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Larry "Norton" Sales
Feb. 15, 1954 - Dec. 25, 2006

'Norton' served as past President of FORR - Local 14 in Independence and was a lifetime member of FORR, Inc. He will be missed by all.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Happy New Year 2007.

Folks it's that time again when we start our new year and a new legislature season. With all the newly elective Representatives and Senators there are many questions that have to be answered in a fairly short time.
At the last CC meeting, I asked the CC reps to let me know who is going to vote with us on the helmet modification and the Comparative Fault Bill. Only two locals responded, so now I am going to ask you the membership to answer the question; WHO WILL VOTE YES OR NO.

Helmet modification will be sponsored in the house by Rep. Gary Duisenberg 54th district, House Bill 155, with seventeen cosponsors. On the Senate side it will be Luann Ridgeway (not filed yet) and so far three cosponsors have told us yes. In the Senate we have enough yes vote to carry, if no body flops on us. We could use more yes votes and more cosponsors, so please help. On the house side at this time we do not have the votes; 82 yes, 37? 44, no, to carry the bill. And if I can not tell the chair of the committee that we have the votes they will probably not pass it out of committee. This is where I really, really need your help. I need to know who is going to vote with us and against us as soon as possible; absolutely before the committee hearings. On Comparative Fault the sponsor will be Chris Koster 31st District in the Senate. This one is a whole new subject and hard to even explain at times, but I will try and have the information at the January CC meeting. A House Sponsor has not signed on at this time, but Sharon and I are still working hard at it.

Legislative updates are sent out weekly by Sharon. If you want to be on her list or mine send us an email address or let me know to send it by snail mail.

As many ofyou know I am trying to find my replacement for 2008; so they can start working with me now and be ready for 2008. Also, people are needed on the legislative committee and the three subcommittees. If you have any interest in any of these spots or just want to help and don't know where you could fit let me know. ***Breed***

Legislative Information *From: "Sharon Williams"*

Good News!
Sen. LuAnn Ridgeway has agreed to sponsor helmet modification for us in the Senate. She has been a long time supporter of ours and we're extremely pleased to have her carry the bill this year! Please contact your Senator and ask that he/she cosponsor the legislation.

2007 Capital Crusaders Days

February 14
March 14 - April 24
May 9

Contact Halfbreed or Sharon to let them know if you can come to any of these dates.

And as always -
9:00 A.M. In the Rotunda.

Capital Crusader Days are scheduled days during the legislative session when ALL FORR members are encouraged to meet in the Capitol to work the halls and meet with their own legislators to promote support for FORR issues.

FORR members are welcome in the Capitol anytime during the session, and if Sharon knows you're coming, she will make every effort to meet you and go with you to meet your legislators. However, over the years FORR has determined that one day each month, leaves an impression in the Capitol for lots of motorcyclists to work the halls together.

Max 'MadMax' Haynes
Webmaster@FORR.net

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Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 3p.m. Dixon's Chili Hwy. 291 in Lee's Summit.
Contact: Rebel or Dragon at 816-850-4511, Local1@FORR.net or check our website @ www.FORR1.com

Local 1

Lee's Summit, MO

Annual Bowling Tourney





Hello Local 1. We hope all is well with everyone, and everybody enjoyed their holidays! The Local is hoping ya'all are as ready to get '07 started, as we are!

Please congratulate your newly elected officers for this year.

President- Michelle O'Connor (first time in Local 1 history of a female Pres'), VP- Tim O'Connor, Treasurer- Dallas Chapman, Secretary- Dallas Chapman, (only because no one else would), Sergeant of Arms-Tim O'Connor, (because no one else would), CC Rep- Conrad Monaco, District Rep- Conrad Monaco, Road Captain- Tim O'Connor, (so he could do the Lime Run), Local newsletter editor- Conrad Monaco, Product line- Mark Chapman, Webmaster- Pat Hansen. (We hope he continues his excellent work) You'll notice a lot of repeat name's here.

At Dec's meeting, there were only 12 members present. (Out of the 12, 7 stepped up, out of 11 positions, out of a 100 or so members of Local 1.) Kinda sad folks, kinda sad. This is just one of the things that we in this organization talk a lot about, lack of participation. And we really do, wonder why? And what would it take to get some? The government is working very hard to take over our lives, our rights, and our motorcycles. They, (the government) are many, and they are doing a lot of business against us. And making a hell-of-a-lot more head way than we are. It's going to take all of us and a lot more, to stop them.

What do you think might happen, if we don't?
What do you think your riding experience will be like then?
What kind of "motorcycle" will we be riding 20 years from now?
What will it take for the motorcyclists of this state, to make a stand?

And is it possible to do it in a unified way? Hence, the survey. Sorry to say, I haven't had any input on our Local survey.

Come on folks, your not gonna hurt any feelings here, so don't be afraid to speak your peace. We're all adults here, I think we're all big enough to accept some constructive criticism! Again, please send all your comments to, rebelhd@kc.rr.com. All identities and e-addy's will of course, be kept confidential. The Local needs your opinion! We want your participation! And the protection of your rights, just might demand it! And we can't fix it, if ya'all don't tell us what's wrong!
And if things must/need to change, change takes ideas/ ideals.

On the business side, we need to stress to the Local members, just how important it is to contact your legislators throughout the legislative session.

On that note, Capitol Crusader dates, are as follows, 2/14, 3/14- Dist 4 day at the Capitol, 4/24 the M.A.Y. Rally, and 5/09. And we'd like to see some more/new faces down there. And if you can't make it, there is always your computer. The FORR state website will show you how to make contact to those who represent your voice in our state and our nations capitol. **whew, went off the deep end there!**

On the lighter side, we have some upcoming events we'd like for you to make note of, the children's Easter party, a District fund-raiser, the upcoming District, Local, and CC meetings, dinner rides, the Lime run, etc. Don't worry, there will be more info to come. Just make plans and come out and join us. And you know where to get all the info you need on what's going on. But your Local meeting is still, the best place to get it! Again, please support your Local and your District. Ya know it's gonna be another busy year. Cyalaterbye, ***Conrad "Rebel" Monaco #13850***

P.S. - A BIG Get well to our former Pres. Rick Long. He got into a tangle with a deer on the 3rd of January. Thankfully he is doing well. He and his scooter are little worst for wear, but the deer met its fatal match!

Local 2 - Blue Springs

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. American Legion in Blue Springs.
Contact: 816-690-4289 or 816-461-0078

Local 3 - Clinton County

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 741, 200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO
Contact: John 816-580-3424

Hello Local 3 and everyone else! We are off to a New Year. We will set our dates for our events for the year 2007. We hope that everyone can attend the meetings and participate in these events this year. We need your support and help. We hear people say they didn't know anything about something we have done, so come to the meetings and be a part of the local and hear about what we do.

At our December meeting we call to order at 7:09 p.m. Phil made a motion and Steve 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes by our secretary. The treasurer gave the local balance. The cc rep had nothing to report. She apologizes for missing the Awards Banquet because her and her husband was in the process of moving. We did make a motion by Steve and John 2nd and it was voted on and passed except Knobber opposing as usual, on a name change for our local. Carol will take it to the next cc meeting. The district rep reminded us of the next meeting which was January 12th at 7:30 in Cameron. The product line mentioned we need a patch design, something in gray, for the diabetes run so we can get it sent in for approval.

