadvertently left out.

Hello fellow riders!

Our Christmas party was awesome as always. Thank you David Pantleo for those wonderful pork steaks, they were yummy! Thanks to everyone who came and brought a great dish to go with it.

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year! Speaking of the New Year, the New Years' Day ride was great. We had good weather and only had to go 44 miles for the temperature that day; instead we went 73 miles and ended up at the VFW Post 639 on Scenic. Thanks to Regina for having all of us at your house and feeding us. If you didn't make it, you missed a great time! Hope you can make it next year.

On January 14 we had our Least of These Food Drive at the Wal-Mart in Nixa. We would like to thank all of you who participated and also thank the Wal-Mart for having us. Last year we gathered over 3,000 lbs of food, hopefully we will have exceeded that this time.

February 11 was our Leather & Lace Valentine's Dance. Thank you to all who attended and we will tell you more about it next month as we do not have any of the fun details at print time.

Our Awareness ride will be the 3rd Sunday in April the 21st following the Bike Show at Rock N Ribs on Saturday.

We hate to say goodbye to Randy Owens, our CC Rep. He has done an excellent job and was very valuable to our Local as well as FORR. We all wish you best of luck on your new career and your move to new riding grounds. You will be missed!

Be sure and check our website for our March Monthly Meeting and other events. We are looking forward to another great year of riding with FORR.

Cat



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Local News

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Various locations

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or

Mike Adams 573-578-4239

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon

AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just east of Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353



Participate, Participate, And Participate!

March is coming on strong and hopefully we won't drown this year as in last year, where my backyard resembled a Florida real-estate scam. About the only thing missing were the gators and air boats.

On January 14th several members of local 33 attended the 2nd annual Crockpot Cook off in Kansas City. Food was pretty good, but I'm still suffering from third degree burns from the winners of the hottest chili. These fellows spiced their food with Guatemalan, El Spicerito Flameingo peppers grown by inmates of El CooCoo-rito insane asylum. Hot, Hot, Hot.

January 15th, was our local meeting at Am-Vets with 28 members in attendance. Elaine, our treasurer, reported that we're still in the "Black" for the year, after paying for the Adopt-A-Family Christmas and all of our local financial obligations so we're off to a good start for the year. Debbie, our secretary, read last month's minutes from our last meeting since her computer is was down and couldn't e-mail them. Shelly, our membership officer, reported we were down 7 members from last year and that reduced our legislative vote down to one. Doug, our President, made it a point to get new members to replace those 7 and recruit 10 more new members per current member. There's your challenge folks and they're out there waiting! Also, the state thanks to Dallas again, repaired the corporate add pricing by tweaking it just a little to make more sense so we're back to selling sponsorships to the Freedom Press. We're on a roll folks go get them! Every time you sell a corporate sponsorship its money in our pockets too and a biker gets his wings.

Sam, our C.C. Rep, reported on the status of motorcycle permit length being changed to 60 day and that we will block that bill. He reported on the status of Clutch's Law and the local has decided since the state is moving too slowly on this bill Local 33 is going to lead the way on getting this bill strengthened. The Helmet Law will be reintroduced this year and sent down the pipe. Sam pointed out some of the concerns about Homecoming and the cutting of costs. Everyone at the meeting decided on two bands, one on Saturday and one on Sunday, then a good D.J. the rest of the time.

The biggest concern to the local was the work schedule at the rally. It is always the same people who work the shifts and the rest of the people party at the workers expense. Our members want to change that and we will be working on a solution to this problem over the months prior to the events. Sam brought up the Fair Ground problem with the contract with the Shriners. The local understood, but would love to say goodbye to the Shriners and move Homecoming to Sedalia when we can.

Opening the Homecoming Rally to Children was met with mixed

and strong feelings and the local would not take a vote until there is a definite plan on how the children will be supervised and entertained as well as how all who participate will conduct themselves. Here we go, rules, rules, and rules.

