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Notes From Katherine

Our nation's birthday is a celebration of our freedom. We (should) revere this gift of liberty because of the price others paid. We must always remember that freedom isn't free. As a matter of fact, freedom is expensive; for some, it has cost everything, including their lives. Though Independence Day has come and gone, freedom and liberty are infinitely valuable, and we must fight to defend them each and every day, especially at a moment like this in our country where freedom is stuck in reverse. (The Legislative Dept. will have an update in the next newsletter on the candidates that survived primaries in Aug. Anyone get out and meet any of the candidates running?) I included the following history lesson that was sent to me by one of my very best friend. A Humble History Lesson for us all...have you ever wondered what happened to the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration Of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died; twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed; the enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. So please, take a few minutes while enjoying your freedoms, and silently thank these patriots. It is not much too ask for the price they paid.

Why do we claim we want unity, yet criticize and persecute when members try to vote in a supportive fashion? The significant thing is that we really love our neighbor as ourselves: we do unto others as we do unto ourselves. We hate others when we hate ourselves. We are tolerant toward others when we tolerate ourselves. We forgive others when we forgive ourselves. We are prone to sacrifice others when we are ready to sacrifice ourselves. Remember: freedom is never free!

This August is the 110th annual Missouri State Fair in Sedalia (Aug. 9-19th). It would be remarkable, and a bit of a reprieve, if members would show up to assist FORR and Local 33 in making this fair one of our most successful membership drives. Remember, this is YOUR organization and we need your POSITIVE support to survive and flourish.

Best Regards,

Katherine Fox—State Legislative Coordinator, FORR, Inc.©

Letter to the Editor

Tracks in the Sand

Back in 1980, during one of the hottest summers on record, I was riding my dresser across south Kansas on the way to a much needed vacation in Colorado. Just west of Dodge City I noticed a sign along the road and for reasons still unclear to me, I pulled over to take a look at it. I found out that it was a historical marker that marked a short hike up a sandy hill, partially covered with prairie grass that led to a pair of wagon tracks. They were laid there by the original pioneers who had headed west to open settlements and farms in the western United States. They had been preserved from the elements by the Park Service and were several inches deep.

I stood there looking at them as traffic whizzed by and the car drivers all wondered why some damned fool biker had made the hike up that hill in the triple digit heat. Then a remarkable thing happened. The cars suddenly all drifted away in the distance and I was only left with the eerie sound of the wind whistling through the tall prairie grass. Then in my mind other sounds began to appear: the snorting of muscular draft horses as they strained hard against the harness connecting them to the heavily overloaded wagons; the pioneer men in their sweat soaked clothes urging them on with their voices and occasional cracks of the whip and reins; the pioneer women in their long dresses and bonnets huddled with their children and some cradling babies as they were bounced around mercilessly by the buckboard wagons; and the crying of those babies as they suffered in the boiling summer heat.

They traveled for months on end, often only going yards in a day due to busted wagon wheels, getting stuck in the sand, or battling hostile Native Americans. The mortality rate was very high, particularly among the youngsters. The pioneer men ruined their backs straining against impossible loads and broke bones with no doctor to set them. And the brave pioneer women worked just as hard sharing the load with their husbands, sons, and brothers. Worst of all, they suffered the unendurable pain of childbirth with no anesthetics or clean sterile environments with hospital beds. Eventually some reached their goal in California, their numbers decimated by the previously mentioned conditions. I rolled these sights and sounds through my mind and wondered how in the world they had done it.

Then I remembered the tales of the unbreakable pioneer spirit that I learned from history books and how they always stuck together and circled the wagons when danger approached. The elder men and women always provided much needed guidance to the younger ones in a strange and often hostile land. And the younger men and women followed that advice as they struggled and fought their way west.

Then a passing truck gave a blast of his air horn and the spell was broken as I was rudely jerked back to reality. Passing cars went by at 75mph, oblivious to the remarkable piece of history they had just sped past. If it hadn't have been for the courage, faith, and determination of those pioneer men and women, there would be no western United States as we know it today nor any high speed highways to travel on in their air conditioned stereo cocoons.

I still think about this short but important stop every time life gets me down. It's impossible to give enough credit to these brave folks but we can surely learn from their lessons. Modern Motorcycle Rights Organizations are usually in three stages of development. Young and enthusiastic groups that are growing fast with some pains and mistakes along the way; Older groups whose ranks have been decimated by burnout, family or job

responsibilities, or just plain lack of interest,. And the third category, and the most successful, are groups that have a mix of experienced members combined with hard working and eager to learn new members to help carry the load. Wise older experience along with youthful enthusiasm and strength: It's a winning combination.

We need more effective MROs as we face new challenges on the helmet law front, motorcycle exhaust restrictions, motorcycle bans, harassment with motorcycle-only road checkpoints, and a wide variety of other issues. And, most of all, we need to stay focused and not be sidetracked by petty arguments amongst ourselves. This is where the real value of the veteran members comes in because they have seen this destroy organizations before and will not tolerate it again. The pioneers were always united and we must be, too. It's definitely time to circle the wagons.

Maybe you have an experienced member who has dropped out due to other commitments, like their job or family, but now the family has grown up and he (or she) has more time off from their job. Maybe the burnout is gone and their interest in motorcycling has been re-kindled and they remember the fun times they had way back when they worked hard to achieve their goals, then partied together to celebrate with their fellow members.....

Or maybe they're just waiting for someone to someday shake their hand and say "Thank you".

Be free,
Smokey

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

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

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



Hey everybody and welcome to August! These past few months of weather wonderment will all too soon come to a close; so enjoy while you can! This is also the month when most bills go into effect. Let's hope next year at this time we will have the ability to shed off the helmets if we desire to do so! Our first dine and ride occurred after our June meeting and couldn't have been nicer. With Rev. Joe leading our way we ended with a lake scene sunset; sharing laughter and new memories amongst our family unit. Come one and all to our meetings where we delight in the sanctity of brotherhood, share in the good word of freedom and promote the safety/education of all fellow riders. Your next ability to do so will be at Walt Wiercinski's on Saturday, August 18th at 5 pm. At our June meeting we did pass motion to become t-shirt and trophy sponsor for Octoberfest, a District 4 event that Local 1 has had a presence in since the beginning. This event is just a couple months away; so I hope given the early enough reminder we can truly keep a Local 1 showing to be admired!

Want to give a big shout out to those of you celebrating your birthday this month. The 3rd is Larry Zeller followed by Tracy Gore on the 8th. And last, but not least 22nd is Mr. John McCloud! We wish you the best of birthdays shared amongst good friends, bringing laughter and memories to last til your next big day!

August events are: Local 28's Memorial Ride on Saturday the 4th. Local 25's 5th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo on the 18th and HOMECOMING on the 31st!! Get out there and enjoy these dog days of summer with good friends. Maybe we can forget the heat, tack on some miles, bring on the smiles and spread the loving statewide!

Until next time I leave you with this:

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith. -Henry Ward Beecher-

I Love you!

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**

Well it took awhile to recover from the Mid-America Freedom Rally. If you were there you know what I mean. Sorry I missed last month's newsletter someone needs to remind me about the first of every month to "GET IT DONE". I am back to 4 wheels my ride has died once again. But things have got to get better. We have a new rider or really a returning rider, Lisa "Wildchild" Smith got her license and a bike and I have yet to her without it. You go girl!! That makes at least six ladies in our local who ride (when the bike is working). Here's to the ladies we kick ass.

We are having a membership drive. If you know anyone who rides and feels as you do about freedom and the right to choose encourage them to join. Members are not required to ride or own a motorcycle they just need to have a passion for freedom.

We are still collecting coats for the "Coat of Back" Run in September contact Hoss North if you have anything to donate.

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

Since I missed last month gotta cover July birthdays. Congrats to Zippy Wilson, July 7, Lynn Purdue, July 10, Kickstand Dickerson, July 15, Keith Cronin, July 21 and Darrill Perdue, July 29. July Anniversaries are Steve & Amy Fifer, July 13 and Kim & Dan Tarwater on July 18. Sorry again for not missing last month. Tammy Settle, August 11, Steve "Geezer" Hanzek, August 18. 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**



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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson****Contact: 417-286-3845**

Greeting Local 7

Sorry to say I have to start my letter off with bad news. One of our members, Ralph (Sonny) Dorrance passed away on June 24. Ralph told his daughter just weeks before his death how much he appreciated the escort Local 7 provided them when his brother passed away a couple of years ago. So Local 7 was there for Ralph's final ride to Flatwoods Cemetery. R.I.P. Ralph, we'll see you and Willard further up the road.

Local 7 members have been riding to raise money for some great causes this month. Don, Robert, Lee H., Jerry and yours truly (Geezer) rode in a Relay for Life ride. The next week Guy, Frieda, Beaver and I rode in the U.S.O. Ride to Fort Wood. After that Jerry and Lee, Richard, Beaver, Guy, Frieda, and I rode in another Relay for Life poker run. One of our members, Watermelon Ron, took a longer ride this month. He rode to the Republic of Texas Rally to see an old Army buddy. Charley took a short ride luckily he lives close to a hospital. He broke a couple of ribs showing the grandkids how not to ride a go cart. Charley recovered enough to ride with Don, Robert, Nita and I to the Freedom Rally meeting at Buckhorn to collect Local 7's slice of the pie. This year our profits were \$3200, not bad for a weekend of work. Before our meetings Jerry, Guy, Frieda and I took a Burn yer Buns for Fun Run. Hey it was hot but we were cool. Next month we're going for a breakfast run starting at Mothers Garden (the park next to Shoney's) Aug. 5th at 8 o'clock in the morning. See I told you there are people who eat early.