The newsletter mentioned we need to get our 2007 event dates set so she can get flyers made and approved. The historian had nothing to report. The sergeant of arms said we had 18 members present at the meeting. Let's keep coming to the meetings, new or old. The vice president didn't have anything to report. The president mentioned that we still need a new t-shirt design. Shari was absent for the November meeting so we did the drawing for the monthly member incentive for November and congratulations Shari. She won but was absent so the incentive went to $50.00 for December. We did the drawing for December monthly incentive and congratulations, Jo Ann Lawson won. She was absent. That was the last drawing for the year 2006. Congratulations to the winners that won during the year 2006. Shari mentioned that she is still working on the tri folds. Steve made a motion and John 2nd to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.



We voted for our 2007 officers. On behalf of Local 3 members, Thank You 2006 officers for a job well done and congratulations to our new and reoccurring officers for 2007. Our 2007 officers are as follows:

WEBMASTER: JAY SANTUCCI
SECRETARY: MARILEE CARMAN
TREASURER: CASSIE EDMISTEN
CC REP: CAROL STAMPER
DISTRICT REP: CASSIE EDMISTEN
SERGEANT OF ARMS: RANDY (KNOBBER) GARRISON, SR.
PRODUCT LINE: LISA WEBBER
NEWSLETTER: CASSIE EDMISTEN
HISTORIAN: PHIL CULLIMORE AND JACK GARRISON
VICE PRESIDENT: DOUG EDMISTEN
PRESIDENT: JOHN CARMAN

Once again, on behalf of Local 3, thank you 2006 officers and welcome 2007 officers.

Local 3 would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our members, Shari 2/4 and Steve 2/6.

Our next meeting is February 6th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone there. Until next time... Be safe.

Cassie edmisten@sbcglobal.net or treasurer-newsletter@forr-local3.org

Local 5 - South Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.
Contact: 816-353-4763 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

Our December meeting marks the retirement of Deanna Norris as Local 5's newsletter reporter who has done a great job in writing and reporting upon our monthly meetings. On behalf of L-5, I would like to thank Deanna for all of her hard work and dedication in taking on this extra responsibility for Freedom of Road Riders. We wish her success in her return to school and pursuing other goals.

Our December meeting was held an hour later than usual due to the Children's Christmas party being held on the same day. There were several of our member's present at the party and the kids had a great time with all their gifts and the wonderful food that was served. Local 5 member, Kim Tarwater, read the children a Christmas story and they were all very attentive. GREAT job Kim! Local 5 is already planning next years Bike Show at the VFW Post 1829. Last year's Bike show was a great success thanks to all those on our Committee.

The ladies of this local work very hard in our events and in the running of this local and I'd like to thank them all! This local's success is due to us being not only a close-knit group of friends, but in our belief that the good of the whole is more important then the good of just a few. I have belonged to this local & FORR for more than 20 years now and the people I've met in those years that have impressed me, as well as the people we have helped. I was a biker before it was cool, it's a way of life, the no bull-shit, tell you like it is, but we'll drink some more beer and agree to disagree and still stand by each other way!

I regret that Sandy Bates is not doing so well, at last word she was in St. Joseph Hospital again. Sandy & Mel Bates have carried many responsibilities within L-5 over the years and we wish them our best in her recovery. Another member, Grunt, lost his Mother on Christmas Day. Some of the members of Local 5 paid our respects to her and Grunt's family. Local 5 also lost a very dear friend, Brother Larry (Norton) Sales, former President of Local 14. Norton was one of the longest serving FORR local Presidents within memory. His dedication and service to this organization and its members will be long remembered by those who knew him. Several Local 5 members rode to his service to honor his memory. Norton touched a lot of lives by his service to others and there were a lot of people who paid their respects to him. Also, we continue to pray for Taunya's brother, John Young, who was captured in Iraq back in November.

Let there be a moment of silence for all of our fallen Brothers & Sisters when the meetings begin in 2007, and a prayer for those sick or in need, and those who fight for our Country.

May the New Year bring us together to do the right thing and restore our Country to the people and for the people. This is where it starts, one person at a time, working together to make that change!

Keep it between the lines and watch out!

Angel, President L-5

NOTICE To All Locals
As of 1-1-07
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at 816-690-4200 or treasurer@forr.net

Local 6 - St. Joseph

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. Adams Bar and Grill at 1612 Commercial St. in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Toy Run was a big success! We had great weather and the kids are always interested in seeing the motorcycles. They came running as soon as they heard the thunder of the bikes. Dan Harmon was there in his Santa suit to pass out the presents and everyone had a great time.

Willie Neger is planning a Barn Dance at his place and everyone is invited to attend. You can call Nick (816 232 9026) for details. Our next meeting is going to be important so come and make yourself heard! We need some new ideas and some fresh blood! It's not too late to volunteer for an office and we will be voting for the officers at that meeting. We hope everyone has a happy holiday!

Local 7 - Lebanon

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's
Contact: 417-286-3845

Well here goes my first letter for the Freedom Press. It's Monday 1/1/07 and I (Bruce) and my buddy Jerry, another member of Local 7 have spent the day with Local 28 on their Polar Bear Run after attending their New Years Eve Party the night before. Nice party and great ride. I should however apologize to Local 28 members and or guests that I may have offended by my actions at the restaurant. The service was terrible. It took 25 minutes just to check out and all I had was a soda. Well nuff said. Also I like to mention that recently some of Local 7 members attended Charlie and Georgia's daughter Brittney at her graduation party, Damn you know you've been around awhile when your buddies kids are graduating and you remember them being born.

Now I've been told that the Lebanon Area Cyclists (wink, wink) are going to have their annual Freeze Yer Buns Run the first Sunday of March at 1:00 starting at the Bell restaurant parking lot on Millcreek road in Lebanon. Come out and enjoy some puttin' and get the message out about what FORR is all about. This past year we've been seeing some new riders join some of the runs we had, this is great. The group rides are what brings us new members and is the best way for the members to get to know each other better. Hopefully by the next newsletter I will have some ride schedules to report for the up coming season. Well until next time...lets' ride. ***Sleazy Rider aka B.S. Barber - Local 7***

Local 8 - Chillicothe

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Diner, 1p.m. *(call for info location - varies)*
Contact: 660-646-7296

Greetings Local 8!!

I hope you all are enjoying the new year, and I hope you had the chance to get the bikes out on New Years Day! It was a wonderful day for a ride!

Since our meeting isn't for a couple days I don't have a lot of new things to tell you yet. The legislative session is starting in full force and we have a lot of work to do this year. Of course our first Capital Crusader day will be over when you get this. Our next one is February 14, if you're going to go and need more information you can always contact Gordon. The next ones are March 14, April 24 (M.A.Y. Rally), and May 9th. It is important we all try to make it to at least one of these a year. Fill the halls of the capital with leather! Be sure to watch your Freedom Press and emails for more information.

If anyone has changed address, phone numbers or email addresses please get the correct information to me as soon as possible. You can email me at bngely@cmuonline.net, or you can catch me at the meetings. We need this information to be correct to keep you updated on what's going on with the local and the state.

Now I get to talk about the fun stuff. CABIN FEVER - FEBRUARY 10 at Longshots in Chillicothe. All Local 8 members get in free with a covered dish. Everyone else is $5 at the door. Station 803 is the band again this year and if they rock the place like last year it's a guaranteed good time. They will start playing at 9. Come early to get a seat and get in the door, remember we were turning people away by 10. I hope to see some new faces!

Bryan is geared up and ready to start planning Spring Fling 07. He's looking for band ideas, vendors, sponsors and anything else you have an opinion on. Of course it will be held again this year at McCullough Park Father's Day weekend (June 15-17). It just keeps getting better every year.

