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Notes from Katherine

Salutations! The following are dates set by the Capitol, along with a plug-in for Dist. 4's bus trip and our FEW & MAY Rally(s); this should assist you with any planning regarding visiting your Legislators at the Capitol, though a polite reminder: they are scheduled to work Mon-Thurs in Jefferson City, so Friday through the weekend (technically) they should be "accessible" to visit with them at "home"/throughout the community. Once the "new" re-districting is official (beginning of 2013), we will be notifying members of who their State Officers are, posting maps, etc. This means we ALL have to work at getting information about their State Officers back to the Legislative Dept, regarding if they are motorcycle-friendly or not, so that we can get a proper list of their actions (remember, actions speak louder than words, and we want to see with our own eyes how they are voting on issues that can help or hinder us; we MUST keep vigilant on this list)

Jan: 9th- first day of Session; 12th-FEW Seminar; 21st-MLK, Jr. Day (off) Feb: 12th- District 4 Bus Trip (contact them for more info); 28th- last day to file Bills Mar: 14-25th Spring Break (off); (almost for sure there will be a 2nd bus trip in this month, however, the original date of the 20th will not work for obvious reasons...) Apr: 1-2-Easter (off); 15th- last day to report House Consent Bills from Committees; 30th-MAY Rally May: 10th-Appropriation Bills must be truly agreed and finally passed; 17th-Session ends. Other dates to consider: Feb 2-3: Wide Open Bike Show in St. Charles; I believe FORR will have an information booth available. Feb 15-17th Lincoln Days: this is an annual event to show support to our (Republican) Legislators; this upcoming year, it will be in St. Louis. Mar. 1-3rd Demo Days: this is an annual event to show support to our (Democratic) Legislators, and it is always in Hannibal. Remember, we go to both to show support to both; we have NEVER been about "the party", it has ALWAYS been about the person. (Though I daresay, we're ALWAYS down for a good party...)

Sponsorship for our Bills we would like to introduce this Session is coming along; I am hopeful to have a complete list by Jan's CC meeting. Please remember to be collecting e-mail addresses from all of your local newspapers; we would like to start reaching out to the editors of these newspapers, giving us a chance to "speak the gospel", or at least have a fair chance of rebuttal to a lot of false information certain entities are imposing on the public. This is very important. We have fought against the insurance companies, we have fought against the hospitals, but to fight against the public?? This is exactly opposite of our motto, our vision, our mission statement. We MUST educate the public. We MUST instill our expertise and our values regarding false information. We cannot afford to piss off the public. The Legislative Dept should, also, have a budget to propose to membership ready for Jan's CC meeting. I must say without airing dirty laundry, do not be surprised to notice several scholarships missing from the budget, in addition to supplies suggested by membership. Until we can recognize what our true mission is, we simply cannot afford to follow the path we've been on. I am hopeful for an astounding showing of members for our annual FEW Seminar; this is Jan 12th, sign-in starting at 9am. This Seminar should pan out to be a most informative summit, as the goal is to "get back to basics": what are the duties of the elected Officers, what can membership expect from them, how can a member become one...this should all be covered, in addition to how a Bill becomes Law, how to talk to your State Legislators, how to be a critical thinker. This is a seminar designed for YOU, so please do your part in attending. And to the mumbling members: great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, and small minds discuss people. What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. Few are those who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts. Let us try our very best to rejoice in the miracle of humanity. I wish you well.

Best Regards, Happy Holidays, and all that jazz...

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Central Committee Agenda

F.E.W. Seminar

Saturday, January 12, 2013
Registration – 9 am-10:00 a.m.
Seminar -10 a.m.

There will be no Saturday
Committee Meetings

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 13, 2013
10:00 a.m.

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Central Committee Meeting #198

November 11, 2012

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Vice-Chairman, Skyler McWilliams, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local	Members	Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	59	1 Vote	Larry Scott
South Kansas City	Local 05	53	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	123	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	50	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	119	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	166	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	27	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	57	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	85	1 Vote	Debbie Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	53	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	274	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	85	1 Vote	Doug Pfeiffer
Kirksville	Local 19	125	2 Votes	Doug Yearn
Dexter	Local 20	65	1 Vote	Mike Allen
Eldon	Local 21	22	1 Vote	Tom Shauk
Lincoln County	Local 23	16	1 Vote *	Kurt Parker
St. Louis	Local 24	117	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	61	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	74	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	111	2 Votes	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	218	3 Votes	Taz Moeller
North Kansas City	Local 29	100	2 Votes	Ronda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	66	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	21	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	116	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	49	1 Vote	Ray Herron
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	35	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	114	2 Votes	Mike Garner
Members at Large	Local 00	65	0 Vote	
Total		2526		November 1, 2012
Corporate Sponsors		13	0 Vote	

Roll call of locals. Local 31's vote is suspended due to failure to submit financial reports.

Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 27 to approve minutes as printed, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Study Committee report – John Stouffer stated that in his opinion this proposal is going to be the best way for us to get our legislation through, however due to an apparent lack of interest, it is his recommendation that the study committee be dissolved. This issue will therefore be withdrawn from the agenda.