Later

B-safe

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.****(call for info - location varies)****Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905**

Greetings from the Heatland:

Set back, close your eyes and remember February 2011. Maybe that will cool you off. Well our 26th Annual Spring is over and done. No final numbers yet. Attendance was up, still had rain and some wind but much better than in the past. We saw new faces that had never been to a rally and they plan to return. Hopefully we will gain some new members. We had good vendors. I bought some awesome earrings made from silverware. The weather cooled at night so we could sleep. If I hadn't lost my voice I would have enjoyed the rally more.

Welcome to the new members. Lyle Adams, Judi Hein, Roy McNew and Rick Hull.

Our next meeting will be at Crowder State Park at Trenton. It seems every time we have a meeting at Trenton it rains. At least in Trenton if not any where else. The farmers must like us.

As you ride in this heat stay hydrated. Stop and cool off often. Don't get over heated.

Heading to the back yard pool. Had to drain some of the water and refill so it doesn't feel like bath water, but it is wet.

Ride safe and stay cool.

Foxy-Gama

History

The word history is a noun which refers to past events of a period of time or in the life or development of a people, an institution or a place. Many refer to history as the past, times gone by or the olden days. For many of us in FORR and the motorcycle rights movement the past history of this organization brings back many memories. Some good, some well lets just say there are a few memories that we'd just rather forget about. But thing that always been at the forefront of the motorcycle rights movement is passion. Passion for motorcycling. Passion for the open road. Passion for biker's rights. That passion is what lead the founding fathers of FORR and it is what leads us today. Its been frequently called the fire the belly. One thing that I know for sure is that this passion is contagious. Just ask anyone that has attended an MRF Meeting of the Minds or a Mid South MILE just how contagious it can be.

But I'm off the subject so lets get back to the history lesson. Tom "Deacon" Pauley reminded us in the 1983 Special Legislative Edition of the FORR Newsletter that "the government of this state makes the laws, but the people elect the government." So very true.

Lets move on to 1984. The organization is now a couple of years old. New officers were elected: Chairman Ed "Smokey" Strodtman, Vice-Chairman Mike Cox, Secretary/Treasurer B.L. McDonnell, Legislative Coordinator Tom Pauley, Newsletter Editor Steve Zimmer and Safety Coordinator Tony Crowder. In January the Central Committee decided to increase the number of CC meetings from quarterly to every other month. Any local products containing the FORR logo would remit 15% of the gross sales or .50¢ whichever was greater to the CC treasury. Each district was to have a minimum of 6 meetings annually on alternating months from the CC meetings. The District 6 CC representative was removed for failure to comply with the bylaws by missing two consecutive meetings. The decision to reprimand any local or district that did not have representation at the CC meetings was approved. In May it was decided the organization needed to split the Secretary/Treasurer jobs apart because of the amount of work and time involved due to the present growth of the organization and the probability of future growth. Mary Stoaks was appointed as the new State Treasurer in July, 1984.

Oh yeah, another interesting tidbit of information. The CC meetings used to move around the state and there wasn't a time limit on the length of the meeting. According to a few greybeards that I've spoken with lately, it wasn't uncommon for the CC meetings to run well into the evening. Remember what I said about passion. Well that passion sometimes lead into some heated discussions. On of those discussions was held in July of 1984 concerning the retention of Local 0. It was decided that Local 0 would be retained as a holding local for establishing new locals, for out of state members who had no local preference, for new members with no locals in their area, for CC officers who so chose to be in that local and for dissolved locals until the member could decide whether they wanted to transfer to another local or not. In November of 1984 it was decided that the Central Committee meetings would be centrally located in Sedalia.

I'd like to leave you with an interesting story from a former chairman, Smokey Strodtman.

It was a scorching Labor Day weekend during the hottest midwest summer in forty years. At a secluded campground in eastern Oklahoma late in the evening we circled the area looking for a campsite. When we discovered several other riders who had the same idea. After pitching tents we built a campfire and sat down to relax and share the stale sandwiches and beer that remained in our saddlebags.

Carl had retired from his bus driving job a few years before. He planned to spent his time with his wife of 46 years on their small

Arkansas farm but a year later she died from cancer. Despite the worries of his children, he decided to devote the rest of his years to the other love of his life. Now he spent most of his time criss-crossing the country on an ancient BMW, a man who refused to grow old and didn't really care what anyone else thought about it.

Renee' had immigrated to America in 1960, leaving his native Holland where his family had been persecuted by the Nazis during the war. Years of perseverance and hard work had paid off. Now he was vice president of a large bank in Philadelphia. He was returning home after a month long vacation through the western states on his Gold Wing.

Joe and Mary Beth had ridden in from Tulsa on their pride and job, an Electra-Glide equipped with every type of chrome accessory and driving light ever made. Years of sacrifice had made their once small business a very prosperous one. The last two summers had seen 60,000 miles roll over on the old FLH's odometer. Like the bumper sticker says, they were having a ball spending their children's inheritance.

None of them seemed too surprised to be sharing their campfire with an ex-motocrosser on an enormous 6 cylinder Kawasaki, who had hung up his boots after finding one too many sets of tire tracks on the back of his jersey.

I doubt you could have found a more diverse group of people anywhere. Campfire talk that night was about many things, motorcycles, politics, the economy, places we had been and hoped to visit. It soon became apparent that we agreed on very little, had almost nothing in common. Yet, in the course of a few hours, we were acting like old friends, because of our common denominator; the love of motorcycles and riding.

We all packed up the next morning, each going their own separate ways, knowing we would probably never meet again. And yet, I'm sure each of us left a better person after sharing this one tiny portion of our lives.

I'm sure many of you have had similar experiences. Motorcyclists, no matter where they come from, or what they ride, share a unique kinship. There is no other group so independent and adventurous, nor any so devoted to individual freedom. Sure we often have our little squabbles and arguments, and sometimes indulge in a little good natured kidding about ourselves and our bikes. But in the end, we all share one common bond. We are family. And that's all that really matters.

Thanks Smokey for sharing these words with us back in the day. I hope that each of you will read this story several times and realize that every member of this organization is your brother or your sister in motorcycling. We may not always agree. In fact we may argue at times. But in the end WE ARE FAMILY and that is all that matters.

Until next time, Ride Safe and See you Down the Road

Kathy "BB" Garver



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LOOK OUT LADIES !!! Here is our Vice Chairman Famous Mike Carter.....and he takes his "VISE" job very seriously. When not working at his job with Greninger Construction, Mike enjoys doing a little DJ and bartending at JZ'S THE SPOT or DJ at McMorro's Triple L. But mostly he enjoys spending time with his 5 year old son Mason Carter. Mike is 34 years old and single. Don't be a bit surprised if

you run into him at a Jackson Taylor Concert or bike rally cause he loves to party. He says he loves it when everyone around him is having a good time. He has a soft spot for Nascar and traveled to Texas the past 7 years to watch the races. Mike is looking to buy or build a bike in the near future. Now to answer the question in everyone mind "what is he famous for", well I have wondered this myself so I checked into it and after much investigation I have come up with, Famous Mike Carter is famous for being MIKE CARTER. Proud to call you bro.

Local 11 Rally....had a great time. 2 wonderful bands, great food, lots of bike games, and a whole Rally ground full of good people!! I Want to say thank you to some of Local 27 for coming and sharing the weekend with us, always good to see you guys. Now it's on to planning for next year, hope to see a lot of you there. I love meeting FORR members I haven't met before. Til next time...RIDE SAFE "pa" LES LOCAL 11 EDITOR

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information**

Hello again to everyone in FORR-land from your friends in Local 12. Will whoever turned the furnace up dial it back down about 30 degrees? Damn, but it's hot! We're 3 days out from the Firecracker Classic as I write this and I sure hope the heat doesn't hurt our attendance. Everything's in place and we're ready to rock and roll.

The next item in this month's news is very personal. Many of you know that Gloria and I have moved to Marshal. I mentioned the upcoming move at our June meeting and a week later we had 16 members in our yard ready and eager to help. We had lived there almost 25 years and had accumulated an incredible amount of stuff. We worked on that day and one other and words cannot express how grateful Gloria and I are to each and every one of you. We are planning a little surprise for later in the year when the weather cools off. Watch this pace for more details.

One of the problems with moving is that things are lost and in my case it was my notes from the June meeting. I'll do my best to recollect the highlights. Pork Chop opened the meeting and the minutes were approved as read. Laura gave the treasury report and it was approved. John gave the legislative report and told us about some of the 2013 plans being considered, including a motorcyclists

funded survey. We need to try new approaches to the helmet law, the old ones aren't working. Pork Chop thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There was nothing new in the District report.

In old business we discussed the Firecracker Classic. Bands, food, beer, and most of the vendors are set up. We are still trying to contact the fireworks vendor, he is not returning Tami's calls. The main thing now is to hope there are no weather troubles.

In new business, we set the meeting dates and places for August and September. The August meeting will be held on the 5th at 3 pm at the K-Bar Restaurant & Bar on Main St in Emma. September's meeting will be held in Arrow Rock at the Arrow Rock Station Restaurant, right off 41 Hwy at 3 pm on September 9th (this is due the Labor Day Homecoming Party). The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming events:

Aug. 5th – Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, K-Bar, Emma

Aug. 31st – FORR Homecoming, Buckhorn

Sept. 9th – Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Arrow Rock Station

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****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**

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LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Location Varies****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

So summer is beating down hard already! But you all know that just around the corner is Buckhorn and the Homecoming Rally and with it comes Fall! Best riding time ever!

