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New Life Members

Name	Local
Bob O'Leary	29
Angela Gallus	41

Committee Meetings
Saturday prior to CC Meeting
 Membership - Noon
 Legislative - 1 pm
 PAC Rally - 2 pm
 FEW Seminar - 3 pm
 Motorcycle Awareness - 4 pm
 Open Officers Meeting - 5 pm

NOTICE To All Locals
 As of 11/5/17
 This is The Standing On Financial Statements

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If you don't agree with this report, Please contact Lynne Adkins at 314-960-4249 or treasurer@forn.net

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 PM****Meeting location varies****Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906****Facebook - FORR Local 1**

Howdy all!

The season is getting colder so make sure all is ready...

The local meetings are going real well. The past two meetings have been at El Paso restaurant at 50 & 131 Hwy. Decembers meeting will be held there also (4 PM) on December 17th. It's a nice setup and good food. If you need to find out when a meeting is and aren't sure, just give Dragon 816-547-4906 or myself 816-729-7704C 816-850-4511H a call. We can help you out.

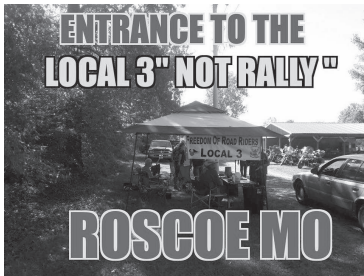
By the time this prints we should know which state cabinet will be taking us into 2018 - good luck to both.

Many events still out there... check out The Freedom Press for all the gooooooood details!

Guess this will be short but sweet so as I always say... Have a good one, then have another!

See Ya,

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor
#7157

LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693****Facebook - FORR® Local 3**

Local 3's first annual Not Rally was Sept. 30 at Roscoe. Appropriately named because there was No Other Time. It was sort of a free week-end with not much going on, Brandy & Spoon came up with the plan and we said, "Lets do it"! B & S did a lot of the work on this project, we really appreciate you. It was a blast, a total success. Thanks to all who helped & supported

the effort. Thanks to all the sponsors, without you it wouldn't have been possible. Special thanks to Terry & Donna of Chopper Stopper Grill & Bar where the rally was held. Charles Meredith conducted a veterans ceremony. We are so thankful for our veterans & active military who keep our country free & safe. I already have my dibbs on the same job next year. Official pork puller/barmaid! My station was next to the band and they were rockin'. What's not to love, too much fun.

Sept. 22-25 was Bikes, Blues & BBQ. Ray, Darla, Bud, Sue, Crawdad, Crash, Scott, Dean, Cheryl, Walt & Deena. Sorry we missed hanging out w/ WWR & Darla. They were on their way home about the time we were getting there. We stayed in Eureka Spgs. and toured the town. Spidey, Cherbear & I thought we wanted to be streetwalkers and ended up at The Cathouse! (bar & grill!!!) The place was packed, but our waitress, I think her name was Melody, really took good care of us. I think she was flirting w/ PD. We went to Fayetteville on Saturday, rode The Pig Trail on Sunday, home on Monday. OK, heres another, "Too much fun". Some of our crew, along w/ Gary Payne of L-30 rode to LOTO Bike Fest, Sept. 15. That was a fast day, didn't have a lot of time to hang. Met some others from L-3 at Hard Tails in Mack's Creek on the way home. Oct. 14, Chad aka Ghost, Tim "Bentrim" & Laurie along w/ Brandy & Spoon rode to Gainesville for a Combat Vets poker run.

Sunday Oct. 22, Gator & I attended Rebel's Masonic Lodge pancake breakfast at Appleton City, along w/ Casey, Paula, WWR, Darla, Bud,

Sue, The Dean & Cheryl. Afterward some of us attended Steve & Myra's church at Kidd's Chapel. The word out is that Rebel has a new beautiful black 2017 Tri-glide. Hope to check it out soon.

Welcome to our new members, Dean Roby, Kevin Kibby, Travis Self, Trisha & Austin Weimuth. Glad to have you & hope to see you at our next meeting. Bob Latta, hope you are feeling much better by now, take care of yourself. And Kelly, thanks for getting our new L-3 t-shirts. Good job. Glad to have Christy, Luke, Lynne & Gunman at our last meeting. Afterward we all rode to Chopper Stopper for some good food & laughs.

Until next time, Happy Thanksgiving to all, Deena #33946

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222****Facebook - forrlocal5.shutterfly.com****LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095****Newsletter Editor Robin Ruhnke 816-752-2080****LOCAL 7 - LEBANON****Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****La Mexican Kitchen, 1679 S Jefferson Ave, South Dale Shopping Center****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627****Facebook - Freedom of road riders @ local 7**

I would like to start off by giving a great big shout out to everyone that came out to support our 36th annual Toy Run. We had 116 bikes joining the ride and it was a huge success with riders from Locals 7, 21, and 28. We collected an overflowing truck load of toys and can food as well as \$350.00 in





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cash donations. A thank you goes out to my friends at DT Engineering who collected and donated two very big boxes of toys along with a box of food again this year. I would like to give a special thank you to all the Representatives from all the MC groups that filled the ranks, it was great to see you guys thank you for coming.

December 3rd will be our next meeting and everyone is encouraged to show, we will be nominating and voting on cabinet members. Check out the Face Book page to find any updates on the pre meeting ride.