Toxic member policy – Taz Moeller is working on the new policy but it is not ready for presentation at this time. The other policy that was brought forth by Local 1 has remained tabled. Motion by Local 1 that this proposal be dropped, 2nd Local 24, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

PAC Donation Advertisement – Treasurer Comeau stated the issue regarding us accepting donations through PayPal is we would have to make sure that we receive the necessary information from donors for the ethics report. Discussion about the pros and cons of doing this type of activity. Other SMRO's are doing this. Suggestion that we contact other SMRO's about what type of system they are doing to track these donations. Motion by Local 28 that we do an analysis of the best way for us to do this project to gather donations for PAC, 2nd Local 35, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local 33 donation in kind – A few CC meetings ago there was a donation in kind policy put into effect. Doug Weiss President, Local 33, addressed Central Committee regarding the locals' concern regarding the new donation in kind policy and how the policy has been applied to Local 33's state fair project after the fact. The state fair project was approved in March, then in May the new policy was put into effect and it was specifically stated that it would apply to Local 33. Doug addressed the problems with the policy as it has been approved. Currently a local will have had to meet ½ of their yearly donation before being eligible for any in kind donation. Therefore any locals doing hospitality rooms in January must have already met ½ of their state donation to have any of these expenses considered for a donation in kind. Chairman King addressed the body and stated that it was never his intention to retroactively apply this new policy to Local 33, but that he fully intended for Local 33's state fair project to be grandfathered in. Motion by Local 35, 2nd Local 6 to allow Local 33's state fair project to be grandfathered in on the donations in kind policy,

motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Local 13 asked if their donation for Demo Days in Hannibal was approved as a donation in kind, Treasurer Comeau will have to check into this and will get back with their representative.

Doug Weiss of Local 33 presented the following policy change to rectify the problem.

"The following donations will be counted toward meeting Local requirements for supporter pins other than direct monetary donations:

To be considered as an in kind donation, item, event, etc. must benefit FORR on a statewide level, assisting all locals and/or promoting FORR, Inc as a whole. The maximum amount that can be considered as an in kind donation is 50% of a Local's state obligation, up to a maximum of \$750.00. In order for a Local to be able to be considered for a donation in kind to fulfill up to 50% of their obligation to the state, the following must be met.

1. The Local shall have met the previous year's obligation to the state;
2. The in kind donation must be presented to the CC board in a budget format, itemizing associated costs;
3. Budget must be presented to the CC board 30 days prior to proposed expenditure;
4. CC board will review budget and advise the Local as to its decision and amount allowed as an in kind donation."

Motion by Local 24 to accept Local 33's proposal, 2nd Local 20, roll call vote, Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 41 and 42 voted yes, Local 26 abstained, motion carries.

Local 19 issues related to their in kind donations have been resolved outside of this meeting.

BUFR Run continued involvement – Chairman King outlined the steps he has taken to contact the leadership of ABATE for Missouri regarding a meeting date to discuss the BUFR Run to no avail. At the September committee meeting it was decided if a meeting had not been held by the November CC meeting, that we would no longer be involved in the BUFR Run. Since no meeting has been held, FORR will not continue to be involved in the BUFR Run.

Secretary Garver read a request from Ann Dodson to transfer locals, Motion by Local 28 that we allow the transfer of Ann Dodson to another local, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

2013 State PAC Rally – Proposal is to move the state rally to the state fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. This venue would allow us access to a lot of things that we do not have at the Buckhorn site. An overview of the site, costs and proposal was presented to the Central Committee and questions about the proposal were discussed. Basically Homecoming lost us \$3,000 this year. Taz Moeller is talking with the Shrine Club regarding the existing contract and is trying to negotiate a release from the contract that is agreeable with all parties. Chairman King stated we have a lot of faith in Taz and felt that he was a good person to serve as the negotiator in this situation because of his involvement with both organizations. There are a lot of details regarding this proposed event that will have to be worked out by the Homecoming committee. Motion by Local 28 that the Homecoming Rally be moved from Buckhorn to Sedalia, 2nd Local 8, motion passes with roll call vote 31 yes 6 no, Locals 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 33, 35, 41 and 42 voted yes; Locals 1, 24, 27, 29 and 30 voted no. Names proposed for new rally: Mid Mo Bike Rally – with lower caption we're coming home; Homecoming; Road to Freedom Bike Rally. Discussion concerning how people outside of our organization do not know what Homecoming means and do not associate it with a bike rally. We need a name that will draw people to the event. Request that this matter be tabled to allow the locals to discuss this matter. Discussion regarding the sooner a name is established the sooner we can get a flyer developed and seeking sponsorships. This really cannot wait until January. Issue was tabled until later in the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer- Steve Comeau – General fund beginning balance \$10,751.47 ending balance \$12,516.01; Rider Education beginning balance \$14,867.34, ending balance \$15,505.28, PAC beginning balance \$12,892.07, ending balance \$8,221.21 however out of this there is an outstanding check for \$1,357.72, we also owe MOTM and Mid-South MILE reimbursements. By the time we pay these bills the PAC balance will be approximately \$2,400.00. Homecoming beginning balance \$7,665.09, ending balance \$10,495.57 however we still owe Shrine Club \$5,000. We could not pay them until the checks and deposit from the event had all cleared. Once that is written we will have a balance of \$5,495.57 in the Homecoming account. Give a way fund beginning balance \$4,000.86, ending balance \$5,027.43, \$1,027.00 will be transferred to MOTM 2014. Freedom Park beginning balance \$11,785.05, ending balance \$12,570.05. Treasurer Comeau reported that out of 28 locals 7 locals have met their state obligations for this year, of those 28 locals 16 of them have enough money in their local accounts to make their state obligation. Donations: Local 12 \$1,500.00, Local 16 \$500 FEW, Local 29 \$300 Safety/PAC, Local 20 \$100, Local 1 \$295.75 plus in kind donations, Local 5 \$250, District 4 Locals 1, 14, 29, 5, 35, 33 a total donation of \$2,095.50.