Don't forget to hang out at our Pavilion at Buckhorn, we also have the Wet-T contest and Bike show. I can't imagine how the rest of the world survives without playing at Buckhorn ever Labor Day weekend! Can you?

Be sure to sign up for plenty of duties with your Local, it makes it more fun to share the load!

We had a blast at our BS meeting on Tues. It was at "The Junction Bar and Grill" We have decided to have a pool tournament during BS meetings and boy was it successful! Mike Brown was the winner, but everyone played like champs. I will have to say the only thing we need to remember to do is to "leave the attitudes at home".

Next BS will be in Cape Fair at a place called Flat Creek, on Aug. 7th. I have never been there, but several people that I have talked to say it is a fun place. So I guess I will see you there!

We are still having our Business Meetings at "Tequila's Mexican Restaurant. The 3rd Monday of every month. They have great food, yummy Margarita's and cold beer. Yeah my kinda place. Mark it on you calendar and plan on voting on important stuff with us.

We will have our "Family Campout" at Jellystone Campground just West of Shadow Rock Park the First weekend in Aug. Friday-Sunday. You can stay for the day, night or the whole weekend. The theme for that weekend is "Get even with your parents" They will

have lots of activities that will be geared towards making fun of good ole Mom and Dad. I know it will be a lot of fun for all ages. Remember, you can sit and watch just as much as play. Go on our Local 15 Facebook page I'm sure Tami will post something about it soon.

Well guys, I think that's all. Next month I will remind you all about our Annual Fall Swap Meet/Bike show. And give you all the info on how our Hooten Town Rally went. It is in a week, so it's too late to ask you to come, haha.

So please respect and love each other and I hope to see you soon!
Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU**Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Chico 573-382-0636****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

HOT, HOT, HOT....that's the only way to describe southeast Missouri right now. We got to ride the Fun Run but it could only be described as something akin to riding through a convection oven. Special thanks to Bill's Place in Biehle for hosting the start of the run

and the meeting at the end of the evening, plus all of the other stops that opened their doors and shared the air conditioning. You're all appreciated more than you can know.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28 at 7:00 pm at the Heartland Social Club in Uniontown. As always call ahead for information and directions.

August 4 will be the much anticipated Bayou Run. This will be followed by a bike show and music at the Bayou Bar & Grill in Pocahtontas. This is always a good time and the food will be great. This year will feature a vendor's row and we're hoping for a good showing from other Locals from around the state.

August 31-September 3 will be the annual Homecoming Event (that convention thingy). There will be a couple of new things introduced this year and it's hoped we can renew the spirit of the organization through a different level of participation.

Best of everything to all of you!

Melanie

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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville****Website: forr19.com****Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607*****Bring a chair**

Hey everyone,

State Line Rally is September 14-16, 2012, in Keosauqua, IA. Fred Schwaner has tickets and posters. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Ron Fischer discussed poker run in August for 8 year old boy with cancer. Ride will be with some folks out of IL and end at the Kirksville Fairgrounds, where the little boy will be. More info to come on this. Herb discussed a possible poker run for a gentleman who lost everything in a fire out of La Plata, and had second degree burns. More info to come on this, as well. Melinda Lewis won the attendance drawing at the June meeting. Please bring any ideas or suggestions to the next meeting or contact Herb. Check out website for local updates and events. Enjoy the road and stay hydrated in this heat.

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Hello Everyone

Summer is moving right along and before we know it Home coming will be here in September.

Welcome to all new members and thanks to those that renewed a Happy Birthday goes out to everyone also and Happy anniversary to all.

We had a good meeting and we would like to thank our State Chairman Martin King and Melanie Coy for attending our meeting it is always great to see both of them.

I don't have enough room to discuss all of the topics covered at the meeting so if you want to know what happens at the meetings you will have to attend them. In struggling along this month to decide what to write about and in thinking about what is going on inside our local I feel it would be good to touch on the skill of listening. We hear everything that goes on around us but how many of us truly listen? Listening cannot be a selective process either you do it or you don't and it is a skill. We at Local 20 are learning to truly listen and as a result there are both ugly and nice things to hear. We appreciate the nice and will be working on the ugly to turn it around so to the members that has sat quietly at the meetings we are asking that you speak up during the meeting, you have a right to be heard and a responsibility to help the local remain united. If it is personal leave it outside the meeting and organization dealing only with the parties it involves and keep in mind that gossip is a cruel beast and creates problems that may have a lasting effect.

Until Next time....Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20

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LOCAL 21 - ELDON**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291**

Hey Everybody!

Hope ya'll been enjoyin' the weather, time is flyin' and Homecoming is right around the corner. As always look for our Pavilion and banner at our usual spots.

We want to encourage everyone to make the August 18th meeting at the Saddle if you can. We do have some important Local decisions to make and we're hopin everyone will come and help us out! In fact, to continue a Local 21 tradition, the Local will buy your first drink for this event. Now where else does that happen! Local 21 "YOU ROCK"!! So come on by and put in yer "two cents" we can't do it without ya!!!

On a sad note, our friend Ray York past away in July. I never saw Ray that he didn't meet me with a smile and a handshake. You will be missed Ray. Our condolences to Sherry and his family. You know if you need us we are here and just Holler"

Freedom is not Free.

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**

Hey y'all. I'm Libbi "Poison Ivy" Tipton. I will be bringing the news to you from the greater St. Louis area. We have lots of Events coming up:

August 26- Redneck Biker Golf
 August 31-Sept. 3 - Homecoming Labor Day Weekend
 September 20-23 - Meeting of the Minds

in Durham, North

Carolina.

October 2012 - Meet and Greet the Boys from Belgium

October 26-28 Mid-South M.I.L.E. Fayetteville, Arkansas

A Big Thank You to the Statesmen MC for giving us a FREE vendor booth at Gobble Holler to promote FORR. A round of applause to those who worked this event. Local 24: Pinky Winston, Treetop Duncan, Laura Schallart, Ken Lewis. Local 20: Mike Allen, Tim and Debbie, Robert and Mindy Reif, Terry, and Mitch. Local 25: Susan Lockhart.

A big Hello and Welcome to our new members this month. Brian Thornquist, Bill Hughes, David Lee Crowe, and Noel Moss.

Last month, we focused on our Around the World in a Weekend Ride. It was a great time for all, with lots of beautiful scenery in the state of Missouri. We made a special stop in Mexico, Mo. to Meet and greet our brothers and sisters in Local 13. Big thanks to them as well! For welcoming us to their meeting! Great people, and great times!

Kathleen "Chinutz" Duncan has become our product line manger. She is coming up with some awesome ideas. We have coming: an amazing T-shirt that will be grey with artwork featuring an Eagle and our logo. They will be available in Tanks, Sleeveless, and Short Sleeves. Put your order in ASAP. They are going fast.

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LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-387-2394**

Wow! Have we had some good riding weather or what? It has been crazy HOT, but I do not remember a riding season where we have had NO RAIN OUTS...

Thanks to all who came on our Bear Run and Thank you to the Unleashed Spirits members who helped to work a stop. Special Thanks to Chad and Pam for making the route and working a very long stop. The route was great. We couldn't have put this on without

you! Also special thanks to all the members for bringing giveaways and working the stops, Crazy, Susan, Mark, Becky, Girlfriend, Hitman and Lynne. Good things happen when we all work together.

Winners were, First place hand was a flush for Crazy, 2nd place was Susan with 2 pair and the low hand winner was Mike Townsend.

Thanks to all who turned out for the "Save The Ta-Ta's Run" on July 14th.

Our Big August event will be the Big FORR/ABATE RODEO on August 18th. This event is in Moscow Mills on the corner of Hwy



C & 40/61 in the plaza which encompasses Tattooed Lady Bar & Grill, Chariots of Fire Customs Bike Shop & Iron Cross Liquors. Gates will open @ 10 am, bike show registration will be from 10 am - 12 noon, Rodeo events will begin @ 2 pm. This event is a mere \$5 bucks for all day. There will be lots of vendors, a bike show, field events, live

music, good food & drinks, and much more... 10% of all beer sales goes to Camp Avery. Hope to see everyone there, bring your friends and families.

Our next meeting will be the Sunday following the Rodeo... August 19th at Hobo's (American Legion Post 313) in Old Town St. Peters @ 1 pm.

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LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599**

Hope everyone had a safe 4th of July! We had our June meeting at the San Jose Steakhouse in St. Joseph. We had 18 members, and 8 guests. Besides our usual meeting "stuff", we had a guest speaker, Randi Banker, who gave information about the upcoming Bikers for Babies. She also invited all bikers to the Mustangs ball game that week-end to recognize and promote Bikers for Babies. (Pres. Kathy went to it and was escorted off the field, ask her about that next time you see her). It was also voted to discontinue the District 1 Black Top Rally due to poor attendance and low profits.