Watch the website www.forr8.net for committee meeting dates and other events happening within the local and around the area. Bob and Bryan are both full of great new ideas, they just need the support of the local to get them off the ground. That

means if you're a member of Local 8 and you like their ideas - we need you at the meetings to show your support and vote. Also watch the website because we've upgraded the photosite and can add more pictures. We've added some from Spring Fling in the past and hope to have some "older" pictures of past events. Our past has made us who we are today! When you check the website remember to sign the guest book and let us know it's being used.

As I've said before if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter or on the website be sure to contact me.

Until Next Time ~ Keep Smiling ~ ***Glenda***

Local 9 - Hannibal

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Hannibal Inn and Conference Center, in Hannibal, Mo.
Contact: 217-222-5782 or 704 Ashely Ave., Quincy, IL. 62301

Happy New Year from all of us at Local 9, Hannibal Local. We started off the year with the following new officers for 2007:

President, Tony Galluzio
Vice President, Kevin McLeod
Secretary, Linda Lockey
Treasurer, Susan Nicosia
CC Rep, Jay Jefferson
Newsletter Editor, Karla Jefferson
Historian, Lavada Crane
Safety, Mike Lockey
Tony (Little Tony) Galluzio

At our January 2nd meeting, an Events Committee was created to not only schedule Poker Runs but other social events throughout the year. Anyone having any suggestions for the Events Committee can contact a member or officer with your suggestion. It was also suggested that we want to get Local 9 visible in the community to try and boost membership and participation. It was suggested that we have a booth at the Annual Hannibal Chili Cookoff in February. This will be looked into and brought up at the February meeting.

It was also discussed that we should try and coordinate with some of the other local bike groups in the area so that we do not schedule events on the same days and decrease the attendance to either event. President Tony Galluzio will contact the group leaders and express our interest in participating in their functions as well as having them participate in our events as well.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7 PM at the Hannibal Inn.

Respectfully Submitted, ***Karla K. Jefferson***

Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr.
Contact: 573-635-7964

Well, Hello to everyone, At this time we are already well into the New Year and this begins my time as your newsletter editor.

Elections were held at the Dec meeting and Our new officers are: President- Dale Thomas, Vice President- Dan Williams, Secretary- Marla Klynott, Treasurer- Sharon Kempker, Membership- Sharon Kempker, Newsletter- Denise Nehl, Product line- Sharon Shoemaker, Legislative- Sharon Williams, CC Rep- Bill Kempker, Webmaster- Robbie & Kim Hawkins.

We also want to thank our Host at Mcoy's, he was the winner of the incentive drawing and graciously donated the winnings back to the Local.

The legislative session is now underway. We Hope to see many of you at the Capitol Feb.14 @ 9 a.m. to support your legislation. We have a number of items on the agenda, Please contact your Senator/ Representative and ask that he/she support the legislation.

Check online at http://www.forr.net/legislative/legislative.htm for more information about the legislation.

We hope to see everyone at The Leather & Lace Dance, It will be held at the Michigan Place Banquet Center, Feb 10 music by Desperate Times and it should be a great time as usual.

That's all for now, here's wishing for warm weather, dry roads and time to ride.

Denise

Local 11 - Joplin

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.
Moose Lodge #905, 5056 Douglas Fir Road. Joplin, Mo.
Contact: 417-781-1784

Local 12 - Glasgow

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Fishbeak Saloon on Main in Glasgow, Mo.
Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodtman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

Greetings from your bros and sisters in Glasgow. We trust everyone had a happy holiday season and is looking forward to the approach of Spring. Actually, some of this winter has seemed more like Spring and no, I'm not complaining a bit!

We had a great meeting on Dec. 28th, with 32 members and one guest in attendance. Everyone seemed to be in a great mood with the approach of the new year. Bert had to work late so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Randy Elmore. The minutes were read and approved after one correction by Susan regarding our contribution to the PAC fund ($1250).

Susan reported a balance of $5407.68 in the checking account. This will be a big help for our seed money for the next Firecracker Classic. Randy had no Vice President's report. Dave gave the Central Committee report. Locals 4, Columbia, and 39, Marshall, have been officially closed. The state budget for 2007 will be $34,000.

Local 12 was once again one of the top sellers of the motorcycle giveaway tickets. We came in fourth in state and were given an incentive check of $225. Congratulations to local 33 for selling the most tickets this year. This year's giveaway machines will be a Harley FXT Dyna Super Glide and a Suzuki 500cc ATV.

The 2007 Homecoming will again be held at Buckhorn. This year we made $11,769.56 profit at the Homecoming. Hopefully next year we can make even more to increase our donation to the PAC fund, money is the universal language of politics. There will be a contest to design a 13" patch for the Homecoming. Designs must be sent to the state secretary by May 1st.

We received a plaque for having the most attendees at the Mid-South Mile. Any new items proposed for the product line must be first approved by the C.C. officers. For a more complete report on the C.C. meeting, members can refer to the January newsletter.

We received four plaques at the state awards banquet for newsletter contributions, timely return of rosters, financial reports, and contributions to district 2. A big thank you goes out to all the members and officers who made these awards possible.

John Stouffer gave the legislative report and informed us that our primary sponsor is Gary Dusenberg and our bill number is HB155. In the House, Luann Ridgeway is sponsoring us. We need to get members to the Capitol Crusaders days on 1/17, 2/14, 3/14, 4/24 (also M.A.Y. rally day), and 5/9. John would like us to get to the Capitol Rotunda at 8am since most legislators are getting to their offices at about that time.

We have had good support in the past from Rep. Joe Aull and Rep. Therese Sander, also from Sen. Bill Stouffer. Our primary challenge this year is with Rep. Paul Quinn, who has been very opposed in the past, but now says he is undecided. We need letters, phone calls, e-mails, and warm bodies to help swing him over to our side.

Many thanks go out to local 12 member Richie Cooper for putting a newsletter ad for his company, Cooper Logging, in the newsletter.

In old business, we discussed our upcoming benefit dance and discussed combining it with a Valentine's Day dance. Further action was tabled until the January meeting.

In new business, Steve reminded us that we need ideas for the upcoming Firecracker Classic. In particular, any suggestions for bands, vendors, games, etc. I know the no. 1 concern of attendees I talked to last year was lack of a beer vendor. We need to get one locked in early this year.

Vicki brought up a problem a brother is having fighting cancer. He has to travel to KC for his chemo and needs help with gas and motel expenses. We voted to donate $200 to him.

John Stouffer won the incentive drawing and collected $81.50. The meeting was adjourned. The January meeting will be held at 7:30 at the Beak on Thursday the 25th. The February meeting will be at the same place and time on the 22nd.

Did anyone else catch the story that the ABC Evening News did on Jan. 4th on the bikers that are attending the funerals of soldiers and Marines killed in Iraq and Afghanistan? It was really inspiring and showed them riding in formation and lining the cemetery route with American flags. They interviewed some of the families and commanders who commented favorably on the support they received. Once again it reminded me that bikers are the most patriotic group of people I know. We must never forget to say "thank you" to our vets, both living and deceased. Until next month....

Be free, ***Smokey***

Local 13 - Mexico

Meetings: 3rd Sunsday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.
Contact: 573-581-7152 or 573-581-7677

Hey Local 13! Happy New Year of riding to all! Thought it might be nice of me to welcome all of the Local 13 members into 2007.