The January CC meeting it is a very busy day. A lot of locals have events late in the year that are big fundraisers and it is a race sometimes to get the funds remitted so the local meets their obligation and receives their supporter pins. Because of this the cabinet has decided to push back the donation cutoff to December 31st with the awards presented at the March CC meeting. This should make things easier for everyone.

Vice Chairman – Skyler McWilliams

Engineer of Freedom - Randy Farris Local 33 and Bill "Treetop" Duncan Local 24 awarded the Engineer of Freedom award.

FEW Seminar – Event will be January 12th at the American Legion Post in Jefferson City. Cost will be \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Registrations due by December 25th if you want to be guaranteed a dinner. We will take attendees at the door but cannot guarantee dinner for those individuals. This event was moved from November to accommodate our deer hunting members. An agenda has been set which will be printed and made available soon. The focus of this year's event will be officer training. In addition we will have an individual from the Highway patrol speaking to us about driver testing, etc. There will also be a lot of entertainment. We brought back auction items from the MILE and MOTM but we still need items from the locals. Remember this is a PAC fundraiser and right now our PAC could really use an infusion of funds. Locals might want to consider putting together a basket for the auction and maybe we could get some friendly competition going on between locals.

Rider Education – Doug Clawson – BRC 25 courses scheduled, 2 cancelled, 23 completed, 161 students with 145 passing. ERC 5 classes scheduled and 5 classes cancelled. There may be no ERC courses scheduled next year. He is looking at holding an advanced riders course in Jeff City next year. This course is primarily designed for sport bike riders but is open to anyone. If you are a military individual who wants to ride a sport bike on base you must take this course. There is no pre requisite for this class. Motorcycles for sale: one Honda Rebels has been sold, one is still available, 2001 Honda Rebel \$1500. Two DR200 Suzukis were also for sale, one sold, the other is still available asking \$1200 for it, but it does not have a title.

The Missouri motorcycle advisory committee had a meeting recently. Doug was unable to attend the meeting, but from what he has been told, the discussion was basically the same as in past years.

The following day MMSP had their annual meeting. A new poster was presented from the DOR for use in local license bureaus. Doug has a few of these posters available. He would like help from our membership to get these out to local bike shops and license bureaus. Price cap for upcoming year for BRC is \$240. Doug recommended that we keep our prices at \$200 for BRC and \$75 for ERC. The sites that are charging more than this are allowed to do so because they do not receive any state funding for their sites. Next year there will not be a rider coach prep course due to changes that will be taking place in the program. If you are interested in becoming a rider coach you may want to consider becoming a range aid before applying as this is going to be taken into consideration in selecting individuals. Doug reported that we recently had the honor of having our Jefferson City site being filmed during an entire BRC class. This was a very interesting experience. He has asked for a small film clip so we can present it at the FEW Seminar. Do not know if this will happen but working on it. Doug stated that he has one year left to go on this term and would like anyone interested in taking over this position to get with him and maybe do some training so the transfer of the position can be as smooth as possible. He has had one individual who has expressed an interest.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Norris – Attended MOTM and obtained some good ideas to submit to MODOT regarding motorcycle awareness, such as tire pressure gages and coloring books. Also has an idea to make a film and is looking for someone who is good with a video camera. January 12-13 is Wide Open Bike Show. Looking for materials to distribute at this event. MAY Rally is April 30th. Chris from MMSP thanked FORR members for their work distributing the awareness products.

Product Line – Shelly Payne – The new calendars are in. The locals orders paid for the cost to do the calendars so from this point forward what we make will be profit. Thank you to all locals that submitted photographs. Some pictures were taken off websites for those locals that did not submit pictures. She presented a new truck tailgate and back glass idea. The glass design is on see through material. The cost for either of these will be \$100. Also presented an idea for local refrigerator magnets 1-25 will be \$2.75 each. Shelly thanked for all of her work on the calendar, excellent job.

Webmaster – Mike Allen – There has been a lot of communication this weekend but not a lot of communication outside of the CC weekend. Mike wanted to let all locals know that he is available to assist with local websites whenever possible. Call him at 573-568-2144. For most websites once you get them set up and running it doesn't take much to maintain the site. He would like to get information for the Fallen Members site, including photos, information, etc of the fallen individual. The more information we can receive the better the memorial page will be for that individual. We need to be proud of our fallen members and respect their memories with a good memorial page to remember those individuals. Suggestion that we might want to obtain permission from the family before posting any photograph.

Newsletter – Concern addressed regarding delayed receipt of newsletters. This is beyond our control as all newsletters go out at the same time and it's up to the post office to get them delivered. Chairman King stated the agenda is no longer being printed in the newsletter because it changes so much before the meeting actually takes place. The committee meeting times will be printed in the Freedom Press and may change so watch the posting for meeting time.

Secretary – Kathy Garver – Pleased to report all locals are represented at this CC meeting. Locals asked to please submit an updated local officer list to the general office once their elections have taken place.

Membership report: September 30 new members, 120 renewals 8 life members. October 46 new members, 113 renewals, 12 life members. Total membership processed for September/October 329. Total membership as of 11/1/2012 2,526, decrease of 27 since last report.

Legislative Report – Katherine Fox - She was really hopeful that there would be a happy ending to this year's legislative activities, however, after yesterday's officers meeting the financial situation really stings. Our PAC account needs funds. During MOTM, Emery from the AMA made a very pointed comment about memberships and donations. We truly don't know everyone's situation when we are asking for people to join, renewal, donate. There are some families who are struggling to just pay the day to day necessities because they've been laid off. If we are not here to invest in ourselves and our lifestyle what gives us the right to look at the general public and expect them to do this for us. Remember we are the epidemic, we are the disease.