Welcome new members: Dan Espey, Steve Cox, Robert Bradham, Michael Furlong, Darla Amlong, Harold and Janis Duryea, John Nelson, Christina and Bryan Dulin, Larry Redford and Laura Rand

Eat N' Rides: July 17---Meeting, The Depot in Shenandoah, IA

July 24---Toot toots in Bethany

July 31---Rib Crib in St. Joseph

Aug. 7---B&B BBQ in Albany

Aug. 14---Black Iron Grill in Rock Port

Aug. 21---Meeting, Ice House in Clarinda

Aug. 28---Texas Road House in St. Joseph

Sept. 4---Poppas in Albany

Sept. 11---Daves, in St. Joseph

Sept. 18---Meeting, The Wild Horse in Tarkio

Sept. 25---Lake of 3 Fires in Bedford

Upcoming Events:

July 21---Nodaway County Fair Bike Show: Registration continued on Page 12

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 Sept. 8---Pickering Lions Poker Run and Steak dinner
 Sept. 9---CC meeting, Jefferson City
 Sept. 14-16---End of Summer Rally, Keosauqua, IA

Get well wishes to Pat Null who is recovering from shoulder surgery. We have missed him on our weekly rides, and I'm sure he is missing the rides and maybe us too...I hope.

Happy Birthday to Aug.. birthdays: Don Wyne, Lewis Rice, Gary Maxwell, Brian Estes

Sept. birthdays: Ed Montgomery, Tucker Null, Nate Rice, Ralph Walsh, Greg Parker

May all the bugs that hit you be small ones.

Sorry, that's all I could come up with.

God Bless,
 Jeanine

Member Profile



Gary Maxwell, of Maryville, MO is this month's Local 26 profile pick. He will be 71 this month (Aug.). Gary has had a sanitation service for 51 years! Trash is cash for Gary and he could write a book on the many stories he has from his many different customers....but one customer that could take up a whole chapter by itself is

Montgomery Wards.....gone but not forgotten. They seemed to throw away a lot of things that they shouldn't have. Once they threw away \$15,000 worth of furs...Gary found and returned them, another time, they threw away a bunch of new lawn mower parts... Gary found and returned them, then the miracle find was a tiny piece of paper with a very important note on it. Gary had to empty his whole truck and look shovel load by shovel load for the note. It looked like a lost cause, but when he looked down at the last shovel scoop, there it was...Gary found and returned it.

Gary and his wife, Janice have been members of Local 26 for 13 years. Gary started out on a Honda 100 and is now riding a Honda Goldwing with a sidecar...for his sidekick, Janice. Gary and Janice have one daughter, Carmelita and a cat named Fluffy.

His longest ride was the 4-state run going across MO, IA, Neb. and KS. His most memorable unfortunately were a couple accidents. One was a deer hit coming back from an Eat N' Ride and the other was when the sidecar got stuck in a drainage grate going to an Eat N' Ride in Mound City, MO. Janice was on the back with Gary and their 13 year old grandson was in the sidecar. Janice got thrown off and suffered minor injuries and their grandson was laughing and thought it was fun. Grandma wasn't amused.

What's his advice for new riders?? Safety, of course. Be aware of your surroundings.

Gary and Janice have been absent lately on our Eat N' Rides for health reasons. We miss their company and hope they get healthy enough to come back to the "pack" soon. They have been longtime and dedicated supporters of Local 26 and we appreciate them a lot. Happy Birthday Gary!

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
River's Edge Bar & Grill, 315 SW Pence Ave
Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079
Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941
V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058

As I'm sure you all have noticed, summer is officially here and scorching weather is here with it. The best part is, 100 degrees feels better at highway speed! Seriously, there are precautions we all need to take while riding in the recent heat. First of all hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! Water or sports drinks are your best options in hot weather as alcoholic and caffeinated beverages actually cause faster dehydration. Second, don't forget your sunscreen. A bad sunburn can certainly make an otherwise great ride memorable for all the wrong reasons.

We really only have one activity to report for Local 27 this month. Several members assisted the Posse on Saturday June 23rd in Stockton and put on a great family fun day. Area kids got to participate in games, play in several inflatable toys, and enjoy a free meal. The last report I had was over 150 children in attendance, along with parents, grandparents, etc. Despite the heat I think everyone would say they had almost as much fun as the kids did. Plans are to do this again next year, but work towards making it even bigger and better. It really was nice to work with other motorcyclists and give back to the communities that support us.

The monthly meeting for June was held in Fair Play again. Alternating meetings between Roscoe and Fair Play seems to be working out well. Attendance is fairly steady, though we would always like to see more participation, and it keeps some people from having to make a long trip to attend every month. The hospitality at both locations is always great, so if you haven't been to a meeting in a while come on out and join in folks.

In August we have one of our major Local 27 fundraisers for the year, that being our spot in the El Dorado Springs city wide yard sale. Gary and Jo Castle have offered the use of their yard for us to set up in, be sure and thank them for their generosity. We can use just about anything you can haul, drag, or drive to put up for sale, as well as help from anybody that can even spare an hour or two. It makes the day go faster when you're surrounded by brothers and sisters. If anyone has anything to get in the sale, but no way to get it there, MadDawg says just give him a holler and he'll arrange transportation.

Over my word limit again folks, so I'd better end it here. As always, stay safe and enjoy the ride!



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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.**

Sizzle, Sizzle!!!! Hope everyone's staying cool with this heat we've had since Buckhorn? Sure is hard to ride with the heat and not feel like an egg on the pavement again this year again. Be sure to wear some light colored clothing, cool rags, and even a light over-shirt wetted down will help till the next stop and then re-wet again for your journey.

The latest event we had was the Buckhorn Blast at the Shrine this year and if you didn't at least attend in the evening when cooled down, you sure missed a great event. There were about 40 bikes/cars that attended on the Passport Run. My hats off to all of you that attended as the weather was a very hot one. The winner was from our local, Retha Bennett---yeah!!!! There were all kinds of prizes for those attending. The kids seemed to have a wonderful time also with water balloons, bouncy house, and Local 29 donated a water slide, which was a great hit! Pizza was had by all and what a great band that played being most of the day and even had different music to go along with the fireworks display. Great job by Danny and his sons this year with no accidents also!

Our next event planned is August 4, Memorial Ride which the exact time will be noted at the meeting on Friday (1st of the month). We have Homecoming on Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 at Buckhorn this year again. Pre-Build for the Halloween Bash is Oct. 20 with the event on Oct. 27. Start thinking about getting candy donations for this event as it gets bigger/better every year as the word gets around.

Not much to report this month but also nominations for the MAFR representatives will be this month, so be thinking about who you would like to represent the local along with 2 alternatives this year. I have been on this committee the last couple years and will take again but need someone else to help out as allot of things to do for the preparation of events. Be thinking about this and bring up at the next meeting. A check for the last MAFR was given to Tommy in the amount of \$2771.00 to help the locals coffers this year with events coming up we do. We did loose \$400.00 as there were 4 shifts missed and each is worth \$100.00 a shift. The other locals involved had only 1 shifts missed with others adding to there work schedules, which put more in their kitty. We are the largest local in this organization, an still couldn't meet our number of shifts to be worked? Something's wrong here folks, as we all benefit from money received for events as: adopting families at X-mas, Halloween Bash with candy we buy when short from donations, Buckhorn Blast we have for the kids (local pays for all of this) along with other events

and donations we make. It doesn't take much to get in an help--just making time on your part. With everyone's help, sure lessens the load on others that are taking up the slack.

Until next time, be safe and watch out for the young deer that are coming out on the roads along with other critters, especially at night since it's cooler. There Everywhere!!! It seems. See ya at the next meeting!!! Sue

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.. I'm back.. First I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while I was sick and in the hospital. It sucks being sick on your vacation. Now I need prayers to quit smoking. I hope everyone in our local is healthy and doing fine.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to everyone it pertains too. I would like to give a BIG Thank you to Barb and Ronda and Don and Sharon and Russell for working so hard putting the picnic together. If I have missed anyone I am sorry. We had so much fun. Hopefully this will be a yearly event. I even learned what hillbilly golf is. Duhhhhh! OK. Sturgis is coming up. Party time people! If you are going, please be careful. Remember to drink lots of WATER while riding in this heat, once you are thirsty, it's too late!

August 18th there will be the District 4 meeting in Oak Grove.

Officers we have a meeting on August 17th at 7:00.

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LOCAL 28 MEMORIAL RIDE**Formally known as Annie's Ride****August 4, 2012****A day for us to remember**

Local 28 sets aside one day a year to remember brothers and sisters who have left this plain and are riding in a better world. There is no cost to this event. The event consists of a Cemetery run, and afterwards we will honor them by taking a ride of our own.

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September 8th is the Mule Run and then September 22nd is our local Plum Run. I will have more info in the future.

July 31st is a "Kick-off" party against crime in Oak Grove. For more information call 454-2000.

Remember that the election for Clay County Sheriff is coming up. We all need to vote for Bob Neal. I believe it is August 7th. Way to go Bob, Way to go.....

Well, I believe I have probably went over my word limit so talk to ya next month,

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Nancy "Skittles" Martin
#12303



Family Picnic



Balloon Toss

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Sorry about last month—missed that deadline. We are looking for someone to step up and take on the newsletter. Anyone???

Mark-As I'm sure most of you know, our president was in a motorcycle accident Saturday, June 9th. He is recovering quite well. He was riding by himself and meeting up with friends for a group ride. Due to some of the medication he was given he is unable to remember how it happened and there were no witnesses. This is the part where you can make up your own story and Mark can't dispute it. He has some broken bones, he lost quite a bit of blood due to a main artery being severed. A stint was installed and that is taken care of. He got out of rehab. July 3rd, and now goes onto outpatient rehab. He wants to thank all of his friends for stopping in and will be back on 2 wheels sometime soon hopefully,

*Patches-WOW!! Have you seen them? They are really sweet and only \$5.00. You can get in touch with Danne, he would be more than happy to meet up with you and sell you a patch. This is a fund raiser for our group, the patches have to be worn on the front of your vest and they are sold to members only (this makes us special). So help our group out if you can and purchase a patch.