Sam reported that the state will not participate with a booth at the State Fair. The local passed a vote unanimously, that we will build and support a booth, but it will be Locals 33's financial obligation and will reap all the benefits of new members and in promoting Local 33, Freedom of the Road Riders, by marketing our local FORR clothing line and literature. Local 12 and 35 have also shown interest in this event and are welcome, so we will share the benefits with them. In essence, if the state doesn't want to participate, Local 33 will lead the way. It was voted on and passed unanimously to spend the \$838.00 to secure a booth space at the state fair grounds. I'm telling you folks, things are going to happen this year.

The local membership expressed their frustration with FORR and things not happening. Many of our old members will not renew because the FORR has done little to protect their rights as motorcyclists. The membership pointed out that the FORR was good at blocking ridiculous legislation, but not at introducing any earth shaking protection for our membership. After looking at what FORR has accomplished since 1999, the membership had a point. Doug and Sam vowed things will change this year with our new state officers. Membership and participation is way down for all the locals. We can all change that by participating, finding new members and supporting our local and state officers.

So GIT-R-DONE, as Larry says.

I promised Dallas I would keep it short from now on and I'm over my 250 words already, 250 words? Dallas, I stare longer than that! So here's a short Granny story in closing.



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E. Howard Porter
Kearney VFW Post 6717
Food and refreshments for sale by the VFW

Local News

Granny was all dressed up to go out on the town the other night and do a little flirting. Hair was done up perfect, had on a seductive dress and a provokingly seductive perfume. She went into an upscale restaurant and bar, ordered a drink and turned to a handsome elderly gentleman and asks; Hey there handsome, do I come here often? Yep, she's loosing it.

March Agenda

March 3rd.....KMOS Telethon (Tentative)
 March 4th Swap Meet & bike show @ Sedalia. We will have a booth.
 March 18th Local 33 Meeting at Am-Vets, 12:00 noon.
 March 22nd.....Bus trip to Jefferson City. 09:00 am @ Wal-Mart parking lot in Sedalia.
 March 30th..... Lincoln Days Dinner @ West business 50, Wnsg. t.b.a.

Hi-Ho Silver!!!

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Location varies - please call for info

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

First and foremost I wish to thank Dallas Chapman. I really appreciate all that you do!!!!!!

Local 35 had it's shortest meeting in December followed by it's longest meeting in January. Thank goodness we had warm food to help keep us going during the January meeting. We're looking to do some new things this year.

Ray went deer hunting with his Harley in January. Ray was OK, deer was dead & the Harley was in between. He was able to keep the bike upright. Thank goodness it was a small deer. He missed getting to ride some of those beautiful 50 plus days while the bike was in the shop.

March will bring spring and hopefully some nice days to ride. Everyone is ready for warmer weather although we can't complain about the winter we've had so far. We seen lots of bikes on the road this winter.

Here's the quote for March:

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is argument of tyrants. It is the creed of slaves." William Pitt in the House of Commons November 18, 1783

Elaine Herron
 Local 35

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

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

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

HEY LOCAL 41, It's that time of year again! It's time for our ANNIVERSARY GET TOGETHER!!! MARCH 24, 2012. 7:00 P.M. at McCORKELLS. I was told there was going to be Redneck Games and all I was told was that they all involve BEER! Stop by and say HI, you

might win a prize. Don't forget our meetings on the FIRST TUESDAY of every month at Breadeaux Pizza in Cameron at 7:00 p.m. During riding weather our meetings will be held at some place where we can enjoy the outdoors. For the DISTRICT RALLY LOCAL 41 has GATE DUTY from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and SECURITY DUTY from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. For more info on the RALLY and for times on the PROCLAMATION RUN look and read the District news.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!!!!!!!!!

APRIL 21st--PROCLAMATION RUN!!!!!!

MAY 18-19-20th--MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

BLACKTOP RALLY!!!!!!

JULY 21st----LOCAL 41 CAMERON CROSSROADS BIKE SHOW!!!!!!

With the Spring and Summer seasons coming up not only will I be getting the bike out more I will also be putting the Grill to good use. I love to Grill

I have made a list of MY GUIDE TO GRILLING!!!