2013 legislative agenda – helmet modification, stronger right of way penalties, profiling, motorcycle permit. There was talk about the possibility of trying to increase the court fees to the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund. She would like to see us hold steadfast to this agenda and those items that truly affect our lifestyle and work very hard on those issues. Request from Local 35 that the permit bill be removed from this list. Discussion held regarding the reasons we feel the permit issue needs to be addressed. Motion by Local 20 that we stick with the 5 items that Katherine has addressed, 2nd Local 27, motion carries with one opposed by voice vote.

The election results are in and an updated spreadsheet has been posted on the website. Katherine asked locals to please submit an email address for a letter to the editor from all local news papers.

AMA – Steve Comeau – There is really not a lot going on right now that has not been previously distributed and posted on our website.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid – JR reported he received an award at MOTM for his work on getting memberships from this state. It has been approximately 16 years since anyone from FORR received this award. The DC office is way behind as a result of the storm and losing power. District 1, Local 26 and Local 16 recently signed up as a sustaining member. He also received money today from Local 15 for their sustaining membership. It is very important for us to support the MRF both through memberships and financially because when things happen in DC they have a direct impact on what happens in this state. The State Rep leader for the MRF put out a challenge to all State Reps to come up with some type of fundraiser project to raise money for the MRF. He has come up with a give a way project which will give the winner a free pass to many different rallies in 2013 plus a new/renewal membership to the MRF. Donation of \$1.00 each. This is a \$225 value for a buck. Drawing will be held at the March CC meeting. Katherine spoke earlier about the need to send 4 people to Washington DC next year to lobby our federal legislators. However at this time we simply do not have the money in our PAC account to do this. Locals encouraged make contributions to the PAC account. Concern addressed regarding an individual who signed up a couple of months ago and has not received anything from the MRF. Information concerning this individual's name, whether membership was mailed, given to someone, etc. was not readily available. This is part of the state rep's job to follow up on membership issues such as this.

Katherine introduced the scholarship recipients for Meeting of the Minds who each presented an overview of their experience at this years'

event, Amy Allmon and Melanie Coy. Amy touched on our need to be all in, be prepared and present a professional and well organized image. Melanie provided us with a spreadsheet of issues that are going on in other states including work by Abate of Illinois with their highway patrol to try to determine a reason for the increase in their fatality statistics.

Scholarship winners for Mid South MILE – Ursula DeMoss and Georgia Haley. Georgia was unable to attend due to a tragedy in her family. Ursula stated that one of the key things she took away from the MILE was how everyone within the rights movement is family. She attended seminars that she felt would be beneficial to her as an individual and the organization on Leadership, the current Global Situation, AMA legislative update, Damn Lies and Politics. Ursula donated her portion of the reimbursement back to the FORR PAC fund. Katherine reported that Emery from the AMA addressed the insurance policy issues. Pittsburg Ohio insurance company is already not insuring motorcycles. Katherine encouraged our membership to contact their health insurance agent and have them put in writing in layman's terms if there are any exclusions to the health insurance policy regarding motorcycles. Global harmonization, the world is working towards one bike which will be available worldwide. Chairman King also attended MOTM and the MILE. He encouraged our members to plan on attending these events next year and making it a fun trip by riding to the event.

General Office – no concerns addressed

2014 MOTM – FORR will be hosting this event in Kansas City in September of 2014. We had our first committee meeting on Saturday to get a committee established so we can start work on the event. Encouraged our member to attend next year's MILE and MOTM to find out how these events are put on. This will be the 30th anniversary of Meeting of the Minds. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please come to the committee meetings which are held the Saturday prior to the CC meeting, except in January. Many people stepped up and volunteered to be on the committee. Amy Allmon volunteered to coordinate the hospitality room. We will need people to volunteer to fulfill various job duties during and prior to the event. It is going to take a lot of manpower to prepare for and put on the event, in addition to money to cover the hosting costs. Locals encouraged to hold fund raisers to help us gather the necessary funds to make this event a huge success.

Annual membership increase award will be presented at the March CC meeting – Local 24 currently has the trophy, they were asked to please bring the trophy either to the January or March CC meeting.

CONNECTIONS –

Wide Open Bike Show – Bill Kempker contacted them after the State Fair and found out the cost for a booth at both shows will be \$350.00. Mid America Freedom Rally, Local 7, Local 33 and Local 10 all made donations towards having a booth at both the St. Louis and Kansas City events. Need information to distribute and a few people that are willing to help man the booth. The Kansas City show is in Overland Park, Kansas January 12-13 and February 2-3 in St. Louis. Each show has approximately 3,000 attendees. It is logistically easier for locals or districts to handle these types of events.

Thank you to Layne Shady for the bullet point cards. They have all been handed out and should be a very good tool for the organization.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN:

District 1 will be preparing for the proclamation runs again. There has been a rumor they are not going to do the Blacktop Rally again. This is a false rumor. A date has not yet been set but the rally will take place. The proclamation runs are easy to do and it gets a lot of community attention. All locals encouraged to set up a run.

District 4 legislative fundraiser – crock pot cookoff will be January 19, 2012 at the Sugar Creek VFW.

Local 16 is doing a give a way project for a Taurus rifle

Vote on name for State PAC Rally – 12 for Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally; 5 for Road to Freedom Motorcycle Rally; and 2 for the name to remain Homecoming. Motion by Local 28 to accept John Stouffer's suggestion of Show Me Classic Motorcycle Rally with the # 65 in the middle since 1965 was about when the government started getting involved in motorcycle issues. 3 for this selection. The name for the rally will be the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally – with lower statement We're coming Home.