*Hootentown - July 13, 14, 15 Local 15/Branson & 30's/Nixa very own rally. It should have been good and hot, but no better place to be, down under the shade trees, right by the river, with all your friends. We will have a full rally update next month.

*Bohmont and Hoot Owl Holler Rallies-Bohmont Bike Rally is a small family rally in the Sparta area. This rally was Father's Day weekend. We always have a good time and get to see lot's of familiar faces. Hoot Owl Holler Rally was the next weekend. This is put on by my Bryan and Amy from ABATE. This was only their second year. They have a beautiful piece of property in the Seymour area and it looks like this rally will also continue to be a success.

*4th of July-I hope everyone had a safe and fun time on July 4th. What a great rain we had last night, it helped out a lot. Now everyone can set off their fireworks in a safer environment.

*Day Rides-We are always looking for input on day rides. Any/all ideas are welcome. Is anyone up for an overnight trip?

Until next month—enjoy the cool evenings while they last and ride safe.

Channy

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:30 p.m.

Various locations

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or

Mike Adams 573-578-4239

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

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

President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353



Our monthly meeting was held on the 10th of June at 1:00 pm at Am-Vets with only 19 members present, a relatively small group for us. After our usual protocol of sacrificing some farm animals and indigenous virgins our meeting was off and running. We discussed the new by-law changes that were suggested at the CC meeting and the group didn't really care for any of the suggestions.

Roy also brought up a suggested restriction on patches and t-shirt edict that targets a certain group or person. This was discussed in depth and the membership felt that no change to the by-laws is really needed, but that each individual should know what's appropriate or offensive to others.

The next item we discussed was the businessman from Branson willing to put up cash to support our cause to ride free and get it on the ballot. We of Local 33 feel that his intentions are great, but that his money would be better spent on lobbying. If it gets on the ballot the insurance



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companies will spend millions to fight it and since the public is already sure helmets save lives, we as an organization would have to submit to uneducated public opinion and our helmet modification bill would die, never to come up again in this state.

Local 13 suggested taking down the face book page because of all the negativity and slanderous comments being posted. Local 33 felt we have turned that corner and things look pretty good on face book and voted to keep it up for now, but should it turn ugly again, then yes take it down.

Doug made a plea to the membership to start pushing the \$1000.00 poker run and reminded everyone who wants to go on the annual overnight poker run to sign up and be ready to ride by 09:00 hrs. Don't forget to get your applications in for Mid-South Mile for October 21st thru 23rd in Fayetteville Arkansas.

On Saturday the 23rd of June we departed Am-Vets and headed north to Iowa where Doug again led us into rain. The trip was a long haul, but fun and uneventful on the ride up. Doug did get lost several times and caught hell for it, but it was all in good fun. We found several great places to feed our faces and great people who wanted to know who we were and where we were from.

On the 24th we started home and this leg of our trip was wrought with trouble and chaos from the start. We lost one bike to a broken primary belt and on a Sunday with absolutely no shops open or rental places to get a truck to haul it home. Several people spent hours calling folks for help until finally 3 hours later a rescuer arrived to help out on a Sunday with a truck, tools and even the correct primary belt. His Name was "Mike Wohlhutter" of Metal Ink in Harlan Iowa. He has a metal fabrication business where he repairs bikes, farm equipment and does wrought Iron work. What a god send he was and turned out to be a swell guy too, wouldn't take a dime for parts or labor and wished us luck going home. We made it 60 some miles and the same bike broke the new primary belt. Da Bear's niece finally found someone to drive up and get them, so the group went on its way home. The temperature was in the high 90's and miserable and then we lost another bike to the heat. Some power relay went out and we got lucky again when Nick Swope of Local 6 came to the rescue. Nick has been a member of FORR since its conception and is a life member. I think everyone knows Nick and is a great bike mechanic and a true asset to the organization. I can only wish he was a part of Local 33. He is a warehouse of knowledge and his input would be appreciated greatly in our Local. Nick loaded the bike on his trailer and took the bike to his shop, did the repairs and sent the rider on his way. However, as they say, when it rains it pours and our rider got part way home and had a rear flat to top off his day. But as I reflect on the total chaos of the day it did prove to be a rewarding experience. We all came together as a Local and organization to find a solution to our dilemmas. We made new friends and rekindled old ones. We all got home safe and sound and out of all that chaos came a bonding and tighter unity. Not bad for a bad days work. By the way, if Da Bear would have been a member of MRF he would have gotten home a lot sooner. Road Side Assistance through the MRF is cheap, so if you don't have it, spend a little money and get it.

August 9th thru 19th, FORR booth at the State Fair in Sedalia.

August 31 thru Sept. 3rd, Homecoming Rally, down in Buckhorn MO.

Sept. 9th CC Meeting in Jefferson City. Much to discuss!

Sept. 16th Local 33 meeting at 13:00 hrs Am-Vets. This will be a rolling meeting.

Sept. 21st & 22nd HOG Rally in Sedalia, MO State Fairgrounds.

Sept. 23rd Local 15's Bike show/swap meet In Branson MO.

Granny noted on our return to Am-Vets, A friend will never get in your way unless you're going down. Thanks Mike and Nick for catching us on the way down.

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Initiative petitions are issues brought forth by the people for vote of the people. Before an initiative petition can be circulated for signatures, groups must first have the form of the petition and a summary statement approved by the Secretary of State and Attorney General. A fiscal impact statement is added by the State Auditor. For an initiative changing state law to be placed on the ballot, signatures must be obtained from registered voters equal to five percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in six of Missouri's nine congressional districts. Each petition page shall contain the signatures of registered voters from only one designated county. Requiring a separate page for each county.

Simply put, if we decide to pursue the initiative petition proposal it will put the helmet law modification issue out of the hands of the legislature and before the hands of the voters. There will be a lot of rules that we will have to follow and its not going to be cheap. There will be initial costs involved in writing the actual proposal/petition language. Once the language is approved by the Secretary of State; and there is a period where anyone can challenge/sue for the issue to be removed. Once the language is approved and the objection time has passed, we will have approximately 16-17 months to collect the necessary voter signatures. We would need to obtain 110-130,000 VALID signatures from 6 of the 9 congressional districts. Signatures can be obtained either by "pay per signature", or we do it "old school", aka, on a grass roots basis. Signors MUST be registered voters.

Risks/Con:

If the vote fails, future modification(s) to the current helmet law could be very difficult.

We will have to do a lot of marketing & advertising to promote the vote & educate the public. It is going to cost a lot of money for the marketing and advertising campaigns.

It will take actual manpower, and A LOT of it, to gather the necessary signatures to get the matter on the ballot.

Pros:

Neither the legislature or the Governor have a say about issues placed on the ballot by initiative petition.

If we are successful Missouri will become a free state.

It is going to take our entire membership working together to gather the necessary signatures to get this matter to the ballot. This is going to require a lot of manpower and time. However that is only going to be a part of the battle because we know that once we get to that point our opponents are going to start hitting us with everything they have in an attempt to turn the vote. Many of our opponents have a lot of money to throw at marketing and advertising campaigns to oppose this issue. In addition to the manpower necessary to obtain the signatures, we are going to have to expend a substantial amount of time soliciting funding for this project and educating the general public about the issue.

Before you make a decision one way or another on this issue, please stop and think about what has been stated above and if you believe this is something the organization should pursue, are you willing to dedicate your time and your energy to gathering signatures and obtaining funding for this project because this is not something that a few of us are going to be able to do. Its going to take ALL of us to get the helmet issue before the voters and educate them about why they should vote in support of our issue. However, the final decision will ultimately be up to the voters of this State if we decide to pursue the initiative petition process.

CONTROL STUDIES

By now most of this organization has heard rumors of the formation of a committee researching the possibility of doing a controlled study using motorcyclists from across Missouri willing to pay a fee to ride without a helmet. There has been a lot of misconception and misinformation regarding this study and it is our hope we can answer at least a few of the questions.

First, the definition of a control study is to use identifying factors in a specific group of individuals that have something in common, in order to gain insight into whether or not this common denominator has positive or negative effects on the group. These studies are most often used in the medical field, especially in the study of cancer. They are relatively inexpensive and frequently used to gather data.

In this case, we are proposing the use of "helmetless" riders as the control group. This control group will have to be willing to fill out an application describing their background in motorcycling and allowing all data gathered in this study to be used in the end statistics. This is not to say your entire lifestyle will be under a microscope. It is to say any accidents you may have regardless of fault, will be used and published with the final findings. Your personal information would remain secret but your riding history during the study would be part of the statistic gathering process.

Missouri has never had a study of this type. The statistics being used to keep the mandatory helmet laws in place are out dated in some cases but they are all from other states. One of the main arguments against freedom of choice has been the phantom motorcyclist that is a burden to the state. We can find welfare statistics on everything on the books but no one has ever actually been able to provide a statistic to back up this claim that motorcyclists become a burden.

We are proposing to use helmetless riders in an effort to prove we are adult enough to make that choice for ourselves but a study of this sort could also reap statistics beneficial to other legislation being promoted by Freedom of Road Riders.