Until next time,
Ride Safe, ride often

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

Facebook - FORR Local 8

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

Contact: Rich Northeimer (573) 257-1122 or Denise Taylor (573) 353-4127

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

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S Main, NW Door

Contact: Sparky @ (417) 439-5908 or Lizzi @ (417) 439-0399

Facebook - FORR® L11

Hello everyone, just want to start off by saying our event Fill The Shelves for Souls Harbor went amazing we thank every single one of you that came out to help and support it was a great feeling knowing we are helping such a wonderful place that feeds our community. We have a few things coming up we have Brandy and Sonya's birthdays we wish you both a very happy birthday and may your day be filled with love and happiness. We also have our annual Christmas pot luck and Dirty Santa exchange at our next meeting on Dec. 31st at 1 pm for those of you who were not able to make it to November's meeting we have changed our meeting time to 1 pm. Sundays stay the same. What an amazing year we have all had. I have to say being your editor has been awesome, I have really enjoyed the education and getting to keep everyone updated. This year has taught me so much and most of all showed me how much you all mean to me. Every one of you carry a special place in my heart. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn, grow, and give back to our local. I look forward to all the memories we will make together next year. BB is signing off for the last time. Merry Christmas to you all! Thank you Brittney Macias "BB"



LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 1 PM

1-14-18 Mike and Tami's

2-11-18 Laura and Socko's

June 22 & 23 2018 Firecracker Classic

Contact: Barry McDaniel (660-631-2052)

Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Thank you to Kirby for renewing his membership! By the time you receive this newsletter our Christmas party at Beckett's will be over. Thank you Nicki and staff for a good time and to all that attended.

Not much going on this time of the year so this will be short. Merry Christmas to all and remember to plan on the Firecracker Classic. This gives you plenty of time to make your plans to attend and to save the ten bucks it takes to get in for the entire weekend!!

It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.

Barry AKA Sh_thead

Newsletter

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Melissa Palmer 573-554-4575 or email mapalmer2@cougars.ccis.edu

Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13



FORR®, LOCAL14'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/SILENT AUCTION

12/02/2017

VFW POST 3976

12810 E KENTUCKY AVE INDEPENDENCE, MO 64050



DOORS OPEN @ 5PM

\$10 PER PERSON OR \$15 PER COUPLE

silent auction, door prizes, food and drink available

Side dishes are appreciated and always welcome

LIVE BAND: OUTLAW JUNCTION

7:00 pm until 11 pm

Contact Donna Hilburn 816-8557 or 816-665-7243, leave a message

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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-690-8557****Facebook - FORR® Local 14**

Greetings Local 14 and everyone else out there in FORR land!

Happy belated Thanksgiving and early Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I can hardly believe it is that time again. Octoberfest has come to past and there was a great turnout. It was reported that there were 211 through the gate! Doug and Donna would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who attended and/or worked shifts. The local 14 showing was great! We had a very productive meeting in October with a great member turnout. 30 members signed in! Thank you all for attending. According to Debbie we now are 104 members strong! Woo Hoo! New members and transfers from October 9 to the meeting date of October 15 are: Darin McCarthy, Jacob Taylor, Mike Freels, Mark Schable, Robert Wescott, and Vera Ryabina. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to the FORR Local 14 family! We had our officer nominations at the October meeting. Congrats to all the nominees! By the time this comes to print the District 4 Toy Run will have come to past and I'm sure there was a great turnout and there were lots of donations turned in for the Sunshine Center. If I am still the newsletter editor for the January Freedom Press I will have a more detailed report about the Toy Run and the Local 14 Officer elections. The Local 14 Christmas Party / Dance is on December 2nd from 7 to 11 pm at the VFW Post 3976 at 12810 E. Kentucky Avenue, Independence (Sugar Creek) MO 64050. Meats, entrees, side dishes, deserts, door prize, and silent auction items are needed and welcomed. Please contact Donna about door prize and silent auction items if you'd like to donate. It is always a great time so everyone please come and join us for some fun, good food, and great live music. Capture The Flag is coming right along and the last I heard we should have all of them by the time this goes to print. Great job to those who made the trips and got'er done! A great big thank you to you all!

Well that's pretty much it for this month.

Everyone please, Ride Safe, Drive Safe, and Be Safe. See Ya Down The Road!

Shelly Bryan

Local 14

Secretary / Newsletter (for now)

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Call for information****Contact: 417-337-4382 / local15forr@gmail.com****Facebook - FORR Local #15**

Merry Christmas, everyone.

As we enter the busy holidays I hope you each get to take the time to look around at your family and friends and enjoy the blessings that God has given to you.

Yesterday was our Local Toy Run. We had a beautiful day for the ride, it was actually sunny, hot and 80 degrees. We want to thank everyone that came out, over 200 bikes and hundreds of people for supporting the families of Taney County. Thank you to the ELK Lodge of Forsyth for helping us undertake this year after year. Thank you to everyone in our local for gathering door prizes, donations, live auction items, for signing in people, selling 50/50 and every other thing that was done to pull off our successful toy run. We appreciate you so very much! We received a lot of toys, coats and cash to help the families in our area. THANK YOU!

On Oct. 29th a few of us cleaned our highway together. There were fewer then usual due to other things going on like The Mid-South-Mile, but everyone that came did a wonderful job and had a great time at the Pizza Cellar afterward. Thank you to all that helped!

Our local Christmas Party will be Dec. 9th at The Honeysuckle Inn, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner begins at 7 pm. We are asking everyone to RSVP for dinner. There will be a game exchange this year so please bring a unisex gift no more than \$20 if you want to participate. We will have other games and music to dance to as well. This is a BYOB party. They have rooms at a group price available, give them a call at 417-335-2030 and reserve yours today.