The election of officers was held at the Christmas Party and the following are the officers for 2007:

Chairman – Scott Fennewald
Vice Chairman – Roger Gaston
Secretary – Diana Swon
Treasurer – Sue Gaston
CC Reps – Doc Dailing
Safety – Juan
Newsletter – Stephanie Fennewald
Freedom Rally Committee – Chasity Vaughn, Stephanie Fennewald, alternates are Anita Murphy and Scott Fennewald
CC Pro Tem – Scott Fennewald

Events are being planned and will be discussed at the next meeting. There will be a Blessing of the Bikes in the spring, closer to Easter, and a work day at Buckhorn to work on our Freedom Rally shelter. We really need some help with the work on the shelter and with all upcoming events. Myself and all of the newly elected officers would really like to see you at our meetings every 3rd Sunday at the Moose Lodge in Mexico at 2pm.

Please call Scott Fennewald at 573-581-7677, Roger Gaston at 573-685-2369, or Diana Swon at 573-581-7152 if any questions about the Local or events. Ride warm! ***Local 13 Chairman, Scott Fennewald***

Local 14 - Independence

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: 816-206-9571

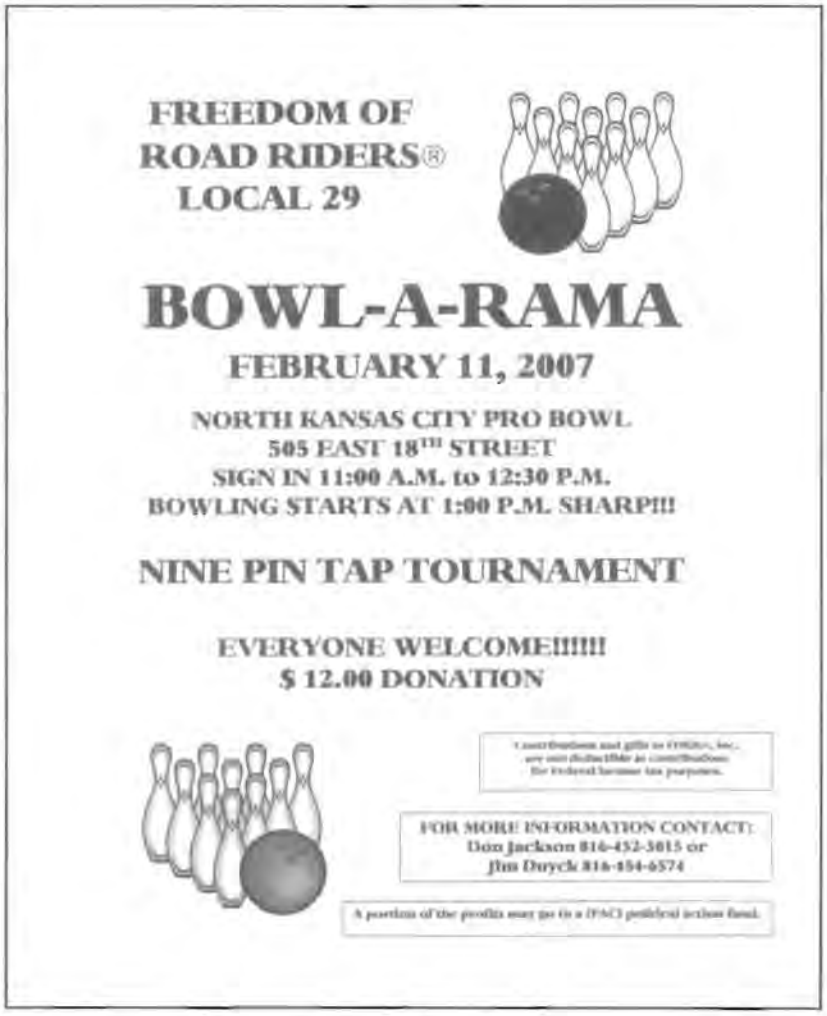
Greetings all,

Looks like we made it through another year and I hope everyone had a great holiday. It's already February (or will be by the time you read this), and we are ready to start the new year, right? RIGHT!

I need to pass on some bad news for those of you who knew Larry "Norton" Sales; Norton passed from this life on December 25th and was laid to rest December 30th. He was a lifetime member of FORR and our former President throughout the life of Local 14. He will be greatly missed and may he rest in peace.

Let me move on to the business at hand; first I would like to thank all the officers that have stepped forward or stayed on for another year. Those being; Smokin' Joe Widmer, President/Newsletter; Ron Keesee, Vice-president; Cheryl Buell, Secretary/Treasurer; Al "Kickstand" Smart, District/Legislative; Max Haynes, CC Rep./ Webmaster; Ted Benson, Product Line/Safety/ Historian; Louis Dave Copeland and Dave Phipps, Sgt. At Arms. Thank you all.

Second we had another successful Christmas party, we raised over $1900 for our adopted families this past year and we thank all those who donated items for the auction and all that helped make this a



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success. Thank you all and give yourselves a pat on the back.

Third we are planning a variety of events for the new year and if you weren't at the January meeting, here is what is being discussed. Our first event of the year is a dance, we decided to move it from February to May 5th this year and we are still in the planning stages, but we should have the details worked out by our February meeting. Our Bike show is tentatively scheduled for mid August, a poker run may be in the works or not, and our annual Christmas Party will be December 8th this year. And as always our meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month at 2pm at the VFW in Sugar Creek, except for the June meeting which will be changed due to Fathers Day.

I really can't think of much else at the present time, but more will follow in later articles on all the events and if anyone has any questions you may contact me at 816-252-7322. Down the road and movin' on, ***Smokin' Joe Widmer***

Local 15 - Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Quality Inn @ 3269 Shepherd Hills Expressway in Branson, Mo.
Contact: 417-334-0775

It's a little late but Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Backing up just a little bit. Congrats to all that helped plan and make our Christmas party happen. It was a great success and very nice to see as many of our members join in and help celebrate another successful year for Local 15. Don't be a stranger, make this the year you become an active member and join the fun. Thanks to Les and Cindy for the use of your building, the soft drinks and the music.

The New Year's Day ride had a surprising number of people. The weather was chilly but it didn't seem to stop very many of you - thanks for coming. Thank you to "Doc's" for the great chilli that was provided to all that made it.

We have some upcoming dates that we all need to be reminded of so you can be part of the action:

February 6th - B.S. meeting is still to be announced

February 10th - Leather and Lace Valentines Dance - sponsored by Local 18 our Springfield friends. This will at Summers on the River located West of 160 on AA in Nixa. Dress code is what ever your comfortable

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in, whether it is dressed up or casual.
February 17/18 - Abate of Arkansas Annual Bike Show & Swap Meet. This will be held at the Arkansas State Fair Grounds in Little Rock. This is a VERY large event and a must see show. If you need more information please call (501) 835-5145.
February 19 - Business meeting at the Quality Inn on Sheppart Hills Expressway (in the back)

I wish you all a safe and happy New Year. How is everyone's diet going. Mine was going great until I could not locate the Ho-Ho's and Oreo cookies on the diet plan, so I had to give up. ***Dennis Pick, Jr. "Rodeo"***

Local 16 - Cape Girardeau

Meetings: (Call for place, time)
Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265

Hi! Hard to believe it's February already. Hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. And that everyone sticks to their

New Year's Resolutions. Hopefully by the time this newsletter comes out I will still be sticking to mine, usually by the end of January I give up. But not this year!!!

A few events to remember for the upcoming months.

--February 24-Broomstick Tournament, meeting at 12 noon, tournament begins at 2pm. We will be having this in a new location
this year, it's still in Chester, IL but at Moofse. If you need directions you can call Doug or Whitey at the above numbers.