It is thought we could gain state approval for a three year study. We would like to see this left open with the possibility of extension to five years if needed. Each rider willing to participate would pay a proposed fee of \$125 yearly, which we estimate could bring in \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to the State of Missouri. These funds would go into the General Fund but we also wish to eventually petition the state to earmark these funds to help get rider and driver education back in our schools.

The reality of doing this study is the fact that some of the participants will likely not survive to see the end results. This is where we feel the statistics derived will be beneficial in other legislative avenues. We may once and for all be able to show what is maiming and killing the motorcyclists of Missouri. Whether it is the distracted driver or failure to yield, a study like this one has the potential to back up what we have been trying to do to make our roads safer for drivers and riders alike.

The drawback of a control study is this is not a quick fix. This is something that will need commitment from the motorcycling community over a period of years. There is also no guarantee that we are right in our mindset that we are safe, responsible riders and we are not "organ donors" or burdens to the state. There is also no guarantee at the end of this study the sitting legislators will bend to the statistics and grant us the freedom to choose.

Our thoughts are that when they see the financial benefits to the state in increased revenue both from the permits and in tourism; they will be more open to passing permanent legislation allowing us this freedom.

At this time the committee is doing research and meeting with the entities that would also benefit from the statistics gathered in such a study. There is no cost to FORR in the continued research by this committee. It is not ready to be presented to the Central Committee for a vote. We are merely on a fact finding mission to find the best avenue to proceed should this become a reality.

We are exploring out of state universities that already have grant funding in place but which are waiting for a study criteria to be presented. These universities cannot be approached without a detailed proposal in place.

We began this research during the recess of legislative session and we require no other member participation unless someone is interested and would like to volunteer. At this time the committee is made up of John Stouffer of Local 12, who is also responsible for bringing this idea to the CC in the first place, Layne Shady of Local 8, Jim Scheele of Local 30 and Melanie Coy.

The May CC committee voted to allow us to proceed with the research and we hope to have updated during each CC following until the time the proposal is ready to present to the CC body for a vote.

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****TT Hwy Campground****14655 Hwy TT, Warsaw, MO 65355****Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
or (Day) 660-885-5741****LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS****Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeaux Pizza****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707**

BIKE SHOW---JULY 28th at McCorkle Park in Cameron. Congrats to Steve Gallus for winning our first incentive drawing for a paid membership to the local. The only conditions are that you be a member with local 41 and present to win.

At our June meeting we had 13 present and the meeting turned very heated as we went into our discussion session. It was very hot at Wallace Park and that was why our meeting turned into a heated discussion. We talked about the district rally, the bike show and having a fun run. If any one has any ideas on where to go on the fun run please let Kevin know.

It was suggested that we go to Westboro Church and ride around and around the church as they were having services. Sounds like a lot of fun, but probably not a smart thing to do. That would make us just like them and by golly I'm not like them.

Hope everyone has a good and safe riding season. Don't forget Group picture at BIKE SHOW JULY 28th.

There was an article in the St. Joe paper about The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recent study on helmet safety. The CDC ESTIMATES that for every 100,000 riders in Missouri, the helmet law saves 46 lives and about \$93 million. According to the CDC assholes there were 8.2 million registered motorcycles in 2010, compared with 4.3 million in 2000 in the USA. According to the CDC 4,502 people died in motorcycle crashes across the country in 2010, and motorcycle-related deaths have grown by more than 50 percent since 2000. The medical costs and productivity costs related to these accidents totals around \$12 billion in one year, nationally. I am pretty sure none of these people doing the estimating ride. USA home of the free, land of the CDC. I saved the article if anyone would like to read it. I don't think they give a crap about us, but they do the money.

Remember life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes.

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO****Contact: President - Rick Gish 314-578-6006**

Hello my Brothers n Sisters, was just reading my July Freedom Press n was excited to see that out of the 29 Locals in the state we are now in the #7 spot as havin the most members in a local and that was as of May 6th, I know we have grown since then cause we just signed up 4 new members at the June meeting, welcome again to you all and we're growing everyday,(I got Dallas on speed dial! LOL)...A huge Thank you to all that came out for the School Supply Run, Bill set it up n we hit a few new spot this time, beautiful ride.

Not much else to report on, Oh wait, I was notified that a few more local members have left us BUT as I went over the sign in sheets of the last six months of meetings and events I could not find their names anywhere soooo, can't say I miss ya, if you don't get involved

I don't know ya...just sayin.

Homecoming is comin up, If you have never been and you are off work, (unlike some of us) then please make plans to attend this years Homecoming, it is a very good time...

Meanwhile, Try n stay cool, enjoy the wind in your face as often as you can and keep the rubber side down! Our next meeting is July 29th, at 3 pm, hope to see you there and bring a friend r two..

Rick "g-man" Gish
President Local 42

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location**

Sure hope it's been warm enough for all in District 1. Give me back our District 1 Rally weather. Our weather was perfect for a Rally. Every one who attended had a great time. I can't say it was a bust because we made 14 dollars. I know it's not about the money, but it is about having a good time and hanging out with friends. Just wish we could have more friends show up. I was told that it will be brought up at the District meeting whether to continue having this rally or not or to change the date, or to move the rally elsewhere. Each Local 6, 26 & 41 needs to get with their District Rep. and let them know what they want to do. I hate to see it go, because it's about the only thing I get to go to every year and regardless of what the weather has been like I always seem to have a good time. No one showed up for the bike drags so we probably won't try them any more. The poker run went over good so we might want to stay with that. The bike games are always a blast to be in or just watch. We have a few months to decide what we are going to do so please think about it and let your district rep. know.

Enjoy what's left of your riding season and be safe. Mary has worked 13 years to change my habits and now she complains that I'm not the man she married.

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DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

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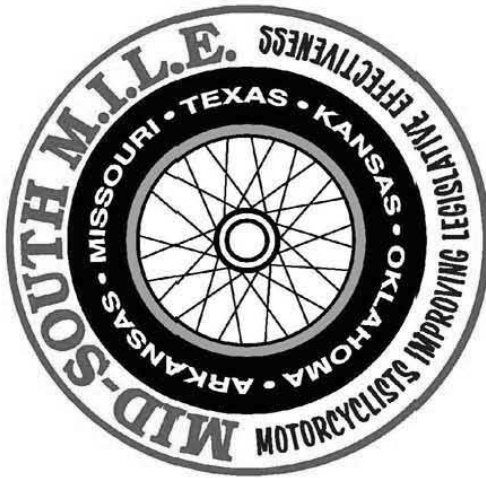
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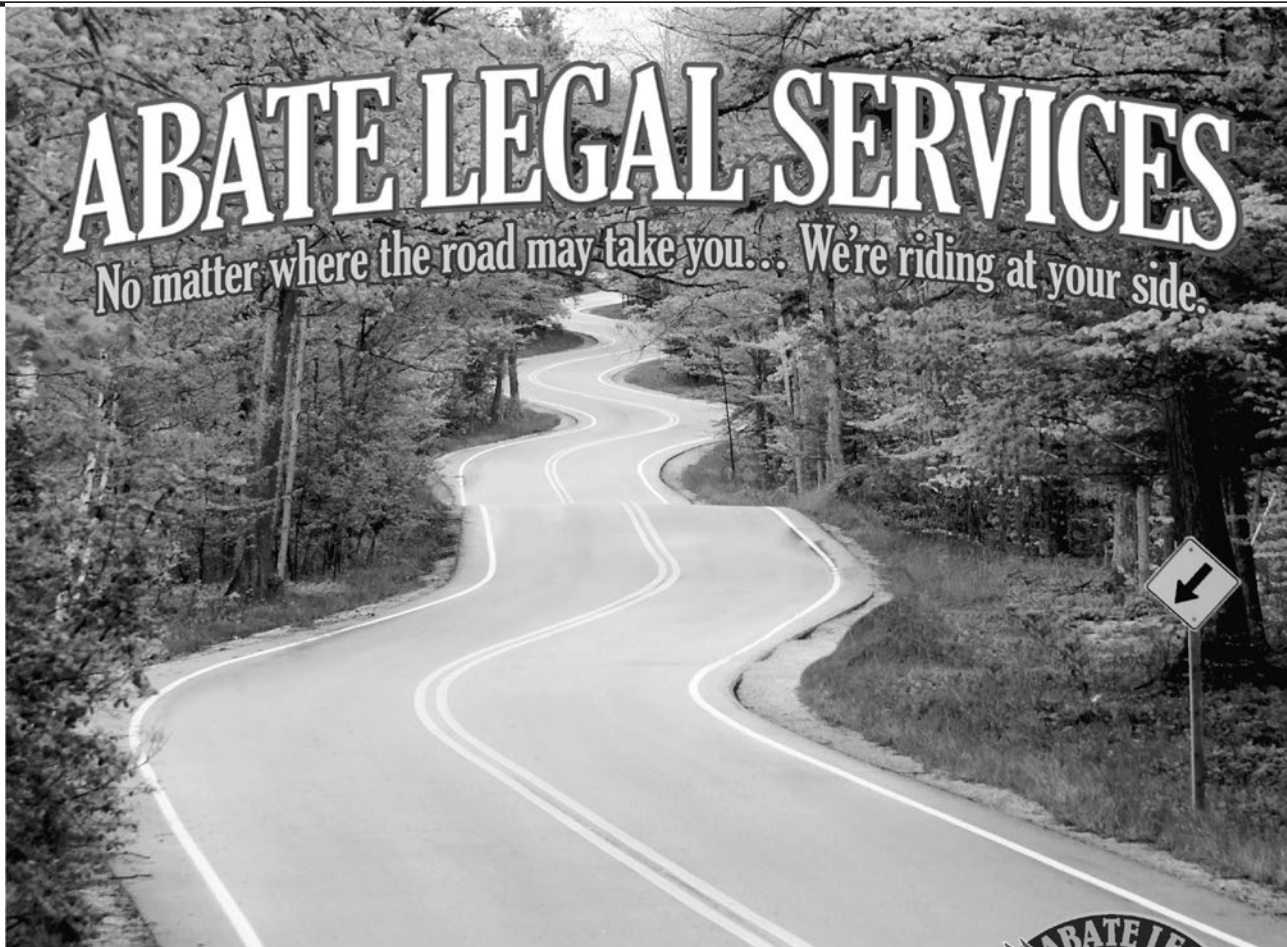
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6 PM-10 PM	L-19 (2)	L-7 (2) L-12 (2) L-35 (2)	L-31 (2)
		L-27 (2) L-8 (2) L-10 (2)	
10 PM-2 AM	L-10 (2)	L-30 (2) L-15 (2) L-13 (2)	
Saturday		L-25 (2) L-26 (2) L-46 (2)	
SATURDAY			
2AM-6 AM	L-7 (2)	L-33 (2)	
6 AM-10 AM	L-1 (2)	L-5 (2) L-25 (2) L-29 (2)	
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2 PM-6 PM	L-8 (2)	L-19 (2) L-41 (2) L-6 (2)	L-15 (2)
6 PM-10 PM	L-13 (2)	L-1 (2) L-8 (2) L-24 (2)	L-16 (2)
		L-10 (2) L-20 (2) L-14 (2)	
10 PM-2 AM	L-19 (2)	L-16 (2) L-26 (2) L-19 (2)	
Sunday		L-12 (2) L-28 (2) L-5 (2)	
SUNDAY			
2AM-6 AM	L-30 (2)	L-10 (2) L-42 (2) L-28 (2)	
6 AM-10 AM	L-35 (2)	L-29 (2) L-16 (2) L-19 (2)	
10 AM-2 PM	L-20 (2)	L-31 (2) L-42 (2) L-11 (2)	L-19 (2)
2 PM-6 PM	L-28 (2)	L-14 (2) L-33 (2) L-29 (2)	L-6 (2)
6 PM-10 PM	L-21 (2)	L-30 (2) L-6 (2) L-42 (2)	L-10 (2)
		L-28 (2) L-8 (2) L-10 (2)	
10 PM-2 AM	CLOSED	L-29 (2) L-15 (2) L-27 (2)	
Monday		L-1 (2) L-11 (2) L-6 (2)	
MONDAY			
2 AM-6 AM		L-8 (2) L-27 (2) L-28 (2)	
TOTAL	30	134	18