We will have our last business meeting of the year on November 20th at Lone Star Steak House on Green Mountain Drive in Branson. Meeting starts at 7 pm. Come early and have dinner with us. We're voting on officers for next year, so PLEASE come and help us build a strong team for next year. Also consider volunteering to an office, there are many opportunities.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Hope to see you soon, Lou

**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com****Facebook - FORR Local 16**

Happy Thanksgiving Local 16. Just got back from the Toy Run today that we held in Cape Girardeau and need to get this sent in before the deadline. The showing for the Toy Run was a so-so with about half of the people driving and the other half riding. It had been raining for most of the morning and the forecast was for rough weather and hail coming our way. Before the start of the ride it was decided to cancel the ride due to the rain and wind. It was not worth it to possibly have someone get in an accident. Thanks to everyone that showed up and brought in toys and food items. The Eagles of Cape are always happy and appreciative to see us show up.

A couple weeks ago we had our first try at a fall Broomstick Tournament. There were several things going on that day, so we didn't have the turnout that we were expecting. I think we will try to do it again next year but will work it out for a weekend not to conflict with a party that happens this time of year. We had 6 visitors (Cliff, Donna and Doug Hilburn, Stephania Foulks, Joseph Cox, and Dale Perrigo) from Local 14, Independence join in and captured a flag. We are glad you made the trip here and thank you for coming and spending that afternoon with us. Winners were 1st Shane Stogtelili, 2nd James Stegall, 3rd Doug Hilburn.

Dec. 1st Local 16 Christmas Dance at Perryville VFW. Jimmy Lee Band is playing

Jan. 12th Local meeting at Bill's Place in Biehle. 7 pm

Feb. 10th Local meeting at Whitey's. 6 pm

Feb. 24th Broomstick Pool Tournament at JR's in Cape Girardeau. Ride safe and hope to see you all at an upcoming event. Dudely

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Meeting Location Varies****Contact: 660-626-4340****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 19**

Hi there everyone!

Well for most of us its time to trade out the two wheels for 4 wheels. Yep, its that time of year and I think this year might be a doozy. So be safe out there.

Even though most of will have our bikes put up for winter, we still have a lot going on. The Local 19 Toy Run was held on November 5th. Started at Hobby Lobby and ending at The Salvation Army. With 20 bikes, the turn out was on the low side probably due to the typical Missouri November weather. Even with the low turn out we still gave much needed help to the Salvation Army. A huge thanks goes out to all the Kirksville officials that escorted and blocked the roads that allowed the group bikes to safely go through town. Thanks goes out to Rider Drug (Craig and Teresa Harris) and Elter Farms (Ginger) for the donations that helped make the after ride chili dinner possible. Thanks also goes out to Corena for opening her home to us to cook the chili and also hosting the meetings. Thanks goes out to everyone else that helped to make the Toy Run a success. We could not do it without everyone. Thanks.

Local 19 will be participating in Adopt a child this year. There has also been a few that has talked about helping the Salvation Army bell ringing. If any one wants to help with either, please contact 660-626-4340 or 660-626-6367, leave a message and someone will back to you.

It is about the time of year to start prepping for the annual auction which will be held on January 20, 2018. We are taking donations from both businesses and individuals to be auctioned off. We are also needing volunteers for models. If you have something to donate or can model (or know someone that can) please contact 660-626-6367 or bring donation

and information to the December or January meeting. At this time there will be live music by The Comancheros. Its going to be a blast so put it in your calendar and let everyone know about it.

The December 2, 2017 meeting will be held at the residents of Corena Lawrence at 1204 N Centennial St, Kirksville at 6 pm. For directions call 660-626-6367. It is time to be thinking of new officers so please come join us for the meetings to give input and help, we would love to see everyone together.

Visit Freedom of Road Riders Local 19 page on Facebook to share information and get last minute updates.

For information on Safety activities call 660-665-8186, leave a message your call will be returned.

For any general information please call 660-626-4340 text or leave a message your call will be returned.

Lets ride and have fun. Be safe!

Henri

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Saturday @ 1 p.m.****VFW, 106 N Locust St, Dexter, MO****Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter****LOCAL 21 - ELDON****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO****Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989****LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Senior Center, West Plains****Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-1465****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 22 South Central Missouri**

Dear Brothers Sisters and Friends of South Central Local 22,

We are wishing our whole Freedom of Road Riders Family a very Merry Christmas followed with a beautiful New Year. The end of year wrapping things up is always a busy time for all Locals. October is a killer month for Local 22. It starts out with last minute details of our Ozark Mystery Tour This years tour was awesome we had our sister Locals come and support our event. Thank you to Loco 11. BL and I really enjoyed having you here Friday night, so many laughs. Still sitting here writing this article makes me smile. It was great spending time and getting to know you all a little better. It was such a kick meeting your members. The Brotherhood is so strong it was pleasure to host you guys. Local 20 learned that GPS in our neck of the woods is almost if not useless. Lucky for me, they came to the park and helped me set up I'm pretty sure it was because no-one trusted Mona to find their way through the tour with her GPS. Thank you for helping me unload and set up you guys rocked it. We felt so bad that they had gotten lost, but luckily they got to the sign in before BL had left, so I'm not sure if they got to see him in drag or not. Yes, I said drag. Upon sign in our guests were greeted by BL in drag, water balloon boobs and all. Well, it would have been better but I forgot his dress. I think this game may have given some of our guests a better aim at the target. Since dunk tanks are no longer allowed we set up a target that when it's hit just right a water balloon breaks and BL sat in a chair under this contraption, good times and loads of laughs.