--March 31-April Fools Dance, time,place and band to be announced in next months newsletter. We are currently working on an event calendar for the next 6 months & we will get those mailed as soon as they are finished. If anyone in any of the other locals would like one please contact one of the above numbers and we will gladly get one out to you.

Since I did not get a newsletter in the January issue, all of us in Local 16, would like to thank everyone for their time and help. And to everyone who donated toys, cash or food products, to our first annual Perryville toy drive. We always do a toy run in November in Cape Girardeau, and decided this time to also do something in Perryville that would benefit not only Perry County but 2 other surrounding counties by the East MO Action Agency...kudos to those great people. This was a huge success and we could have never dreamed that the first year we would have done so well. So a big THANKS to everyone that was involved, without you a lot of kids would have done without. Let's make it our new years resolution that this year we will do it even bigger and better. Now that's a resolution I know we can keep!!!

Time to say good-bye until next time. Safe Riding,
Shari & Mike

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Local 18 - Springfield

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Pizza Hut in the Elfindale Center. 1705 W. Sunshine.
Contact: 417-863-9577 or 417-443-9002

Happy New Year everyone. Here's hoping that this holiday was one to remember. At our last meeting, held on December 19, we had five members

present and three visitors. One was Tracy Davis from Local 15. It was sure good to see him and his lovely wife Gail. I must say that she was looking good. Meeting started at 7 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, meeting was brought to order. The Helmet Modification Bill was discussed, and who would be sponsoring it at both houses. We talked about the Leather 'N' Lace Party in February 07, and that it's about time to approach our sponsors for the silent auction, and passing around our posters at bike shops, laundry shops and any place that will allow us to post them. Members present, agreed that any one who brought a gift valued $20 or more would get two passes to the L & L. These items don't have to be bike related.

Names of nominee's were taken for the open officer positions for the coming year. Since there was only one name per office, they will assume these positions at the start of the next year. Names of the new officers will be published in the next newsletter. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next meeting is on January 16, 2007, at 7 PM.

Blackberet1cav@aol.com

Local 19 -Kirksville

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 6:30p.m. Days Inn
Contact: President, Ron 660-627-5221 or Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Welcome to the new year!

As always Local 19 started the year off with the annual Freeze Your Buns ride. From day one, this month is busy, but I believe it will all be over with by the time the newsletter comes out. January 7th is the first meeting with our new officers and January 20th is the auction. I am going to guess that both will be a huge success.

Now, this is an appeal to the members that are not as active as they can be. There is always a need for more help from members. Planning for this years Sally Rally is still in progress. As always, help will be needed during the Sally Rally.

Attending meetings is important too. The more members that are present to vote, the better. Everyone has the oppurtunity to have their voice heard but they must attend the meetings to do so.

Local 19 is blessed with a huge membership but can be even more impressive with more active members.

I wish the best to the new officers and am looking forward to what they can bring to our local. Let's all give them our support and make 2007 the best year for Local 19.

See you all at the meetings.

Carleen



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Local 20 - Dexter

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m. Eagle's Club on Hwy 25.
Contact: 573-293-4754

Hello everyone,

Sorry about not having a newsletter in the last couple of issues of the Freedom Press. Time just seems like it is slipping away faster as I get Older. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to David and Charlinda Gasser for letting us use their place for our Christmas & Benefit Party, and to David for donating the pork roast and cooking all the meat. Thanks to Bill and Pam for donating the Beef Brisket. All the food was good. We had a pretty good turn out. Everyone that showed up had a great time, for those who didn't show up, WELL!! You missed out!! But the best part of the whole evening was that the Benefit part was fantastic. We raised a little over $1000.00 for one of our members who is down with Breast Cancer. That should help a little with the expenses. By the way Sherri, we all are saying a little prayer for you for a full recovery.

By the time you read this, we should have had our 1st Bike Show/Rodeo meeting. It will be here before you know it. If you don't have your sponsorship forms yet, call or e-mail me and I will send you some. Remember the more sponsors we have, hopefully the bigger and better show we can put on. Also we should have our other events dates set and voted on. If you would like to help at any of our events or Bike Show please get a hold of me or David Gasser (our new V.P.). You can go to our website (it should be updated by this time) and get both David and My phone numbers and or our e-mail addresses. So come join us in all this fun we are going to have. We are going to hold a couple of meetings at the American Legion in Qulin, so after the meetings we can work out things for the Bike Show, seeing as how we are having it there. I will be sending out our Bike Show Flyers as soon as the State approves it. Our next couple of meetings will be on Jan.28 and Feb. 25, 2007. I will let you know the place and time by snail mail, phone, or e-mail. So until then, Ride Safe and Keep it Between the Ditches. ***RRR***

Local 21 - Eldon

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post below Bagnell Dam. 573-365-5118
Contact: Lee or Debbie 573-365-9844

Local 22 - South Central

Meetings: *(Location varies - contact Tripper)*
Contact: Tripper 417-934-6749

Local 23 - Potosi

Contact: Danny Rulo, Jr.

Local 25 - St. Peters

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7 p.m. American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo.
Contact: 636-397-4022

Hello Fellow Freedom Fighters, I hope you had a Blessed and Happy Holiday, and I wish you the best!!!

Our Christmas Social turned out to be very nice, a few new faces, and best of all, some old timers.

Our Toy Run was good ,over 100 toys, and about $175 dollars was turned over to St.Joachim and Ann (they take care of needy cases in the greater St.Charles county. Sorry Girlfriend and Pat it was not my idea to go to there it was Girlfriend's. I just took the credit.

New Years Day; sunny and dry about 34 degrees. The Freeze Out or Not Ride. There was 25 bikes and more people .The furthest rider was Rob and Pat Miller they rode 39 miles to get to the start .they live just west of Warrenton so we went west. Of course I can't take the Interstate so we took the lesser roads to New Melle, 23 bikes made it that far. From there we road to the American Legion Post # 112 (I think that is the right #) in Warrenton. That got the furthest riders closest to their homes. We had a few riders from there. After some dinner and beverages it was now time for the city boys to ride back home. HAPPY NEW YEAR. A special thanks to Kokomos for their hospitality, they are very nice folks there, and I am sure

we will be back next year. I think we started doing the Freeze Out in 1987, just a couple of months after the local started.

By the time you read this, you should have already heard back from your legislators with their opinion, you haven't? Call them back, again, again, again.

Sorry to hear of local 24's demise. Please don't give up HOPE, members, FORR still needs your help. You are more than just members of the greatest organization in the world (NRA, church, family) you are a voice in Jefferson City, SPEAK OUT.

You are more than welcome to join us in our local, than maybe one of you could be furthest rider.

If anyone would be willing to help out on any of this years rides, PLEASE let me know ahead of time, that's much easier, than to have to beg at the last minute. Later ***Hitman***

PS. A very special thank you to John Skala. You have given Girlfriend and myself a great Pick-Me-Up. Thank you to ***BKL***.

Local 26 - Maryville

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

Local 27 - Eldorado Springs

Contact: e-mail-goob55@hotmail.com

Local 28 - Waynesville

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: 573-774-5454 or 573-337-0088

Well, it is now 2007, and a whole new year is ahead of us. 2006 ended with a blast. Our Christmas Parade was a bust, as the weather was too nasty to try to have a parade, but our toy drop off was great. We brought about 3 truck loads of toys and canned food items to the Good Samaritan Angels Program and a car load to our adopted family. Good job everyone.

New Years Eve, well, that was great too. Best as we can all remember that is. Many thanks go out to the Shriners for such a nice set up, to REACT for taking all us drunks home safely, and to Against The Grain for jamming with us in to the new year.