1--My wife goes shopping for the food.

2--My wife makes the salads, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.

3-- My wife prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and brings it out to me where I am lounging beside the grill, beer in hand, trying to recover after singeing my eyebrows by using too much charcoal lighter starting the fire.

4--I place the meat on the grill.

5--My wife goes inside to get ice and drinks and more beer.

6--I take the meat off the grill and hand it to my wife.

7--My wife gathers the plates, salad, bread, condiments, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.

8--After eating my wife clears the table and does the dishes.

9--Everyone praises me for my cooking and leaves.

10--Then I ask my wife how she enjoyed her night off.

Stop by anytime and we'll fire up the grill. My wife can use the night off.

PEACE and LOVE

STEMS

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Tex Garner 636-744-6609

Greetings From Local 42

First, Local 42 would like to pay our respects to the Basso Family for their loss and ours, of our Founding member Lawrence "Larry" Basso 8/15/1939 – 2/1/2012. May be rest in peace!

Reminder, Local 42's Leather & Lace Dance is Saturday March 31st at 7 pm at the Pacific Eagles. Hope to see some of you there, it's always a great time!

OK, moving on, Hopefully I attended Capital Days this past February 8th, it will be my first and I am hoping other Local 42 members went along with me. But either way, me and my mouth will be there fighting for our rights.

Well, again, not much to report, but I know that will change soon.... gonna be a busy year!

Ride Safe....Ride Smart!

Sue "Rebel" Sweet

Local News

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 4 p.m.

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

Contact: Kevin Olver 816-590-2344 or

Debbie Callicot 816-868-9369

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday

Check with your local rep for location

District 1 PROCLAMATION RUN APRIL 21st

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GATE DUTY!!!!

SECURITY DUTY

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

9:00---11:00

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

7:00---9:00

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

11:00---1:00

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

SEE YOU THERE

STEMS

DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove

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

Hello to all riding and non-riding brothers and sisters

Well, not much to report at this time, other then VERY IMPORTANT our second bus trip on March 22nd. PLEASE mark your calendar, we need as many bodies there as possible, PLEASE do NOT make excuses for not participating in our most important venue: to lobby for our rights, to regain our freedom....so that we can continue to enjoy what we all love to do, and that is to RIDE.

Our District Crockpot Cookoff was a great success, so much so, that we anticipate looking for another location next year. It was pretty crowded, but we sure had fun!

We are also already busy in planning for this years OCTOBER-FEST. Any questions and or suggestions? Feel free to contact me by phone or by e-mail at urs200396@yahoo.com . Just remember that YOU are welcome to attend our meetings at any given time.

On a rather sad note I would like to extend my condolences to the BASSO family.

Ride hard, but safe

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss



Freedom of Road Riders® - Local 42

13th ANNUAL

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Scooter Tramp - Some Tips For Women Bikers

Deadline. Deadline. Deadline. Shit. Now what? I blame Connie.

Boots. Socks. Shirts. Bras. Jewelry. Jeans. Moisturizer. How they relate to an internal combustion engine between your thighs. Practical advice to combine them all into great motorcycling experiences.

Boots-When you move to the front of the motorcycle, and you will, leave the 8" stiletto-heeled boots on the passenger pegs. They aren't practical when you have to move around a 500-800-lb. motorcycle. You're going to break toes and nails, too, and further maim yourself practicing riding, so wear strong, over-the-ankle-leather, oil-proof and sturdy-soled boots. Trust me, they will still be sexy when they're practical and because you're smart enough to buy the best gear you are able. When you didn't break your toe because you ran your kickstand over your foot, you'll be glad you had strong cowhide and good heels protecting your feet and ankles. It's easy to hurt yourself out there. Lest you forget all the oils and chemicals your manicured feet will potentially be exposed to. Pretty feet should be taken care of. Quality footwear can help.

Your sock choices can be important. I despise quitter socks. I am always in search of the ultimate sock that won't slip or slide, or cause me itchy or sweaty feet. Socks have a way of sliding down a boot and irritating your foot. Pretty soon, you'll have to stop and fix your socks. Really? You'll get left behind the second time you have to stop the group to fix your socks! Plan ahead. When you buy your boots, buy the socks that you will wear with them.