Roy Brown, Local 26 stated in March Rider Ed Coordinator Clawson had some problems with the Suburban that he was using to pull the state safety trailer and as a result Coordinator Clawson purchased a used Ford F350 for the purpose of pulling the state safety trailer. He suggested that FORR help Doug with the loan payments on the new truck. If we decide to do this the money would come from the Rider Education fund. Treasurer Comeau reminded everyone that money which comes out of our Rider Education fund is based upon a budget submitted by Doug at the beginning of the year and that at this time there are no funds budgeted for this type of an expenditure. He also reminded everyone that in order to do this, we need to make sure that we have sufficient funds to make this expenditure. Motion by Local 28 that the Rider Education fund takes care of this offset for Doug Clawson, 2nd Local 8. Doug clarified that even if he steps down next year he will continue to haul the state safety trailer because the gentleman that has expressed an interest in the position does not have a vehicle that can pull the trailer. The monthly payments on this vehicle are just under \$250. Doug stated he believes he uses this vehicle to pull the trailer about 7-8,000 miles per year and that 90-95% of the miles put on the vehicle are spent pulling the state safety trailer. Local 28 amended their motion to state that this applies only so long as Doug is continuing to haul the state rider education trailer. Motion by Local 27 that this matter be tabled so it can be taken back and discussed at the local level, 2nd Local 20, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Local 7, 2nd Local 24 to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

2013 Mid-South Mile

How to afford to attend the 2013 Mid-South M.I.L.E. in Oklahoma: 50¢.

Yup, 50¢ per day, less than a cup of coffee, less than 2 cigarettes, less than a can of soda from the convenience store until the next MILE. Put away just 50¢ per day starting December 1 and by the time the 2013 MILE rolls around in October you will have \$163 to get to Oklahoma, pay for the hotel, banquet, a few meals, drinks and something from the product line. The seminars are free to all members of your district, local, chapter or however your organization is divided when they send in the pre - registration, and you can save even more if you share travel and the hotel room. A great time with good folks is free once you get there, and the knowledge you'll gain is priceless.

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m.****Morgans Restaurant, 101 W US Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Melany 816-633-7710 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Hey all you good lookin people. Happy New Year! We talked about quite a few "new" things at our last meeting. There are few questions we would like answered by YOU. The district cook off falls on the 19th of January; that is also the same time as our meeting. We are considering moving the meeting to the following Saturday (the 26th)

so there is no conflict of attendance for either. If you would like to not move the meeting contact Dallas or myself immediately please. There is an idea that was brought back to the local from district in consideration of an FORR info booth at area motorcycle dealerships. We would need members to work this info booth. If you would like to get involved contact me. Another thing we are kicking around is the possibility of a future bake sale. I know we have some members that can bake/cook delicious dishes so we could absolutely give this a shot. Finally the nominations for officers are in:

President: Rick Long

Vice President: Rev. Joe Seward

Secretary: Melany St. Denis

Treasurer: Mary Seward or Linda Thompson

Newsletter: Melany St. Denis

District Rep.: Melany St. Denis

CC: Larry Scott

Product Line: Mark Chapman

If you are interested in running please attend the December meeting!!!

The big event in January is of course the F.E.W. seminar January, 12th in Jefferson city at the American Legion. If you did not pre-register it will be \$20 at the door. This is a fantastic way to learn about the duties and roles of Local officers.

At last CC it was decided to move Homecoming from Buckhorn to Sedalia for 2013. The name of this event will also change but it will still be Labor Day weekend.

Can not begin to express another monumental event: District Four's 3rd Annual Crock-pot cook off/Legislative Fundraiser on January 19th at the VFW Post 3976 in Sugar Creek, MO. Bring your best crock-pot dish that could first or second prize in: Best presentation, Most unique main dish or most unique dessert. And of course bring your tummy to enjoy all of the wonderful goodies!

We have 2013 calendars available in product line as well as 30th Anniversary patches.

I want to give big birthday wishes to Rick Long: January 14th and Gary Hohensee on January, 25th. I hope your day is fantastic!

Until next time I wish you nothing but the best.

Love you,
Melany

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History of FORR

1986 opened with state officers, Chairman Ed Dotson, Vice Chairman Mike McPeck, Secretary Karla Dotson, Treasurer Merrell Wasson, Legislative Coordinator Dean Wilhite, Safety Coordinator Dennis Bitner and Newsletter Editor Ron Popplewell at the helm.

The cabinet and CC recognized the need for a membership drive to promote membership in the young organization. A plan was developed which rewarded individuals who signed up new members with everything from a free renewal, to a FORR hat or special go-getter patch.

The statewide rider education program had reached a brick wall in that grant money was depleted leaving no funds to run a statewide program. Plans were in the works for FORR to pick up the ball and run with a statewide rider education program. However it was going to take a lot of money to accomplish this task. Initial estimates were in the \$1500 to \$2000 range. Locals were asked for seed money to help get this project off the ground.

On March 8, 1982 a new local was started in Chillicothe, welcome Local 8 to the FORR family.

A Memorial Park Fund had been established by this time and contained \$260.00. It was estimated in 1986 that we would need approximately \$40,000 to purchase property.

Discussion was in the works to change our local/district structure but this was opposed by most of the locals and the idea was dropped as of March, 1986. A request had also been made to start a local in Kansas but this request was quashed since Kansas already had an ABATE.

In May, 1986 a new local was formed in Miller County, Eldon, Missouri and Local 21 was welcomed to the FORR crew.