Our Polar Bear Run on Jan 1 was great too. We had about 40 bikes with temps around 40°-45° . We rode all the way up to the Lake , to Peckers, following the scenic route provided by Mitch. The folks at Peckers were surprised to see us in such a large group. So surprised, that most of the families that were there left as soon as we came in!! But it's all good. Too bad our new Vice President could not make it, but apparently he had a bad case of wussy-itis. Oh well, there is always next year bro.

We had our first local officer meeting and we have a good year all planned already. The events we have planned so far are;

5 May Spring Poker Run
25 -28 May Freedom Rally
16 June USO support Ride
30 June 10th Annual Buckhorn Blast
4 August Local 28 Memorial Ride
22 September Fall Poker Run
27 Oct Halloween Bash

And we plan on having Fun Runs (just show up and ride, no cost, no work ride) for April, June, July, August, Sept and October. So mark your calendar, and service your bike. We have a full year ahead of us.

Darrel is going to try something new this year with the local minutes. We are going to mail them out one time to every house hold. But if you want to continue to receive the minutes after that, you need to contact our local secretary Ana at 573-528-4463, and she will ensure you are on the permanent minute's mailing list. This is the Locals way to keeping everyone as informed as we possibly can.

(I know this is question is ironic, since you are reading this now) If you are not getting your Freedom Press on a regular basis or your patches, membership cards, please let us know. You can do this by calling Ana, or emailing local28@earthlink.net , and let us know, and we will try to fix the problem. Speaking of problems, if you have any suggestions on how to make this organization better (be cool now) then drop us a line at the above email address. If you want to do it anonymously, then mail it to Local 28 PO Box 455 Dixon MO 65459.

Until next month, Have you signed up a new member this year?

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Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.
Contact: Jim 816-454-6574 or Don 816-452-3019 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

GREETINGS TO ALL!

First, let me ask all of you to bear with me as this is a new position for me. I will do the best that I can and am open to any and all suggestions as to what YOU would like to see being written here. Our thoughts and warm wishes are with Carl "Pumpkin Head" Laber, Jackie Smith and their 19 yr old daughter, Tina. Tina and another teenager had been seriously injured during a house robbery in December; two others were killed. Our prayers, Pumpkin Head, are with you and yours. Before I move on to the main course I'd like to invite everyone to check out our NEW WEBSITE at www.forrlocal29.com.

PAST: We had one new member sign up in December (me), and Hannah Lomas (recently returned from Germany) renewed her membership, giving Local 29 a total of 97 current members. Several of our members attended L14's Annual Christmas Party on December 9 and had great times and good food. One such attendee, Ken DeMoss, won the Incentive Drawing and donated ½ his winnings back to L14 for their adopted families. Congratulations go out to Ken DeMoss, Jim Duyck, M.C. "Dutch" Hays, Nancy Martin, and Carl "Pumpkin Head" Laber. Local 29 paid their 2007 FORR® Membership Dues for attending all 12 monthly meetings for the 2006 year. Probably the most notable things to mention from December are the Officer Election results and the awards distributed to Local 29 from FORR® during the 2006 Awards Banquet. Srgt at Arms, Ken DeMoss, received the "2006 Officer of the Year Award" from Local 29 President, Jim Duyck.

The 2007 Officers are as follows:

President: Jim Duyck
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Recording Secretary: Nancy DeMoss
Treasurer: Bob Neal
Legislative Liaison: Ann Dodson
Srgt at Arms: Ken DeMoss
Safety Officer: Mike James
Membership Secretary: Bob Neal
CC Representative: Ann Dodson
District Representative: Jim Duyck
Product Line: Carl "Pumpkin Head" Laber
Historian: Nancy Martin
Newspaper Editor: NeQuelle Wolfgeher
Webmaster: NeQuelle Wolfgeher

The Awards given to Local 29 from FORR® are:

Randy Adkison "Engineer of the Year"

Local 29 also received the following awards: "Newsletter" for submitting a newsletter every month, "Treasurer" for turning in all 12 reports, "Membership" for returning all rosters & "CC Representative" for attending all CC Meetings.

PRESENT: Congratulations to Randy Adkison for attaining a lifetime member status in February, becoming the 2nd Local 29 member to do so (Steve Sager being the 1st in 2001). February Membership Expiration Reminders are going out to Timothy Gates, Mike Grant, Joe Loyd, Sheila Neal, Deloris Paterson, Gary Paterson, Stephen Phillips, and Gary Spoor. If you've already renewed...GREAT! If not...STEP ON IT! ? I'd like to acknowledge all the February Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: There is a Kearney Bike Show planning meeting on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Kearney VFW. Join us on Sunday, February 11th for some fun times at North Kansas City Pro Bowl for Local 29's Bowl-A-Rama, a Nine Pin Tap Tournament open to everyone. Sign-ups are from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Bowling starts at 1:00 pm. I hope to see everyone there! February 17th will see us at Freedom Cycles for their Customer Appreciation Day. And last, but not least, don't forget to be a part of the direction Local 29 takes for 2007. Get more involved by attending our February meeting on the 18th.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forrlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings!

"Talk to ya" next month, ***NeQuelle***

Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Tater Patch. Rolla, Mo.

Local 32 - Bootheel

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. The Vikings I, 1104 Independence Ave., Kennett, Mo.
Contact: 573-695-1785

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, Local 32 again had an interesting and well attended meeting at Lannie's Vikings Club. Lannie is a good member and unselfishly shares his club with us. We are very appreciative.

We elected officers for 2007 and the new are the same as the old officers for 2006. Jerry and Chuck are doing an excellent job. The local is doing well, we are growing, and we are having fun. But there is a potential Local 32 problem. We are eight hours from the usual meeting place of the central committee, and with most everyone either working or physically unable to make such a trip we have no CC representative for 2007. I know an organization must have rules and must encourage participation. Yet we as a local are allowed to have members that do not attend our local meetings. Why not allow locals that cannot attend at the state level the same rights of choice of participation we grant the local members? We of Local 32 are proud to be part of FORR, and we have contributed money to the State every year. But it doesn't look like we will be able to send a representative.

We can keep abreast of State events via various telecommunications, we can add our membership to the list of FORR when Missouri lawmakers want to know the strength of numbers comprising FORR, and we can be the face of FORR in this part of Missouri. We cannot force someone to drive 16 hours over a weekend when they have family and work obligations. We hope these positive things are important and that a solution to this problem can be found that allows us to continue as proud and contributing members of FORR. ***ACE***

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West.
Contact: Jay at 660-563-4360 or ish43ejh@Charter.net

Our December meeting was held on the 10th so final planning of the Adopt-A-Family event could be resolved. Planning meeting for 2007 events was accomplished on the 9th and looks to be a full year of riding & fun scheduled. Check the web page for calendar or be at the next meeting.

The perseverance of Hans getting the Toy run article to finally be printed in the Sedalia Newspapers has led to a private contribution in the amount of $100 for our Adopt-A-Family fund. Way to go Hans.



The Local has decided to augment the State and mail out Renewal notices to remind members of their upcoming membership renewal dues. Furthermore, in March there will be a mass mailing to all members (past & present) inviting them to rejoin the Local.

Starting January 2008, the State Annual Awards Banquet will be held in conjunction with the January CC meeting. So Saturday night of that weekend will be the Banquet.

District 4 Annual Legislative Fund Raiser will be April 14 with more information to come as soon as it is available.

Winners of the December Incentive & George Washington Awards were; Jeremiah Hinkle would have won $20.00 (Incentive) but sadly was not present & Jay Haas (GW) won $25 donating it back to the Adopt-A-Family Fund.