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

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

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

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, PO Box 308, Oak Grove, MO 64075-0308 or secretary@forr.net

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

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

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

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

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



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Bogus Motorcycle News Story - Take Action Now!

Today, the left-leaning watchdog investigative website, Fairwarning.org, released a story to the media titled: "Despite Death Toll, Motorcycle Groups Strive to Muzzle U.S. Regulators". At first glance, I took offense at the title, then I thought. Yes, that's exactly what the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has always done and will always do.

The article used me as a source. I knew that this was going to be a negative story, so I did my best to temper the completely clueless (and I am being generous with that term) reporter and author Rick Schmitt.

The story is out and has already been picked up by several major newspapers and major online news sites like MSNBC. Its likely that your regional papers and reporters will reproduce at least some of the whole article.

Here is what I would like you to do. When you come across the story on your local papers' website or any news website, leave some comments in the feedback section on the story. Be polite and be thought-provoking. Many people will read this story and not ever hear our side of the argument. Use this as an opportunity to point out the flaws in their argument. Use the MRF Fact or Fiction pieces to provide clear, concise points.

Upon reading the story initially, I was outraged and my first notion was to give this reporter the one-finger salute, but that will only make motorcyclists look like the yokels that they want us to be.

The single biggest point to make with this story and all like it is this simple fact.

- In 1997, there were 2,116 fatalities for 3,826,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.055% of the motorcyclists were killed.
- In 2010, there were 4,502 fatalities for 8,368,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.053% of the motorcyclists were killed.

So we have more than doubled the motorcycle population. Fact. And we have actually reduced fatalities. Fact.

Read the whole story here: <http://www.fairwarning.org/2012/06/despite-death-toll-motorcycle-groups-strive-to-muzzle-u-s-regulators/>
If leaving some well thought out comments doesn't make you feel better, I have Mr. Schmitts home phone number. In all seriousness, let's comment bomb this story like no other.

The CDC and Propaganda

Recently the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) presented a study on motorcycle safety. Specifically the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention.

The study is nothing new, in fact it is a collection of conclusions drawn from past studies and old statistics, some of the CDC's conclusions even seem to be drawn from thin air.

CDC uses the same tired worn out examples we have seen again and again. They cite the Florida study that said fatalities increased 63.4% from 2000-2009. Which is true, but like every other instance of using this statistic they fail to mention that motorcycle registrations increased over 100% during the same time frame.

The study goes on to uses imaginary numbers to back up their position that motorcycle helmets save money. They claim that in 2008, the United States saved \$3 billion because of helmet use and then claim that the US could have saved an additional \$1.8 billion if mandatory helmet laws were on the books. They provide absolutely zero evidence of this supposed financial burden.

The CDC makes no mention of rider education. We know rider education to be the best way to prevent crashes. Take New Hampshire for example, according to Robert LeTourneau, New Hampshire State Official Motorcycle Education Specialist, they have had 15 fatal motorcycle accidents of riders who took the class since 1990. That's out of over 44,000 students trained in the same time period and .034% of fatal motorcycle accidents. All with no mandatory helmet law.

Of course, the CDC uses NHTSA's 1997 base year for motorcycle fatalities, which was also the lowest point of motorcycle fatalities over the past 30 years. In 1997, there were 2,116 fatalities for 3,826,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.055% of the motorcyclists were killed. In 2010, there were 4,502 fatalities for 8,368,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.053% of the motorcyclists were killed.

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The study also contends that states without helmet laws have higher insurance costs. According to Insure.com, that's not true. Out of the top five most expensive states to buy insurance, only one allows for helmet free riding.

The supposed findings of this study are likely to show up in your local media. Do not let them get away with this.

The MRF encourages you to continue to use the "Fact or Fiction" pieces published by the MRF to combat the junk science in this study and all future attacks on our freedom. You can find the Fact or Fiction pieces at http://www.mrf.org/Fact_Fiction.php.

Read the CDC study at <http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/pdf/mc2012/MotorcycleSafetyBook.pdf>.

The MRF is working with Federal legislators on this report and to help redirect the priorities of the CDC on actual disease issues, not transportation.

To keep things in perspective, let me remind you that the CDC is the same organization that uses the idea of a zombie apocalypse as a way of scaring people into preparing for disaster. Seriously, read it here: http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies_novella.htm

For a full break down of the CDC study done by MRF VA State Representative Matt Danielson go to <http://www.mrf.org/pdf/CDC-Study%20.pdf>.

Connections



USFS proposed rule threatens OHV use

On June 13, 2012, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture published a proposed rule in the Federal Register to allow the Forest Service to use categorical exclusions to more efficiently implement projects to restore lands negatively impacted by water control structures, natural and human caused events, and roads and trails.

These categorical exclusions will allow the Forest Service to more efficiently analyze and document the potential environmental effects of soil and water restoration projects that are intended to restore the flow of waters into natural channels and floodplains by removing water control structures, such as dikes, ditches, culverts and pipes; restore lands and habitat to pre-disturbance conditions, to the extent practicable, by removing debris, sediment, and hazardous conditions following natural or human-caused events; and restore lands occupied by roads and trails to natural conditions.

In other words, the three proposed categorical exclusions facilitate the Forest Service to:

- Restore the flow of waters into natural channels and floodplains by removing, replacing or modifying water control structures;
- Restore lands and habitat to pre-disturbance conditions by removing debris and sediment conditions following natural or human-caused events; and
- Restore, rehabilitate or stabilize lands occupied by non-National Forest System roads and trails to a more natural condition.

The American Motorcyclist Association has concerns with the proposed rule for several reasons. Currently, the Forest Service has to comply with an environmental review, such as an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement with regard to restoration projects. The proposed rule will allow a categorical exclusion from the current environmental review to accelerate the pace of road and trail deconstruction.

In other words, these new categorical exclusions will make it much easier for the Forest Service to reduce the number and mileage of trails.

"We are gaining efficiencies that allow us to move more rapidly through the environmental review process while reducing the cost to the taxpayers of unnecessary documentation," said Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. "These projects are really a win-win for the environment and the public and will result in positive environmental outcomes."

Furthermore, the AMA has concerns with the timeline of this proposed rule. The rule was published June 13, but Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell signed off on the rule May 11 -- two days after the Forest Service Planning Rule went into effect.

The AMA strongly encourages everyone who enjoys recreating on our nation's forest and grasslands to provide comments to the proposed rule. All comments must be received by August 13 for full consideration. If you want to help protect the off-highway trails that you, your family and your friends enjoy, this is an opportunity you can't afford to miss.

Electronic comments are preferred and can be submitted by going to http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FS_FRDOC_0001-1311.

All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying.

Provide your comments today. Be sure to urge the Forest Service to keep every user of the forest in mind.