Shirts need to be practical and well-designed. I understand why t-shirts are so common on a bike. No edges, no corners to flap, nothing to creep and move around, or irritating buttons or zippers to worry you. Leave your fluffy shirts for cruising through the campground. Ruffles and collar corners will beat you to death. Button holes get bigger over time. Spaghetti straps won't hold up in the wind. Keep 'em in your saddle bag until you get to where you are going. Or wear them under a good riding shirt or jacket. You will ruin your pretty shirts on a bike in a hundred different ways and they do nothing to protect you from bugs, wind, oil, gas, rain, bugs, sand, rocks, bugs. You need the least amount of problems with the little things so you can actually ride. Did I mention bees? All these little things feel like giant things when they hit you. No fretting about little things so I can concentrate on RIDING the motorcycle is my goal!

For those well-endowed ladies like me, a good bra will be your best friend, especially 30 years from now when gravity starts pulling-get my drift? Down? Buy the best damn sports bra you can afford period. 'specially if you are going for a long ride or putt. I've found one from my favorite fat-girl store, LB, that I will be trying out this Spring. I'll let ya know! \$45.00 is the best investment you can give your girls. They'll thank you when you are 50+. You won't do it anymore, but you'll be proud enough of them to flash 'em in the campground at the summer rallies if you work on defeating gravity now. Cheaper than a boob job. lol

Make sure your jewelry is heavy enough that it won't move around in the wind. Check your earrings-you don't want them flopping along your neck, giving you another tickle to deal with. I have multiple piercings in my ears so I constantly check them before and after wearing my helmet, otherwise I start losing earring backs and balls and cones and they get expensive to replace. I have a jewelry drawer full of earrings with no balls or cones. Do you know you cannot buy just the cones and balls? There's a new market for someone to exploit.

Moisturizer-We like to ride with our twin granddaughters and insist they wear the same practical clothing and gear we do. Helmets, glasses, jeans, long sleeves, boots and gloves. But I also warn them every time we ride about moisturizing their skin. I point to my still-taut neck and tell them, "Do you see this permanent tan on my neck? This is from sitting over a motorcycle tank for nearly 40 years and not always remembering to wear my moisturizer WITH sunscreen. If you hear nothing else I say, please hear me on this one. Sunscreen Sunscreen Sunscreen." Every time you get on the bike. Every time you teach a motorcycle safety class. Every rally or outdoor event you go to. Buy moisturize and sunscreen. Don't forget to put it on. Every. Time. My esthetician daughter told me to and she's right. My neck is still taut but the tan will always be there. I'm not up for bleach or otherwise-whitening to restore my "beauty". My tanned neck bears the mark forever and I have to wear them with pride. It is a cautionary tale at best.

Being comfortable in your jeans becomes more important. I like jeans with a loose fit so I can move around-ah hem, 500-800 pounds of dead weight again! I like boot cut or even a wide bell, personally, but I've noticed that fashion is moving back to tucking your legs into boots or wearing skinny jeans. Tucking jeans into boots gives you certain advantages including making chaps easier to work with and no flapping. In the meantime, your lower legs will thank you with some thoughtful preparation beforehand. My chaps don't fit yet, but I will fit into them again.

I realize this might seem banal and perfectly obvious and you are right. I've seen some silly stuff on a bike and have often used myself for a crash test dummy and generally served as a lesson in how not to act. So take it from me, little distractions on a bike, especially when/if you are new to riding, can make the difference in a good ride or a downer. This ain't about profiling through the campground. It's about being as smart as you can be on the ride.

Procrastination defeats journalist. None of my ideas panned out. I will try better stream-of-consciousness next month or so or wait for new ideas from Connie. I don't usually do what I'm told but, for her, I make the occasional exception.

Blessed Be.

The Scooter Tramp, Local 00

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13	11/11	35	12/11
14	1/12	41	12/11
15	12/11	42	12/11
16	12/11	46	12/11
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What is the Young Activist Scholarship Fund?