Our 2006 Adopt-A-Family event went off well again this year. All though 1 family had a prior commitment and another family had a medical emergency, Santa and his helpers brought smiles to many young and not so young faces Sunday afternoon. Santa and a few elves made the run to Sedalia afterwards to deliver goodies to one of the families that was unable to attend. Wish to express a Huge Thank You to all that helped and attended this year. And may all of you have had a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

The Local has been approached by Yeager's

HD to help with the Judging duties at the Iron Horseman's upcoming Bike show in Sedalia on Saturday February 3, 2007. Judging will be between 12:00 and 2:00pm. If you want to judge you get in for free and if you are married your spouse gets in free. It is requested that volunteers have some knowledge of judging. Judges may be allowed to enter their bikes at no cost, more info to come probably by the January meeting. Entry fee for General admission is $5.00, if you wish to enter your bike, than the fee is $10.00 per bike and includes one free admission per entry. Please contact Randy Farris ASAP if you wish to perform judging duties.

The bravest and stoutest of our Local participated New Years day with Local #1 in the annual Polar Bear run.

Now to some disturbing news which effects us and this Organization. It has come to my attention that our opponents are out for Blood this Legislative year. Due to News media coverage and the Safety Nazis undying need to Parent us, word is that there will be a concerted effort on their part to reinstate harsher penalties (stiffer fines, points, etc....) for not wearing or the wearing of a non conforming helmets in the State of Missouri. So we must make our presence more known & felt at the Capitol building in Jefferson City. I fully understand the difficulty that work & family places on each individual and how their time off is so valuable.

Yet we are a Political organization and for us to be effective, members need to make a sacrifice and make a physical presence at the Capitol. This Local along with District 4 needs to designate at least 1 Crusaders day as a show of force day. The January (17th) Crusaders day date will have already passed by the printing of this article, yet our January meeting will be the perfect time to pick a date and send it back to District for discussion among the other Locals and to firm up a date. Crusaders day for February is the 14th (Valentines Day), 9am in the capitol rotunda. ***JAY***

Local 34 - Poplar Bluff

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7 p.m. Bullwinkles on Hwy. T
Contact: 573-785-5701 *(Day)* or 573-998-2237 *(Night)*

Greetings all, I realize when you read this it will already be February. But I feel a recap of the past year is in order. We have lost three very important people for our local this past year. The first was Billy D Norman. He was one of our founding father's, along with Pappy Mike and Barb Norman. Barb left us to get married, and move up to St Charles. Then in December we lost our web master Mike Payne. Granted not all of you knew these people, but they were at the heart of our local, especially Barb.

Now listen up children, this is momma Karen AKA Duck-K talkin at ya!!!!

It's time to quit being such spoiled babies, and start taking care of business!!!! This local is in deep trouble. We need the participation of ALL of our members, not just the few that bother to show up. FORR is not a popularity club or a bunch of "bikers". We are a political force. One that was started to protect your rights as riders, be it in your car, your 4 wheeler or on your bike. If you don't participate, let your voice be heard and you end up loosing your rights, you have no one to blame but yourself.

One of my favorite posters back in the 60's said" There are those who make things happen, then there are those who watch things happen, then there are those who wonder what the H$%^&&& happened" Which are YOU????
Pardon my spelling errors, but hopefully you get the point?!?!

Till next time SHOW UP AT MEETINGS, STAY SAFE--- ***Duck-K 573-8572406 or fish_duck@alltel.net***

Local 35 - Golden Valley

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Newsroom Restaurant and Lounge. 201 S. Washington, Clinton, Mo.
Contact: Bob Hawkins 660-694-3589 or David Nelson 660-678-2034

Where in the hell did 2006 go to?
2006 was a good year for local 35. We started to grow again with new members and old ones coming back.
We have almost a new cabinet this year but at this writing we are minus a secretary, but all other offices are filled.

The new officers are as follows;
President; Travis Worden.
Vice President; Mike Lewis.
Secretary; ??????????
Treasure/Membership; Linda Hawkins.
CC Rep./Legislative; Bob Hawkins.
District Rep; Phil Speiser.



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Newsletter; Bob Hawkins, Temp.
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Sizzler Co Chairs; Donna Barnett & Roger Nunn

With all this new blood lets hope we see a lot of change.

We have not had our planning meeting at this time. But Travis and Mike want to see us do a lot of riding this next year.

We did start out the new year on the right wheel. We had 22 people meet and enjoy the camaraderie on a very cool new years day. Just think what it might have been if it had been 20 degrees warmer. Another good thing happened on the FIRST, Cluthes law became effective. Now if only the police and Judges will do their job.

Congress is back in session as of Jan. 3rd. So we will be working very hard to get our agenda passed this year.

Till next month; Remember "FORR is to Motorcyclists what the NRA is to Gunowners". ***Bob***

Local 39 - Marshall

Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. VFW Post on E. Yerby in Marshall, Mo.
Contact: President - Bill Price 660-886-9906 or Vice President - Mike Samson 660-886-6440

Local 40 - Bethany

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m. (*Location varies)*
Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.
(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information)
Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037

Hello, Hope everyone had wonderful holidays!

I know most of us are glad that they are done for another year. I am sorry I continue to miss the newsletter, I am having a hard time with the deadline of the 5th of the month. It has been this way for awhile but still not use to it. So again I apologize!

Let me start by saying Thanks to those that attend the Toy run, it went well. We had quite a bit to donate, then a couple of weeks later Bear, Robert Williams called and he and his Finance, Julia, had collected more toys and canned food. They had (I think) more than the original toy run! So a big Thank you goes out to everyone who made it possible and to Bear and Julia for sending even more!

Anther year. Hope everyone has their calendar started! We have talked about an anniversary party, but decided we really could not afford it .We will try to get together some time. Watch your post cards.

We will be planning the proclamation run. I cannot remember the date at this time. The way our winter is going it should be nice in April and May , or it will be freezing cold! Never know for sure.

Our Dist is going to have the District party the 2 nd or 3rd weekend in May at the Pony Express by Maysville. The same place as last year. We all really like the park and decided to keep it there. But it will be a 2 nighter. So it will be lots more fun! I am not positive on these dates so make sure you look for the flyer when it gets closer. Or you can read some of the other locals newsletters and hopefully find out what is correct! I am sure there is more already planned so check out your Freedom Press and each local should have some info!

We are a little late on doing this but we are having our elections at Jan meeting. If you are interested in an office please let us know!

We want to send Connie Sloan our sympathy for the passing of her mom. Get well Wishes to Bear (Robert Williams) Who has been having some health issues, also to Local # 8 member Dale Regal who has been in KC in the Hospital, Get well to you also!

Our meetings are the 2 nd Thursday of the month, meeting at Breadeaux Pizza in Cameron, 7:30pm.

Hope you can be there.

Any news... Please pass it on to me at sagallus@cameron.net Or call 816-449-2707

Until next time ride safe and free!

Angie

Local 42 - Franklin County

Meetings: Last Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.

Contact: President - Keifer York 636-629-1390

Hi – Local 42. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and your 2007 Year is off to a great start.

Congratulations to our new 2007 Officers. We have one correction to make – our new Sergeant at Arms is George Halbert. Sorry for the mistake.

Local 42 had their Christmas Party on Dec. 9th at the Pacific Eagles – everyone had a great time, sorry if you missed it.