The State was now facing the enactment of a mandatory insurance law which took effect July 1, 1987. The Missouri Motorcycle Dealers Association did not support repeal of the helmet law but agreed they would not fight against a repeal. They were actively working to repeal the maximum 55 mph law.

A new release and waiver form was established for FORR and all locals/districts were asked to please use the new form at all events to protect the organization. FORR members were now covered on a \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy through American Income Life.

The young organization was growing in leaps and bounds and on September 13, 1986 Local 22 in West Plains, September 27, 1986 Local 23 in Neosho, October 19, 1986 Local 24 in St. Louis and November 15, 1986 Local 25 in St. Peters were welcomed into the family.

Meeting of the Minds was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas and FORR voted to send the state officers. There were 30 rights organizations represented at this meeting, including CBA, MMA, ABATE and FORR. FORR was felt to be ahead of some of the other organizations because we were retaining a political analyst at a cost much less than some of the others, had a legislative action fund established and had been making political contributions. FORR's newsletter was rated as one of the best at MOTM. The young organization was quickly growing up and becoming a very strong motorcycle rights organization.

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-454-9470 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222**

Greetings,

The Holidays are upon us and time seems to slip by, the next thing you know it will be spring and time to ride. However, the weather seems to be in our favor and some extra riding time is a sweet bonus.

Don't forget the 3rd Annual Crockpot Cook-off, January 19, 6 pm at the VFW in Sugar Creek. Check Local 14 for the address. This is District 4 Legislative fund raiser to pay for the bus ride to Jefferson, so please show your support.

The FEW Seminar is Saturday, January 12. It is always an informative

and fun time. Then attend the CC Meeting on Sunday. You can get a room at the Truman Hotel where the meeting is held at a discount or other hotels nearby are very reasonable. The seminar is also near the hotel. We have a lot of work ahead of us this year. I know times are tough but our organization is in need of additional financial assistance. The Homecoming Rally lost money however we have a plan for a new and improved rally and have moved it from Buckhorn to Sedalia. If you wish to be involved in the planning please plan to attend the committee that meets on the Saturday prior to the CC Meetings (except for January).

Happy birthday Cindy Cornett her birthday is January 14.

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

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

Abide!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

Local 6 has for the last several years adopted a needy family for Christmas. This year we are doing it again. All the members have voted unanimously to help this family. Gaylen Jackson will be taking care of purchasing the groceries and supplies. He will be delivering the merchandise Christmas Eve Day. The name came from a list of needy families in St. Joseph.

We had nomination of officers at the last meeting. The new officers will take office in January. New officers will be announced in the next newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that Local 6 meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 12:30. The meeting will no longer be at the VFW on North 4th St. New place will be announced so watch your mail.

Thanks everyone for putting up with our reporting. Dan will be taking a break from the newsletter with the election. Here's wishing the new person lots of luck.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson

Contact: 417-286-3845

Salutations' Local 7

And season's greetings everybody, hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. There you go folks, just so you know I'm a cheap ass and that was your Christmas card. Speaking of Christmas, around this area, November is toy run season & we've been blessed this November with great weather for riding. The first Sunday in November, Local 7 always holds a toy run. We would like to thank Troy at the Lebanon Cycle Center for letting us use his facilities for the starting point. Also like to thank the Elk's lodge for their building and the use of their Kitchen for our ending point. Big thanks go out to Ozarks Coca-Cola of Lebanon for providing the beverages. Thanks to all of those who did the cooking & preparing for all the riders. Thank you to all of those who brought toys and can goods for the Share your Christmas organization. Let's all be thankful if you're able to help others because after all that's what this season is all about. Don, Charlie, Guy, C.A., Jeff, Darla, Buddy and I made the toy run in Lynn Creek. Charlie was riding his new toy. Next

came the Buffalo toy run and again it was great weather and a great turnout. The Springfield toy run is this weekend and I'm hoping to get one more ride out of my back tire. The forecast is for temps in the near 70's, not bad for December. Well that's all folks.

Ride on

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.

(call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905

Happy Holidays from Local 8:

Our election is over with very little change with the officers. The line up is. President: Leo {Pete} Wooden, Vice President Glenda Ely, Secretary Meredith Alexander, Treasure and Membership Glenda Ely, Legislative and CC Rep. Layne Shady with Bob Reasoner as alternate. District Reps. are Meredith Alexander and Lori Brown, Safety Carl Hanes, Product Line Diane Lyon, Road Captains Matt Kilson and Layne Shady, Sergeant at Arms Jeff Clemens, Carl Hanes, Lori Brown and Michelle King, Historian Lori Brown. With the new year we have a lot of experience in our officers. Lets make it a GREAT year. The Christmas parades are over. No prizes, but a lot of exposure. People get to where they expect to see us. Everyone loves to see motorcycles. Add Christmas lights and you have a crowd pleaser. We were mentioned in all the advertising of the Carrollton parade. To bad the weather had to turn cold.

Jerry Wilson, Jerry Noble, Lyle Adams and Dennis Moss. You missed out on the attendance drawing. As we do every December, we draw a name until some one wins. Julie Goedeke was present and won \$129.00. She donated \$50.00 to the toy Fund. Jeff Clemens won the ticket drawing and donated it to the toy fund. Thank You to both of you.

We will start planning for Spring Fling at the next meeting. We learned a lot last year with the new location. We have a good foundation to build on. Get on the committee and get involved. The next event will be Cabin Fever. We will make a decision about it next meeting. We will honor our new life members at Cabin Fever.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 6, 2013 at Royal Inn Pizza at 1 pm. Come earlier to eat and visit. Hope everyone has a great holiday.