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Christmas Dance

Henry rifle
Giveaway
Just in time for Christmas

Open to the Public

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Sponsored by Freedom of Road Riders®
Local 16

Friday, December 1, 2017

Live Music at 8:00 pm provided by:

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Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.

This is something you want to experience yourself, because my words have nothing on seeing this fiasco in real time. Local 15 was also in attendance. For me, anytime Tami hugs are available I find my happy place. It was great spending time with you guys after the run and just kicking back watching movies, even if I fell sleep ¾ of the way through. A special thank you to all of our members who worked stops and came up with games to keep our guest's on their toes. You are the reason we can do these type of events, your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated. We had a little bit of a mishap, OK I'll admit it, I had a little bit of a mishap. The directions to the second stop were misplaced, meaning I had no way of telling our out of town guests how to get there. The lesson learned is that you always have a master copy especially if you think you have your bases covered. (That is usually the first clue that something is going to go wrong.) Thankfully Phil Greer and Speedy Harris came to our rescue and guided the tour to the second stop***Side note, we found the directions after the fact of course, on BL front seat in the truck. If pictures are worth a thousand words, I would dare say everyone enjoyed themselves. Loco 11 walked away with the most awards 8 in all. The list of winners is somewhere that I'm honestly unaware of at this time, so I can't list the winners, my bad. Not to praise anyone more than the other but personal observation Loco 11 members are outstanding, they break not and load things quicker than I can by myself, thank you for all your help. While we are passing out thank you's each and every one who had a hand in making this event successful are rock stars in my book, thank you so very much. It times like these when I catch myself watching the bonds that are being formed at these type of gatherings and my thoughts are always along the lines of, this is what true Brotherhood is about. It is amazing to be a part of such a strong group of people who can look past any differences, without judgment and treat each other with respect. It is truly heart warming yes, it still make me warm and fuzzy inside.

South Central also had two very entertaining community outreaches. These are the ones you always look forward too because the children are so much fun. You can almost pick out the future Bikers. The ones who come up with that twinkle in their eyes and are more interested in the motorcycles than the candy. We shared space with BACA this year at Haunting of the Hallows wonderful group of folks. We were able to get out a few hundred wrist bands and a few yard signs, as well as a few applications. It was a good time to promote awareness and safety. Over all we had a few inquires about safety courses, and engaged in a few questions and answers conversations. Letting our community know that we are established in the area and are here to help in anyway we can are what these events are made for. We also did Trunk or Treat at this event we set up in stations, we had two bikes set up with saddle bags full of candy. We also had coloring books about safety, temporary tattoos, and wristband that say Watch for Motorcycles Freedom of Road riders Local 22.....we tried to reinforce this message by telling the kids to remind their parents to watch for motorcycles. I never received the final head count but we ran out of coloring books and gave out over a thousand wrist bands. Not to mention I'm sure we said a couple of quick prayers that we would have enough candy. As well as a few debates on if we should send out for more. This event I is one of the biggest for children in the area. We were able to share the message of safety and awareness, making both of these events successful. This is another event that could not be done without our members, thank you for finding time to help your Local. Without you there would be no FORR so thank you, thank you, thank you we are blessed to have you.

As this year comes to a close South Central Local 22 our hope is that everyone can look back and smile at the memories we have shared along the way. I read an article earlier this month about families who write a note for each blessing they received or just how they may feel at a certain time, may be a random thought of inspiration. After doing this they would fold the piece of paper so that the writing can't be seen at a glance and put these written thoughts into the memory jar. These moments in time are later opened on New Years Eve and shared with those you love. The overall thought was to not look at went wrong but celebrate all that made you smile, things you can take pride in, unexpected triumphs,

by doing this we would not be allowing the negative energy's to affect our outcomes creating a positive light with any luck at all will change the direction some are facing. Now, stay with me. I have listened to the debates through out the State about our membership numbers and the flux of members. I have heard many times over that recruitment isn't the problem, I have to agree with that outlook whole heartily. When you start the remove the layers to get to the core of the problem, it is plain to see our biggest problem is retention. Who hasn't heard the saying "People will reach higher achievement levels, if they feel valued and appreciated." ? So anyway, back to what I was saying this may be a way of engaging members that do sit on the side lines. We would have to find a way fun making it fun and not a forced interaction. Locals could do this through out the year after a meeting, group ride or even that event we find ourselves working together as a team. In order to give this ides a chance, think of making this a high light of your Local Christmas party, one that could become tradition of sorts. By sharing memories and the inspiration that were felt in that moment, may open the door to conversations between the members. Many times more times than not, I have observed that not everyone is engaged and I don't think it is the intention of anyone. It's more likely to boils down to some people just have a harder time opening up to new people or feel uncomfortable speaking in public. Goodness knows there could be reasons we will never understand nor should we try but we can not let this stop us from reaching out to all of our members. Seriously think about it what better way is there to break that barrier than laughter and the feeling of belonging, family. That after all is what we are trying to promote while building the Brotherhood. I know this could be a hinky idea, but it is an idea. What do we have to lose?