Please join the AMA to help us fight these efforts to end responsible motorized recreation. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.

UPDATE: U.S. House committee supports Cape Hatteras measure – full House vote next

By a vote of 24 – 18, the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee, chaired by U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings (R-Wash.), agreed today to send H.R. 4094, the "Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act," to the full House for consideration. Write your representative today and urge them to vote "yes" on H.R. 4094.

The bill is in response to new rules that recently took effect in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area in North Carolina that choke off significant access for vehicle and pedestrian recreation. These new rules stem from legal action taken against the National Park Service by anti-access organizations in 2008.

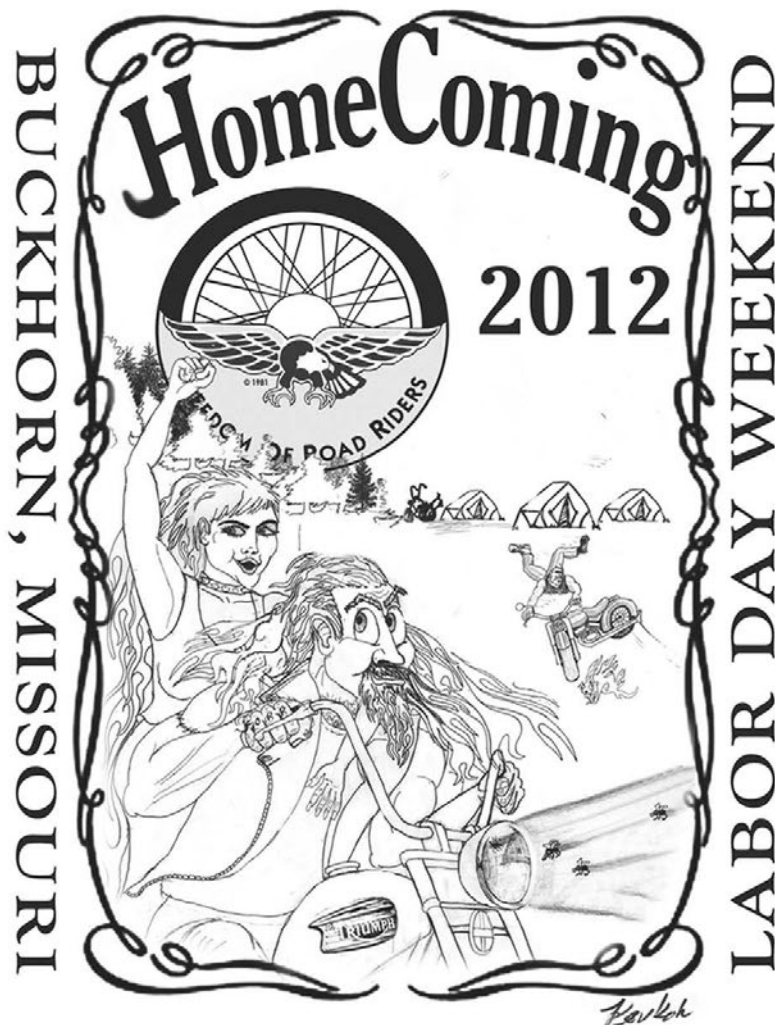
U.S. Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) introduced H.R. 4094 to better balance the interests of wildlife use while maintaining reasonable recreation access. The bill would return motorized vehicle recreation access to the guidelines established in 2007 and require that any new management strategy provide for endangered species protection with minimum restrictions on recreational activities.

A hearing on H.R. 4094 chaired by U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) took place on April 27 in front of the U.S. House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. The subsequent mark-up by the full committee resulted in this positive step forward.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) urges you to contact your representative and ask them to support H.R. 4094 and vote "yes" when it comes to the floor. For your convenience, a pre-written letter is available using the "Take Action" option.

Regardless of whether you are an AMA member, the AMA is interested in your views on this issue. Please send us your thoughts and feedback to grassroots@ama-cycle.org.

If you are not an AMA member and care about what is affecting riders today, please join the AMA to help us protect the rights of motorcyclists. More members means more clout against interests looking to end motorcycling, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.



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Allstate's Motorcycle Awareness Signs Featured New

Written by Chris Jordan, June 20, 2012, allaboutbikes.com

The Allstate Insurance Company is installing "Watch For Motorcycles" dangerous U.S. intersections in 30 cities in 2012.

Related Articles News Info Motorcycle Safety The Allstate Insurance Company announced that it will install motorcycle warning signs in dangerous U.S. intersections in 30 cities this year. The first ones were recently erected at the intersection President and Pratt in Baltimore, the site of two bad, non-fatal motorcycle crashes in the past few years, and Atlanta, said Allstate spokesman Adam Polak.

"It gives drivers an extra couple of seconds to think about what they're doing while they're driving," said Polak. "Often when people are driving around in a car, they're in their own world and they're not thinking about motorcycles so it's good for us to remember about safety and take a couple of extra seconds."

Allstate's Motorcycle Safety Signs

The signs are diamond-shaped yellow panels with black trim that contain the message "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES" written in black lettering. It was created after two years of development which saw more than 100 temporary installations in the U.S. It's a standardized warning device, approved by the federal Department of Transportation, that's intended for use local and state agencies which will be recognized by riders and motorists across the country.

The signs are part of Allstate's "Once is Never Enough" (ONE) program, which encourages people to look twice for motorcycles at intersections.

Dangerous Intersections for Motorcyclists

"I lost a friend in Michigan in March and it was one of those cases where the driver was making a left (impeding the motorcyclist's right-of-way) and he said he didn't see him coming," Polak said. "The signs are a heads up to look for motorcyclists. Take that extra couple of seconds and look."

About a third of Maryland's motorcycle fatalities happened in intersections in 2010. In Baltimore, site of one of the first signs, motorcyclists accounted for 25 percent of all vehicular fatalities. The average age of a biker struck down and killed is 42 and it's 37 in Baltimore, according to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Forty-six percent of all multi-vehicle motorcycle fatalities occurred at intersections, according to FARS.

Bill Engvall For Motorcycle Safety

Allstate is also conducting a marketing campaign starring comedian Bill Engvall to get the word out about motorcycle awareness.

"As a person who's had someone very close to me involved in a serious motorcycle crash and as a rider myself, I jumped at the chance to work with Allstate on this important campaign," said Engvall in a statement. "I've made a living making jokes about signs of the obvious, but here's one sign that carries a vital message and is no laughing matter."

The company is now set to work with local and state agencies to identify dangerous intersections for bikers and then install the

signs where they're needed.

"As a rider in Baltimore, being seen at intersections should always be top of mind, especially on our crowded roads," said Allstate Claims employee Mike Porter in a statement. "The addition of these motorcycle warning signs will be a great reminder to help keep everyone safe."

Video Bill Engvall for Allstate's "Once Is Never Enough" motorcycle safety program. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE2IWE0sldg&feature=player_embedded

ABATE of Wisconsin Mourns Loss of Curt Gran

On Saturday June 16th, 2012 the riding community lost Curt Gran to a crash in North Dakota. The news of his passing affects all of us deeply, and we all stand beside his wife Cindy at this time of deep sorrow.

Curt Gran will be forever remembered worldwide for the contribution of his wit and humor to all lucky enough to share time with him. There are very few people who will ever achieve or surpass the amazing legacy he created for motorcycling. His passion and abilities are world renown in the long distance riding community along with the contributions and excellence he brought to the motorcycle rights movement. His capabilities in the field of information technology moved the entire national rights organizations into the digital age - single handedly. Curt funded, designed and maintained the ABATE of Wisconsin web presence from the inception to just recently, and was always available at many of the state meetings.

We stand in silence in the shadow of his accomplishments, the love he shared with his wife Cindy and the passion for exploring North America on two wheels. Curt is known worldwide for his abilities and accomplishments among the Long Distance Riding community as well as the many contributions he made in his professional life working in the field of medical technology.

I am reminded and will share with you a story that I hold dear to my heart regarding the first time I had the pleasure of meeting Curt many years ago. While Curt and I talked about riding, and for those that knew Curt, he had penchant for understating his accomplishments and skills as a rider- I asked him if he had been on any rides lately. In a quiet nonchalance that was his style, he said he had been riding a weekend that had recently passed. I asked him where he went, and in a very short sentence, he said "no where special, just a ride". I politely pried for further explanation, and he said in Curt's best "man of few words" style, "well... I headed west to the Rockies and then I hung a left to Santa Fe". For those that shared a friendship with Curt, you all understand that Curt looked at the roads and byways of all of North America as we look at our own neighborhood.

Curt's many accomplishments are overshadowed by the Love he had for Cindy and the friendship he shared with all of us.

Details of the arrangements will be shared as they become known. Ric Mellon, Executive Director, ABATE of Wisconsin



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Calendar of Events

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- 4 Local 16 Cape Girardeau Bayou & Field Day 573-768-2524
- 4 Local 28 Waynesville Memorial Ride 573-433-0722
- 18 Local 13 Mexico Wonder Run 573-875-2898
- 18 Local 25 St Peters Motorcycle Rodeo 314-960-4249
- 26 Local 24 St Louis Redneck Biker Golf 314-365-4973
- 31 Central Committee 2012 Homecoming 800-309-7433

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- 1-3 Central Committee 2012 Homecoming 800-309-7433
- 8 Local 33 50 Hwy W Back to School Poker Run 660-233-3949
- 23 Local 15 Branson Swap Meet 417-334-0775

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