Foxy Gama






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LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

Not a lot of news to report on this month, except for the wonderful weather we have had thus far. Hope you have been taking advantage of this spring like weather... I know I have been every chance I get.

We will be having our annual Christmas Party/Meeting December 15th, and we will also choose who is going to be the new officers for the New Year. I will unveil the new Officers for the upcoming year in the next Freedom Press. On that note, have a Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year!!

For all of you Facebook people, keep checking Local 10's FB page and group page for upcoming events and just news in general.

LETS RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage****Contact: 417-793-4899****LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information**

This month's news starts out with a good luck and best wishes for a speedy recovery to our good friend and former Local 12 president Bert Monnig. Bert had knee replacement surgery in late November and is recovering at home. There has never been a more productive or respected member of our Local than Bert. He and I have also been friends for well over 30 years.

Local 12 had our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Nov. 17th and it was a blast! We had 25 members show up at Beckett's Restaurant in Glasgow.

Nikki and her crew did an excellent job of serving us and taking care of the beverages and the food was outstanding. We had a choice of K.C. strip steaks or Beckett's famous smoked pork chop, which was what I had. The dinner also included a salad and baked potato. Once we finished the meal, the party moved to the Fish Beak just down the street and everyone had a great time chatting the night away and partaking of their favorite beverage. All in all, the 2012 Christmas Party will go down as one of the best yet.

We had a great meeting at Mexico Lindo Restaurant in Marshall on Dec. 2nd. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm with 20 members present. The minutes were approved as read. Laura reported that she hadn't gotten a bank statement so our treasury remained the same. John reported that the C.C. had voted to move the Homecoming Party to the Sedalia fairgrounds. We will be located on the SW corner and the cost for rent will be \$500. We have people working to get us out of our contract with Buckhorn. The 2013 Homecoming will be more of a family-style event, with all ages admitted. John had brought back 10 new 2013 FORR calendars and they were all sold at the meeting.

The Safety Proclamation Ride will be on April 30th in 2013. Local 12

donated \$1,500 to the general revenue fund and will be entitled to 57 supporter pins. In his President's report, Pork Chop thanked everyone for coming and commented on what a nice day we had for riding. Socko also thanked everyone for attending. There was no district report. Tami reported that she had contacted Glasgow about the Firecracker Classic and they had said to get back with them after the first of the year.

In old business, Barry reported that the Arrow Rock Station had apparently not bought an ad in the newsletter, as they originally said they would. In new business, Butch said that April of 2013 would mark the 20th anniversary of Local 12. He suggested we have an anniversary party and a motion was passed to do so. Tentative location will be at Stump Island Park in Glasgow. The date will be on Saturday, April 13th.

The January Local 12 meeting will be held at the Slater American Legion post on Heiler St. on Sunday, the 6th, at 3 pm. February's meeting will be held on Sunday, the 3rd, at Poodle's II Palms in Boonesboro at 3 pm.

The floor was opened for officer nominations and John moved that we re-elect all the 2012 officers by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Boz volunteered to be added to the phone tree list and he will be the 5th member. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm. The membership pot was not claimed so it was turned over until next month.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Jan. 6th- Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Slater American Legion on Heiler St.

Sunday, Feb. 3rd- Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Poodle's II Palms, Boonesboro

Sunday, Mar. 3rd- Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, place announced in next newsletter

If you have any news you would like to see in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at sstrodman@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.

Until next month.....be free, Smokey



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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Stacey's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO****Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345**

Hello 13

As many of you know this is my last newsletter for the local. I want to thank the many people that helped 13 have a good year and hope that they will continue on in the future.

At our Christmas meeting we will elect new officers and have a fun time with the gift exchange. We do this a little different than most so the only way to experience it is to be there. We have events that need to be planned for and dates to be set.

The January meeting will be held at Stacy's, where we will continue planning for 2013.

Breed

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618**

Hello Local 14 and Local 00,

Our 20th Annual Benefit Auction is in the history books now. I am happy to report that we raised quite a fair amount for our adopted families. Both our families are Local 14 members and are excited to be this year's recipients. Our attendance was fantastic, we sold everything we had (We took home this bad-ass clock from Trol's Customs!), everyone had a great time, new friendships were forged, old ones renewed and new opportunities and challenges generated.

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses that helped pull the event together or made donations for the silent auction:

- John Guerra
- Paul McCormick
- Crash and Carol Harrison
- Clayton and Trish Bernotas
- David Phipps
- Fast Eddie
- Liberty Power Sports
- Hub Cycle
- Worth Harley-Davidson North
- Engle Motors
- Donnell's Cycles
- V's Italian Ristorante
- Sterling Bowl
- Cool Crest
- R.G.'s Bar
- Troll's Customs/Majestic Novelties

- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory-Union Station
- Various beverage distributors through VFW Post 3976

January 19th is the District Four Legislative Fundraiser and Chili Cook-off. The event is at our VFW Post in Sugar Creek. See flier further in. Bring your best dish and take home a prize.

The following Sunday, January 20th is our next Local 14 meeting. I expect to be able to provide you legislative updates at that time. We'll also post it on-line as it becomes available.

Blessed Be.