Being part of the largest MRO in the State of Missouri is an honor and we should all be proud of. Standing together in agreement with the same goal which is Freedoms and the freedom to choose, it is a awesome feeling when you are part of something you believe in. We need to focus our efforts on our accomplishments while at the same time showing our members that without them none of it would be possible. Shared memories, shared experiences, shared love of the road, shared laughter, shared sorrows, this is what we have to find, in order to be stronger force. Together we can make a difference, are you ready to take that stand ? I really am not a fan of resolutions because we usually set unrealistic goals for ourselves then beat ourselves up for not being able to reach them. That's a lot of wasted energy. I am going to go out on a limb and challenge each of you to step outside of the box. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Help someone without being asked too. Small gestures equal big changes. We are headed into a new year wouldn't it be nice to go into it with the thought of helping others ? I need to stop here and recognize the fact that some of the wording I have used here came straight from BL's play book. His passion for this Organization is one I haven't seen very many match. The fact that he has over 36 years in stands for itself. I'm still very new to all of this but I know this man and I know he only fights for what he believes to be right. With that in mind we all need to do our part to make FORR great again. It's not about numbers, it's about the people we serve and what we can do to help each other. It's family, it's Brotherhood, it is what we ultimately need to survive. Merry Christmas to each of you, may your homes be blessed with those you hold dear. May the New Year bring new beginnings.

Until Next time
LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Valerie McDonnell
Secretary Local 22

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624

Facebook - Local 24

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 pm****Location : Lone Wolf Saloon, 405 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville****Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-293-5998****Facebook - Local 25**

Happy Holiday's to all. As the year winds down, I would like to thank everyone in Local 25 for their dedication of purpose to ensuring the rights of all motorcyclists. We all have spent many hours working to ensure the success of our organization.

We recently completed our Toy Run for Shriners Hospital. It was a great day...rain and all. It was a short 23 mile run with a police escort that was led by Santa. Thank you to our own Santa, Rick Boarth. We ended at Mattingly's and ate lunch as we have on other occasions. When it came to pay the bill, the waitress stated that it was already paid. An Anonymous patron had already taken care of our bills, yes that's right, there were 8 of us. What a FANTASTIC way to start the holiday season. Several toys were collected to take to Shriners and a cash donation will be made.

We would to thank the St. Charles County Sherriff's department for their escort.

Hope to see you all in the New Year. Travel safely wherever you roam.

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.****BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St., Maryville, MO****Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742****Facebook - Local 26 Freedom of Road Riders**

Greetings fellow Riders,

Another month is upon us and for many of us it is the end of the riding season. This morning dawned at a brisk 28 degrees and the forecast looks like it is only the beginning of the cold weather. I personally saw snow flurries on Halloween and expect to see more of the same in the future. Turn outs for October were a bit light, but that tends to be the case as the temperatures go lower. Many of our group are sensitive to the cold and do not find riding in cooler weather to be enjoyable. I feel the same way about high temperatures, so I understand.

I'm told we had 11 turn out for the Toy Run and Food Pantry donation. The weather was nice enough to cooperate and while the 50's are cool, they are at least manageable.

Daylight savings time is now over. Some are not happy about it getting dark so early, but I am personally happy to get back that hour they stole from me in the spring. I work indoors and my bike has lights so I really see no reason to keep fooling with the clocks. An interesting factoid: DST was pushed back to November at the request of the candy companies so that the Trick or Treaters could be out later without it getting so dark. This means that the time to darkness is more pronounced that it would have been because the days started to shorten after the autumnal equinox. So you would have still had some daylight left after work post change than you do by waiting until November.

By the time you receive this, there is nothing on the calendar for this year. We will be meeting to discuss next year's plans during our regular monthly meetings. We will also determine when the planning meeting will be. Usually discuss at least the first half of the riding season. We will probably continue to be at Pizza Hut in Maryville and less you get a text otherwise.

Time to think about winterizing your bike. Change the fluids, refill the tank with fuel and stabilizer, and put it on a battery tender if it is going to set for a while. Remember there is a difference between a charger and a tender. A tender won't destroy your battery.

Until next time.

Safe journeys,

Harold

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Eric Price 573-512-0265; Vice President Vice-President Larry Hudspeth 573-433-0805; Shrine Club 573-774-545****Facebook - Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders**

Bash was a hit we had almost 800 people come through we made almost 1600 at the gate and the Shriners donated their tip money our total we presented the shrine club a check for 1677 for Shriners hospital. Thank you to the combat veterans, the American Legion Riders, Local 7 Local 28 for all your help in making the event a success.

Local 7 had their toy run with over 100 bikes present pretty awesome turn out.

We had our Elections and President is Eric Price, VP is Bill Dorlac, Secretary/Treasurer/ newsletter Mayra Preble, Safety Larry Wheeler, membership Anne Price, CC rep Merle Johnson We did not get anyone to run for Product line.

Don't forget to come by Walmart for our toy drive the Saturday after thanksgiving. We are looking for an organization to donate our toys to. Getting chilly and the deer are moving so please be safe and look out for hazards.

Happy Birthday to Cheryl Dorlac, David Preble, Anne Price, and Jaime Roberts

Ride safe

Mayra

LOCAL 29 - KANSAS CITY NORTH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW 5717, 301 W Washington, Kearney, MO 64060****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook - FORR Local 29**

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Barnhouse Bar & Grill, 5484 W Sunshine St****Contact: President James Darter 417-466-0518****Facebook - FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO**

Dear FORR Friends & Family,

Balance-offset or compare the value of one thing with another. Although FORR is important, so are our friends and family. In the summer we get to running pretty hard with FORR. I can only assume we going to get in to some non-riding weather soon. Take this opportunity to flood your friends and family with love and attention.