Biker "Freedom Fighting" activists have recognized for some time that our membership and leaders are aging, and that there is a need to encourage younger people to become involved in motorcyclists' rights.

To that end, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has created a scholarship fund to recognize deserving candidates who are a minimum of 18 years old and not over 30 years of age who otherwise may not be able to attend the MRF's Meeting of the Minds conference.

The MRF has dedicated a limited amount of seed money to the scholarship fund to get things rolling. The MRF is looking for additional contributions from individuals, national, state and local organizations and businesses that would like to participate in the program. Go to <https://mrf.org/yascholarship-donation.php> to make an on-line contribution to the MRF Young Activist Scholarship Fund. Checks made out to the MRF Young Activist Scholarship Fund can be sent to: MRF Young Activist Scholarship Fund, 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Young Activist Scholarship is going into its fourth year of this successful program to activate our youth into defending biker rights for the future. The program started with the MRF donating \$750.00 the first year to get it rolling and generous donations from MRF members. The first year the MRF could afford to send one candidate and the second year this program doubled to two winning candidates with larger donations. Our third year we doubled the winning candidates to four. Individuals, National, State, and Local Organizations and Businesses are encouraged to continue their donations so we can grow this program even more for the future. Grants are being explored as a way to fund this but it still is a ways down the pike.

Nominations will be accepted from either state or local SMRO groups, and must be submitted on the MRF-approved application form below.

Candidate Criteria:

1) Nominated candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 30 with a valid Motorcycle Endorsement on their Drivers License. 31st Birthday must fall after Meeting Of The Mind's for that year.

2) Candidates must be a member in good standing of a State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SMRO). Length of membership required in SMRO to be determined by its members if candidate is qualified.

3) Candidates must be nominated by their SMRO. Nominations will be accepted from either state or local (District / Chapter / Local) SMRO groups, and must be submitted on an MRFA&E approved application form.

4) Nominations must be submitted between October 1st and July 15th and postmarked no later than July 1st of the year for which the application is submitted.

5) Candidates are to submit a minimum three hundred (300)-word essay on why biker's rights are important to them. A well written essay from the heart is like a picture or blueprint of who the candidate is; coming directly from the candidate, this gives the committee members a better perspective of the individual. Include the essay with the MRF YAS Application Form.

Winning candidates will be announced via an MRF E-mail News Release on or about August 15th. All candidates will be notified with a letter of thanks and encouragement to re-submit their candidacy for the next year if they are not the selected winner.

What Do Winning Candidates Receive?

One-year membership to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, effective the first full day of the Meeting of the Minds during the year in question.

Round-trip airfare to the MRF's Meeting of the Minds conference, or alternate travel expenses so long as those expenses in total do not exceed the cost of traveling by air. If an alternative mode of transportation is chosen, candidates will be required to provide receipts in order to be reimbursed (receipts will be accepted for tickets on other modes of transportation, hotel accommodations, gasoline and food purchased while traveling to and from the Meeting of the Minds conference). If there is any question about acceptable travel expenses, it is the responsibility of the candidate to check with the MRF prior to incurring said expenses.

Hotel accommodations at the Meeting of the Minds conference. Accommodations will include the hotel room only. Telephone, food, movie rentals, etc. will be the sole responsibility of winning candidates.

Meeting of the Minds conference registration and banquet fees waived.

Special recognition at the MRF's Meeting of the Minds conference. Said recognition will include a plaque, presentation of one-year membership, and other items or activities as approved by the MRF Board of Directors.

Download the Young Activist Nomination form here at <http://www.mrfae.org/pics/yascholarship-nomination.pdf>

Questions about the MRF Young Activist Scholarship Fund should be directed to MRF Scholarship Committee Chair Carol Downs at downs@mrf.org.

US House Committee Targets Federal Funding of Motorcycle Only Roadside Checkpoints

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that Wednesday, February 1st, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure rolled out the latest version of the highway bill. The bill is the long term funding bill for road construction and highway programs.