Make sure to mark your calendars with our 2007 upcoming events. Leather & Lace Dance will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at the Pacific Eagles. "Loose Change" will be performing this year – advance tickets will be available at our next meeting. Sunday, April 15th, Local 42 Hartbauer/McBride Poker Run; Friday – Sunday, June 1st – June 3rd, District 6 Rodeo; Sunday, July 22nd, School Supply Poker Run; Sunday, September 16th, Bike Show; Sunday, November 4th, Toy Run; Saturday, December 8th, Christmas Party.

The Helmet Modification Bill (HB155) was filed again in December, 2006, sponsored by Rep. Gary Duesnberg. Contact your representative for their support on this bill.

Don't forget that our monthly meetings are the last Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m. at the Roadhouse. Our next meeting is January 31st; hope to see more members present. Take care and ride safe, ***Alma***

Local 44 - Tipton

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ Dairy Queen, Hwy 50 in California, Mo.

Contact: Tracy "Dozer" Benton 573-230-6085 or email: biker_trash666@yahoo.com or Debra Rank 573-353-6449

Local 45 - Versailles

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 6 p.m. Talk of the Town in Versailles, Mo.

Contact: 573-372-5331 or Baddadmills@Yahoo.com

Local 46 - Greater Kansas City

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m. Fun House Pizza and Pub 13002 E. Hwy. 40 in Independence, Mo.

Contact: 816-358-2593



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FORR District 4

Hey District 4;
I'M BACK!!!

I gotta tell ya, it took a while to talk myself into doing this again.

With the encouragement (constant nagging) from a certain Rebel, I'm ready to get at it.

We have some of the best people in Dist. 4 and I am excited about putting on the engineer's cap again and leading this train on down the tracks.

We all need to give JR "Moose" DeGraffenreid a big thank you for his time and efforts these past years. And to congratulate Tammy Settle for leading the legislative team. She is a real go getter and I would like to see all the locals give her the support she will need. With or without our help, Tammy will get some things done. But with all our help, imagine what we could do.

I just read the "History of The District 4 Legislative Team" by Kathy Garver. This is another "Freedom Fighter" that you all should be very proud of. I was serving as Local 1 District Rep. and remember those days. Man have we come a long way.

I look forward to what the future brings and with every members help we can have an impact on what that future might be.

The district meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at Dixon's Chili in Lee's Summit, MO. Starting around 6:30p.m.
(I recommend the tacos...)

Check the calendar on the back page of this issue.

"Let's Get At It!"

Tim "Dragon" O'Connor
Member #7156
District 4 Chairman (Activities)

AMA Report

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is hosting a Washington, DC Ride Into Political Action seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in Congress or in their local communities.

The seminar, to be held February 24-27, 2007 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC, allows participants to meet and learn from the AMA's Washington staff as well as other political experts. Besides learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and on lobbying elected officials. The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegations.

A registration form is available in the American Motorcyclist magazine or by contacting Sharon Smolinka at the address below. Mail the completed form to AMA, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147. For more information, contact Sharon Smolinka at (614) 856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at ssmolinka@ama-cycle.org.

The Federation of Asia Motorcycle Industries (FAMI) views the high use of fake motorcycle spare parts and components in the region as a threat to the sector and riders.

FAMI president Datuk Syed Mohamad Aidid Syed Murtaza said according to a recent report, 94 percent of these fake items were manufactured in Asian countries also attributes these parts as cause for a majority of the accidents due to part failure across Asia. Between 5 and 7 % of the parts trade were fake items and the business was worth US$449.3 billion.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has committed $100,000 to help fund a comprehensive nationwide study of motorcycle crashes, and encourages individual motorcyclists, organizations, and businesses in the motorcycle industry to contribute to the effort through the AMA's new "Fuel the Fund" campaign.

In 2005, Congress approved federal funding to study the causes of motorcycle crashes, the first such research in the U.S. in more than 25 years. The $2.8 million pledged by the government calls for another $2.8 million in matching funds from the American motorcycling community before the entire federal grant will be released.

The AMA, in addition to spearheading the effort to secure

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federal funding and committing the first matching funds, has launched "Fuel the Fund," a national campaign allowing individuals and businesses to contribute matching funds necessary to take full advantage of the federal funding.

Contributions to "Fuel the Fund" can be made online at www.fuelthefund.com; or by calling Cathy Brown at 800-AMA-JOIN ext. 1224; or by mail addressed to Fuel the Fund, c/o AMA, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147.

Legislation authorizing the funding of the crash study specifies that research grants be provided to the Oklahoma Transportation Center, located at Oklahoma State University. The last comprehensive study of motorcycle crashes, commonly called the "Hurt Report" after University of Southern California researcher Dr. Harry Hurt, was published in the 1970s.

Tread Lightly! has developed a new television public service announcement (PSA) touting a positive message geared toward ATV riders. The PSA is now available to your local station by having the station contact Monica Clay at monica@treadlightly.org. You can view the PSA at www.treadlightly.org/edu.mv

The Louisiana Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) is now successfully integrating a share the road message with high school drivers education classes thanks to the grassroots effort of ABATE of Louisiana and AMA members, as well as a $5,000 grant to help cover the costs from the state's highway safety agency.

2004's Legislative Act 216, which was signed into law by the Louisiana Governor, requires motorcycle awareness training in drivers' education programs and is an important component of the AMA Justice for All campaign in which ABATE and the AMA have been closely working together.

ABATE of Louisiana's MAP is offering to assist any Pelican State educator in fulfilling this requirement at no cost to the local school system.

Traffic Safety Facts 2005 Annual Report: Early Edition is a newly released 224 page report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Center for Statistics and Analysis, which is a compilation of motor vehicle crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System. The document can be downloaded at www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-30/NCSA/TSFAnn/TSF2005EE.pdf.

US Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters recently announced the 2006 Seatbelt and Motorcycle Helmet Use Statistics.

Citing new data from the National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS), Secretary Peters said that new data also shows that 51 percent of motorcyclists in the US now wear helmets, up from 48 percent in 2005. She noted that motorcycle helmet use rose in the West between 2005 and 2006 (from 50 to 72 percent); and in the Northeast (from 42 to 47 percent). However, the use rate fell in the Midwest (from 53 to 50 percent) and in the South (from 49 to 45 percent).

Nicole R. Nason, Administrator of the DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) added that NHTSA recently began to offer federal grants to states for programs to reduce the number of motorcyclist crashes. This year, for example, the agency will provide $6 million in grant funds to states for motorcycle safety training and motorist awareness programs. She said the agency will also create a public service announcement to promote helmet use and a consumer video for its website on how to choose a safe and well-fitting motorcycle helmet. For further information go to "Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2006: Overall Results" on the DOT website.

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10 — **L-8 Chillicothe**
Cabin Fever
660-646-7888

11 — **L-29 North KC**
Bowling Tourney
816-454-6574

14 — **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders
9:00 A.M. the Rotunda.
800-448-3677

MARCH

11 — **FORR, Inc.**
Central Committee Mtg.
10:00 A.M.
800-448-3677

14 — **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders
9:00 A.M. the Rotunda.
800-448-3677

APRIL

1 — **L-29 North KC**
Kearney Bike Show
816-365-9615

14 — **L-11 Joplin**
Motorcycle Show
& Swap Meet
417-781-1784

24 — **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders &
M.A.Y Rally
800-448-3677

28&29 — **L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes**
Swap Meet
417-334-0775

MAY

9 — **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders
9:00 A.M. the Rotunda.
800-448-3677

17-20 — **L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes**
Branson MC Rally
417-334-0775

19 — **L-5 South K.C.**
Annual Bike Show
816-356-4333

25-27 — **L-20 Dexter**
Bike Show & Rodeo
(Bike Show & Field Events May 26)
573-293-4754



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