But as the weather keeps hanging in there: Last weekend was Branson's Toy Run and they stated they had over 200 bikes. That is a phenomenal showing for a November ride. There are many more toy runs, so hopefully the others will get as lucky and have great weather. The Veterans Day Parade was held in Willard this year due to some issues with Springfield, that I certainly do not want to go in to, but I hear it wasn't good. Anyway the important part is L-30 made a strong show as well as several other people, groups, riders, veterans, etc. Sooooo, a huge success for the Veterans. Go Willard!

Our Christmas party was a huge success last year. We had a great venue, a great turnout, great food, and we all had a blast. This year we will be inviting past and current members. It would really be nice to see some of the faces of our member's whom we've never met. So if you know someone who used to be a member or is a current member please invite them to Carrie's Dec. 2nd. We would love to meet them. We will be having pot luck, The Benders (rock & roll) will be playing at 8 pm and the party starts at 7 pm. There is no cover and it is just a great, little hangout. Please be there early so we can get a group photo.

Our next big event and our major fund raiser is Leather n Lace in February. We hope to have flyers out by this month's meeting. Get out and display a few. Be talking to your peeps about making a donation. They may not be ready until after Christmas. Hopefully we can hit it hard in January and we can have a great silent auction. We hope for the biggest and best crowd ever this year.

Mark Your Calendars:

Dec. 2 L-30 Christmas Party @ Carries Place
1906 E Meadowmere Spfld MO 65804

Dec. 3 Toys 4 Tots Toy Run

Jan. 1 Frosty Balls Ride

Love ya,
Channy

Meeting Location: Barnhouse Bar & Grill, 5484 W Sunshine St, Brookline, MO Time: 3rd Thursday of the Month, Starts Promptly at 7 pm

Come early if you'd like to eat. They have some great, cheap food. We have the best ever waitress there and she loves us to pieces. Mz Tamara!!
President: James Darter (417)466-0518

LOCAL 31 - CENTRAL MISSOURI**Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm****Odd months: Spots Place Hwy 63 Vichy, MO.****Even months: Traveling, check out "Local 31 Central MO" on Facebook for the latest info.****Contacts: Mike Thompson, 12080 County Rd 8010, Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John 573-647-0129**

Hope everyone is doing well from Local 31. Local 31 is preparing for a new year, we held nominations for our new officers at our October meeting and will vote on them in our November meeting.

We have some members going to the Toy Run November 5th in Montgomery City, MO. As fall is fading we hope everyone is safe and as the weather becomes more hazardous. Local 31 is excited about throwing a Christmas party and sending out invitations to all of our

expired members. We want to welcome our newest member Liz who will be taking the riders safety course in the Spring. Ride safe and enjoy the ride. April Cahill

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - Ricky Sarge Salyer 660-441-0604****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 33**

Some of us decided to join the West Central Polar Bear Club again this fall and winter to get in some riding with folks that like to ride in the cold. So if anyone wants to join us just go to their Facebook page to get the schedule. They always come up with some great eating places to meet. The first ride of the year was to Yeager's Cycles in Sedalia.

We had a Halloween Party on October 28th at Amvets. The MOJO Dogs band was great and a lot of great costumes. Even Gibbons from ZZ Top made a surprise visit and sung a couple of songs with the band. Winners were: 1st Matthew Graham as ZZ Top, 2nd Chris Regal and his Gal as a basketball player and Game Ball (her baby bump as the ball), 3rd Larry and Nancy as a Steampunk Couple, and 4th Rob Kasmerchek as a Scottish Man, and the talk is he worn the kilt the original way. For everyone that decided to stay home, you missed a great party. Want to thank Nancy Brown and everyone else who helped plan, decorate and work the party.

Don't forget, December 16th will be our Adopt A Family shopping and gift wrapping. We will have a short monthly meeting at noon, go Christmas shopping, followed by gift wrapping and setting up. Hope to see a lot of members come and help us make this the best one yet. The Adopt A Family Dinner is at 1 pm Sunday December 17th at AmVets.

I would like to thank everyone for reading my newsletter this past year. I have decided not to run as newsletter editor for 2018. Ed-itor is

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Contact: Rick (Sarge) Salyer 660-441-0604 or LW Chaney 660-422-1250

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coming out of retirement to write the Local 33 Newsletter. I am going to be the Local's Membership Secretary once again.
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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735****Contact : President- David Nelson (660) 678-2034****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 35**

Want to say a big FORR welcome to our 2 newest members of Local 35; Peri Purdy and Donald Graham Sr.

We have set a date for our Local Christmas party, it will be December 9th 2017 at 5:00 pm. We will meet in Calhoun at the Calhoun Colt Show Building. Please be at our November meeting for finalization of the plans. Election of officers will also be held that night.

Can't believe this will be the last newsletter for 2017. Where did this year go?

Pray for a mild winter with a lot of riding days.