This version of the bill takes aim at a controversial practice of the Department of Transportation which funded motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints with taxpayer dollars.

The checkpoints have drawn much criticism from the motorcycle community at large. So much so, that longtime motorcycle champion Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) had introduced legislation to end the program by prohibiting any future Federal funding of any motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. That bill is HR 904. The mammoth highway bill includes the same language as contained in HR 904.

Representative Sensenbrenner had this to say, "We need to focus on proven methods of motorcycle safety, including crash prevention, rider education, and training and proper licensing. Motorcycle-only checkpoints are an intrusive governmental overreach that place an undue burden on riders while doing little to actually improve safety," He added, "It is encouraging to see that the transportation reauthorization bill will encourage more efficient use of taxpayer dollars and smart motorcycle safety policy."

Representative Tom Petri (R-WI), a staunch defender of the motorcyclists, had this comment on the issue, "Motorcycle riders are right to be outraged at being singled out for safety inspections," Petri said. "Nobody is suggesting flagging cars down for unscheduled inspections, and there's no good reason why motorcycles should be treated differently. It's unnecessarily intrusive, and not a smart way to use limited police resources."

We at the MRF could not agree more. While swift passage into law is not likely, this is certainly an encouraging step.

The MRF will keep you updated on this issue.

The 45-day nomination period closes Feb. 21. Additional details on the committee and the application form are available at the U.S. Forest Service website or by calling (202) 205-0830. Further information is also available in the Federal Register Notice calling for nominations.

The committee will provide advice and recommendations on issues such as planning rule directives for implementation, best practices, effective monitoring practices and ongoing collaboration efforts. The announcement of this committee builds on the agency's efforts to develop a new Land Management Planning Rule for the national forest system.

Washington, D.C.: U.S. House passes dust bill that would help protect off-road riding. Rural "nuisance dust" would be regulated by state and local officials rather than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under a bill approved by the U.S. House on Dec. 8. The House approved the bill by a 268 to 150 bipartisan vote. The measure—H.R.1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011—now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Source and full story: www.americanmotorcyclist.com/News/11-12-08/U_S_House_passes_dust_bill_that_would_help_protect_off-road_riding.aspx

Source and full story: www.americanmotorcyclist.com/News/11-12-14/U_S_Senate_panel_backs_ban_on_traffic_safety_agency_lobbying.aspx

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News From Around the Globe

Bikers & Bars Take on Police in Court

Reprinted from the Courthouse News Service

By NICK DIVITO

LAS VEGAS (CN) - Police illegally threaten to shut down bars that serve members of the Vagos biker club, a coalition of bikers and a nightclub claim in Clark County Court.

The Southern Nevada Coalition of Clubs says Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department served a letter to co-plaintiff Scoundrel's Bar last summer, threatening "disciplinary action" if it continued to do business with the Vagos or any other club in the coalition.

A similar letter was delivered to "multiple businesses" holding liquor, bar, tavern or banquet licenses, according to the complaint.

The Vagos club is considered an outlaw motorcycle gang by the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the California Attorney General. Vago is Spanish for "bum."

Plaintiffs say their 1st and 14th Constitutional Amendments were violated when police sent the threatening letters.

They want police to draft a "corrective letter," to be approved by the court and sent to all businesses that received the threatening letters.

The plaintiffs are represented by Stephen P. Stubbs with Tax Law Solutions

Myrtle Beach biker group will protest prefilled helmet bill

MYRTLE BEACH - A helmet law is back up for debate - this time for the entire state of South Carolina. Senator Ralph Anderson from Greenville pre-filed a bill that requires all bikers to wear helmets

Patriotic Ride turns Tragic

Reprinted from kfdm.com

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JASPER COUNTY - by Steve Stewart/KJAS - What began as a patriotic gesture by several East Texas Christian motorcycle clubs for a U.S. soldier home from the Middle East turned tragic over the weekend when the group was involved in two separate major accidents.

About 75 motorcycles departed from Lufkin Shortly after 1:00 on Saturday afternoon. Their destination would have been Rayburn Country, where the organizer of the ride, Rick Schu, said they were going to present an American Flag to U.S. Army Master Sergeant Andrew Primeaux. Schu said Primeaux has served two tours of duty in Iraq, and most recently one tour in Afghanistan. Schu said Primeaux was visiting his parents in Rayburn Country, and the group just wanted to surprise him and thank him for his service to his country.

Unfortunately, that never happened.

Shortly after the group left Lufkin, two of the motorcyclists were involved in a major accident on Highway 69 in the Lufkin suburb of Huntington. One of the riders had to be flown by medical helicopter with serious injuries.

Schu said about 20 of the motorcyclists were too shaken to continue, so about 55 continued the trip to Jasper County.

When the group was eastbound on Farm to Market Road 1007 in Rayburn Country, tragedy struck again when two of the motorcyclists were involved in a crash with two cars, just east of

Wingate Boulevard.

According to numerous witnesses, including motorcyclist Darrell Benjamin of Nacogdoches, an elderly man in a black car was westbound on FM 1007, and he slowed down when he saw the large pack of motorcycles. The man's wife said the lead motorcycle had flashing lights, which her husband thought may have been police lights.

The witnesses said a female driver in a silver Dodge Avenger passenger car was also westbound on FM 1007, and she came up behind the black car and wasn't able to stop.

A family member identified the driver as Kaysie Nicole Lovaas Alverado, and also in the car was her 3-year-old-daughter, Jaisie Lovaas.

The witnesses said the silver car struck the rear of the black car, which caused the black car to overturn and spin around into the pack of motorcycles.

Two female motorcycle riders then struck the rear of the overturned black car, critically injuring both. They were both flown from the scene on two separate medical helicopters.

One of the injured riders has been identified by her sister as 39-year-old Tracie Gonzales of Lufkin. The sister, Stacie Childers of South Carolina, said that Tracie is listed in very critical condition in a Houston hospital.

The name of the other rider, or her condition is not known.

Ambulances transported the driver of the black car and his wife, along with the 3-year-old girl in the silver car.

The accident remains under investigation by State Trooper Scott Folmer of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The names of all of those involved are not yet available.

Ironically, some of the riders in Saturday's trip were also involved a deadly accident on Independence Day in 2008 in Jasper County. On that day, two separate packs of motorcyclists were headed opposite directions on Recreational Road 255 over the Lake Sam Rayburn Dam. They met in a curve, and one of the motorcycles crossed the center line and collided head-on with the other pack. Two riders died that day.

This story comes to us through our partnership with KJAS Radio in Jasper.

LIVE FREE AND RIDE

A New Hampshire legislator wants his state's "Live Free or Die" slogan emblazoned across motorcycle license plates. While he hasn't straddled a bike in some years, State Rep. Tim Copeland (R-Stratham) said "it's a great saying" that shouldn't be limited to license plates on cars and trucks.

He said the idea was hatched at a convention for lawmakers where candy trays were sold that were made by inmates out of defective license plates. While looking at those candy dishes, Copeland wondered why the quote — from a toast made in 1809 by General John Stark — isn't celebrated on the backs of motorcycles.

Rep. Copeland said there would be no additional cost to the state and he's been told there's nothing logistical to prevent stamping the state slogan onto the smaller motorcycle plates.

Copeland's bill is with the House Transportation Committee and proposes replacing the word "motorcycle" at the top of all motorcycle plates with the state motto

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- 31 Local 42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance 636-257-5906



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- 1 Local 33 50 Hwy W April Fools Run 660-233-3949
- 15 Local 24 St. Louis Blessing of the Bikes 314-744-1092
- 21-22 Central Committee Statewide Proclamation Run
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- 21 District 1 Proclamation Run 816-449-5037
- 22 Local 15 Branson Swap Meet 417-334-0775
- 24 Central Committee MAY Rally 816-591-3478
- 29 Local 29 N Kansas City Kearney Bike Show 816-699-9505
- 29 Central Committee BUFR Run 573-820-8182

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