Bob Hawkins LM # 5960

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims****660-425-8340****Facebook - FORR® Local 41**

Are you listening? Well hello out there in the FORR Neighborhood. Hope everyone has been able to enjoy what good weather that we have had. Now don't know what the rest of the state has had, but the tracking snow that we had sure put a chill in our bones. If the wives tail follows suit we should have 31 more tracking snows, lets hope not!!! The local just had a meeting and the vote was to donate to Toys For Tots some of the funds that we got for working the gate at Spring Fling for local 8 so we meet with Tammy who is managing Toys For Tots in the Cameron area which goes to the Clinton, Dekalb and Caldwell Counties. The Local was able to donate \$250.00 part was from the Local's treasury and some from out side help. With that being said, there is still time to give some more money before December 12th. Next meeting will be December 7th a Dino's Diner if you can make the meeting please do so, hope to see you there. Later Steve G, ride safe

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact:****President - M.C. "Tex" Garner 636-249-4324, mcgarner58@gmail.com****Facebook - Freedom Of Road Riders Local #42**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! (yes I said it) to all of our FORR brothers and sisters out there. I for one will be happy to see this year over with. There is not a level of government in this country that gives a damn about its citizens from D.C. down to the county and town levels. We must fight at every level and stand for our rights on not just motorcycles but every level until our voices are heard loud and clear that massive change must come to this country or we are all doomed to be nothing more than slaves to our government and the rich. (DEEP BREATH). We here at Local 42 have put a group of officers together for 2018 who go above and beyond the call of duty doubling up on some positions because so many members have just seemed to give up. Our officers for 2018 are Tex Garner (President), James Hoffmann (Vice President, Newsletter, Historian), Gloria Weber (Treasurer, Secretary), Keifer York (CC, Legislative), Bill Lynn (Safety), Jim Kalter (Sgt. at Arms). Together we CAN make a difference. As the band TRIUMPH says: Fight the good fight everybody... every minute, every. On a happier note the Christmas party is coming up on December 17th at the Eagles Hall in Pacific, MO. If ya happen to be in the neighborhood, stop by, we would love to see you.

LOCAL 47 - RAY COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am****Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 3917, 14305 State Hwy Y, Excelsior Springs, MO****Contact: President Jack Garrison 816-591-2497 or Vice-President David Voigts 913-634-9557****Facebook - Local 47**

The current Officers would like to thank the new officers of 2018 for stepping up and allowing the Local to plug along another year. Every year it gets harder and harder to fill the positions, so the Local is truly grateful. I would like to thank the 2017 Officers of L47 for their dedication and time spent on keeping the Local going. We would also like to congratulate the new Corporate Officers of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc., and hope that they have some great ideas that will launch FORR into the New Year!

We had a good turn out at Octoberfest. The weather was chilly but nothing like it had been in previous years. Unfortunately it was too muddy to have the drag races, but everyone still had a great time. L47's Kevin Frederick won the attendance incentive and was kind enough to donate it to the District 4 Christmas Party. Way to go Kevin!!!

Local 47 will be having their Valentine's Day dance again next year on February 17th, 2018. The Selles Brother's Band will be playing again, so come on out and dance the night away with us.

We would like to let LA Ross know that we are praying for her and hope that she is back to being her "force of nature" self very soon.

Merry Christmas everyone. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 2nd Thursday****Check with your local rep for location****Steve G 816-449-5037**

Not much going on here in Northwest .MO just letting you know we are still alive till the next letter ride safe, ride free, later Steve G

DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm****Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011****Contact: 816-665-7243 or 816-690-8557**

Our Annual Toy Run was a success a great big thank you too all who attended.

Our Crockpot cook off is Jan. 20th let's make it a huge success also!

D4 Chairperson
Donna Hilburn

PS - Harley Rhoades won the Iron Ass award from Doug for riding the furthest on his bike to Octoberfest



CONNECTIONS

Targeted For Existing: Where Pop Culture Ends and Real Life Begins for America's Bikers

By: Megan Ekstrom



When I first spoke with “Professor Blade” I noticed a subtle accent; “Former British Army” he informed me, though he now resides in the San Diego area. In addition to his accent, I noticed he was remarkably polite and articulate, which isn’t surprising given his career as a middle school teacher and college professor. What IS surprising however, is the fact that this man was recently arrested, charged with a felony and held on a \$125k bail. So why was this man, former military and college educator without any criminal record arrested? He says he was profiled by California State police, simply because he was riding a motorcycle.

Though entertaining, bikers openly mock the hit TV show, “Sons of Anarchy” which portrays a fictional outlaw motorcycle club as murderers, rapists and drug addicts who all use excessive violence to get what they want. Unfortunately, for the 8 million Americans who ride, perception can be reality. Professor Blade and members of his motorcycle club “The Chosen Few” know this all too well. He says he and his fellow club members have been targeted by local law enforcement for years. “There’s a bar we all go to pretty regularly,” Professor Blade tells me. “The night I was arrested I was there for a party for a friend who is in the marines. When we arrived, I could see police staked out across the street from the bar, just watching and waiting.” Upon leaving the party he was pulled over the second he turned out of the parking lot on his motorcycle. The impetus for the stop? Loud pipes—a reason Professor Blade finds suspect given they were in close proximity to the Miramar Air Station. “It was so loud we couldn’t even hear the sound from the police dash camera. There is no way he heard my pipes which are in full compliance with California state law.” Ultimately, Professor Blade wasn’t cited for his pipes, but he was questioned about the leadership of his motorcycle club and then arrested for possession of brass knuckles and a deadly weapon. One of the “brass knuckles” that prompted his arrest? His wedding ring. The deadly weapon? A 24-inch decorative whip that was zip-tied to his handlebar on the throttle side. Police arrested him, confiscated his bike and a judge set his bail at \$125,000.

It would be unfair to pin the perception of equating bikers to criminals solely on the show, Sons of Anarchy. There are legends and lore about bikers from movies to music and throughout American pop culture. The “bad boy” biker narrative has grown over time and though entertaining, it’s resulted in some real (and not so entertaining) consequences.

The Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP) has been collecting research for two years capturing data and information from motorcyclists who feel they have been profiled by law enforcement for riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related attire. According to the Motorcycle Profiling Project, 28% of respondents felt they had been profiled. Though the data from 2016 is still being reviewed, early indications show that this number will grow exponentially. The state with the highest reported incidents of profiling? California—which is where Professor Blade was arrested.

Though incidents of profiling certainly are not limited to California. Every single state has reported instances of motorcycle profiling according to the MPP. And while California is the biggest offender, Texas, Florida, Arizona and Pennsylvania rank in the top five. The state at the bottom of the list with the lowest incidents of reporting? That would be Washington state which passed a law in 2009 requiring law enforcement trainees to undergo training specific to addressing motorcycle profiling and best practices when stopping a motorcyclist. According to the MPP which spearheaded the Washington law, it’s working. In fact, reported incidents of profiling have been reduced over 90%. Maryland passed a similar law in 2016 and several state legislatures will be considering similar bills in their next sessions. Even our federal lawmakers have shown an interest in the issue with the House and Senate each introducing legislation (S.Res.154, H.Res.318) addressing motorcycle profiling in May of this year pushed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

No one should make the argument that criminal elements don’t exist in the motorcycle world. A quick google search turns up many reports of bikers arrested on drug charges and domestic violence among others. A 2015 report from the FBI on gangs identifies outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMG) as a concern stating that motorcyclists have evolved from “bar room brawlers” to “sophisticated criminals.” However, according to the report, when looking at gangs and gang members as a whole, 88% are attributed to street gangs, 9.5% to prison gangs and only 2.5% are attributed to motorcycle gangs. And yet, according to Vox Media, a recent survey showed that 14% of law enforcement officials identified motorcycle gangs first among the most problematic gangs in their jurisdictions; a figure that doesn’t add up when reviewing where motorcycle gangs actually fall on the spectrum.

Professor Blade, whose real name is Flavius A B Akerele III, ultimately plead to a misdemeanor for possession of the decorative whip that hung from his handlebar. But the consequences didn’t stop there. As a result of his misdemeanor, he has lost his right to own a gun for three years—a hefty price to pay for an enthusiast and someone professionally trained in firearms. And despite the felony charge being dropped, the pending charge affected his background check when he was exploring a new position with a community college. And just recently, he was pulled over yet again upon leaving the local Harley-Davidson dealership where he says that once again, police were set up watching who entered and exited on motorcycles.

So while the “bad boy biker” persona is iconic and the popular image of bikers as degenerates and hooligans makes for good TV, there are practical effects for your average motorcycle rider. When I ask Professor Blade what he wants others to know about his lifestyle and his story he tells me, “This is the kind of harassment I see on a daily basis. Bikers aren’t criminals. They are our country’s nurses, firefighters and teachers. We are being targeted for simply existing.”

“ENGINEER OF FREEDOM” AWARD

How many FORR® members do you know the really exemplify the spirit of freedom? The member who has belonged for so many years, no one can keep track. The member who, when the call went out for a work session or a shift at an event, has always been there. The member, who has held every office in a Local and has been in one or the other as long as anyone can remember or the member who has jumped in there and helped to spark a Local to success, seemingly overnight. We all know these members, we see them every time there's a Local or CC meeting, or we go to an event and it's their smiling face that greets us and signs us in. And now there's a way to recognize those special members who have made up the heart and soul of Freedom of Road Riders®, the “Engineer of Freedom” Award.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREEDOM OF ROAD RIDERS® **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE**

(January 1st - December 31st each year)

The following incentive system was established May 15, 1994:

When you have recruited 10 new members you receive	A special FORR® ball cap
Five (5) more new members (15 total) earns you:	A 1 yr membership renewal & supporter patch
Ten (10) more new members (25 total) earns you:	1 free admission to the annual FEW Seminar
Twenty-five (25) more new members (50 total) earns you:	1 more free admission to the annual FEW Seminar & motel room paid
For a total of 100 new members recruited you earn:	A leather jack or gift certificate for \$250.00

A new member is someone that has never been a member of FORR® or an individual that has been out of FORR® for at least one (1) year.

Membership Application

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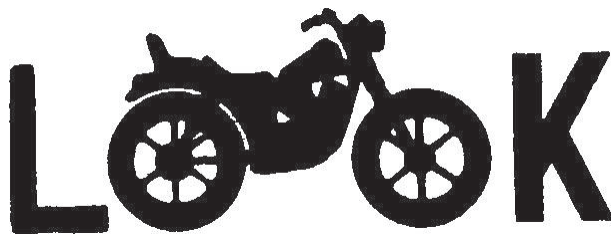
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Date _____

I would like to transfer from

Local _____ to Local _____

Name _____

Membership Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Signature

Send to: FORR, Inc, 1424 Estate Dr,
Bates City, MO. 64011-8417

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Membership# _____ Local # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

New Address Information

Address _____

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Calendar of Events

Check inside this issue for more information on the events listed on this calendar.

DECEMBER

- 1 Local 16 - SEMO Christmas Dance (573) 768-2524
- 2 Local 14 - Independence Annual Christmas Party/Silent Auction (816-690-8557)
- 17 Local 33 - Hwy 50 West Adopt-A-Family (660) - 441-0604

JANUARY

- 20 District 4 Crockpot Cook Off (816-690-8557)

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