The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Rowdy Beaver, 1810 W Hwy 76, Branson, MO 65616****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

Well your stuck with me again for another year! Yep, we elected officers for the coming year. For those who care and were not at the meeting here is your list of Officers for 2013:

President is Tracy Davis

VP is Randy Stovall

Membership Secretary is Melinda Lawhead

Recording Secretary is Tami McMinn

Event Coordinator is Melvin Mears

Treasurer is Ron Jungbauer

CC Rep is Les Morris

Legislative Rep is Duane Harrison

Safety Officer is Terry Cobb

Sergeant at Arms is Bill Lloyd

State news letter is Louise Jungbauer

Local news letter is Jay Pafford

Chaplin is Chris Hensley

and we have a new office, it is Photographer.....which is Monique Lloyd

This is a last minute letter because since the Christmas Party I have had the stomach flu. I have a lot of news and information, but my belly is not wanting me to sit at this computer and get it done. But I did not miss a single news letter and I was not about to start this year off missing one.

I need to get a list of new Ambassadors and a list of important dates and pictures in Feb. letter.

One thing I do know for sure is the Business Meetings are now going to be at the Rowdy Beaver, that is down Hwy 76, just passed Area 54. They folks at the Beaver are really excited about us coming in, and swear to be on their toes for us. The meetings are still the 3rd Monday of every month.

Please invest time with your Local this year!

See you soon, Lou

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Say goodbye 2012 & hello to a whole new year. This one is promising to be anything but boring if the Christmas Dance was any indication.

I think it's safe to say the dance was a success and fun for all. Special thanks go to the Perryville VFW for donating the location and decorating for the season. As

always Big Ticket rocked the house. You guys will always be a favorite for Local 16 and we look forward to another year of enjoying your art!

Our next meeting will be held at Bill's Place in Biehle, 7:00 pm on January 18, 2013. We'll be holding our elections during this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend and we hope to have some fresh input. We have stellar leadership within this Local. It would be great to have a strong showing of our membership just to let them know we appreciate all they do.

Our next big event will be the annual Broomstick Tournament. This year the competition will move to the Pink Galleon in the Town Plaza in Cape Girardeau. The date will be February 16, 2013. Our meeting will begin before the competition. The exact times will be in the next newsletter or you can check with Whitey or Chico for further information.

The calendar of events is available but you will notice there is still no location for the July or September, 2013 meetings. If anyone has suggestions or would like to offer their own "location" for either of these meetings, please let Whitey or Chico know so they can get the information on the final events list.

Until next time, stay warm, stay safe and we wish everyone the very best for the upcoming year.....See you soon!

Melanie aka Madeline

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

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LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Eagles Club on Hwy 25****Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480**

Hello out there

The holidays are upon us and many folks are geared for that Jolly Ole Elf to visit. Toy Runs, parties, big dinners and family along with friends will be gathering to celebrate. Please take care that you will be with us again this time next year have a great time but party responsibly.

Welcome to our new members thanks to those that renewed and for those taking a break we hope you will return soon. Happy Birthday and anniversary to everyone that celebrated in November and will be celebrating in December. My apologies to the members of Local 20 for us not being in the November Freedom Press...my satellite was out of adjustment due to the weather we had been having in the bootheel area and I had to convince my provider it was their problem not mine.

All of us at Local 20 are looking forward to a fun filled New Year as well as a productive one. Many changes are being made in our Local for the better and we are getting back to being a good strong team. Many new ideas are flowing so keep an eye out for our events calendar. We hope to travel to other Locals more this next year to their events and hope they can visit us.

Until next time.....Keep it Between the lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L20



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

Hey Ya'll,

Hope you are enjoying the weather and the holidays. Not a whole lot goin' on around here at the moment but if you look hard enough there is always somethin happenin somewhere!!

We wanted to remind you that as usual we won't be having our meeting in December, but if we survive the great alignment on December 21, 2012, we will be having our first meeting of the 'new era' on the third Saturday at 1:00 pm at the Silver Saddle Saloon in Eldon in January.

So come on down and we'll have us a great big 'ol survivors party!! See ya there!!

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.****Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369****Contact: 636-665-5004****LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114****Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092**

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters! First of all, if you're reading this, that means the world didn't end and our work at any level is not complete!

Now, let's welcome our newest members to Local 24:

Steve and Monica Seidner
Burt Karell
Harry Thomas
Ron Tinsley

Our Christmas party was a blast, lots of fun with our ever growing family! Doubtwhistle kicked ass with their all original tunes. Rob, Terra, and Ron, you rock! We would like Doubtwhistle to know your local supports you and wishes you all the best in your endeavors.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 1- Local 25's Freeze Out or Not ride. This is always a great time, so be sure to join us.

Jan. 12- F.E.W. seminar. All members able to attend should try as this will make our local more effective on all levels

Jan. 19- District 4 Crockpot Cook-Off

Feb. 12- Lobby Day Bus Trip to State Capitol. This is our first contact of the year to the State Representatives so we NEED as much

support as possible to show up.

Feb. 16- Local 24 Mardi Gras Dance. For all of those who wanted a social club, this is it!! This will be one of our all party events that helps makes all of our hard work and effort worth it so come on out!

Now my personal note. Local 24 has 117 members and with a few lobby days and the F.E.W. seminar coming up, I want to see a record breaking turn out of members to fight for our freedoms. If 1/3 of all of the locals were to show up, we would overwhelm the Capitol with over 700 FORR members. Think they will take us seriously then? I sure do! So come on, get active and physically involved! If you can't make it, then do your part and write a letter to your state representative or even Governor Nixon. Make your voice heard and our voices even stronger.

May God Bless all of you, keep you safe, and keep the Shiny Side Up!! Big Sid

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at****4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-387-2394****LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599**

Merry Christmas AND A Blessed New Year to everyone taking the time to read this. And if you're reading this, that means the world did not end as we know it. We survived another false alarm. Which also means, God willing, another year of riding!! YEA! I like that.

We had an informal meeting at Movie Magic Nov. 21 to elect officers and organize the upcoming member appreciation party (more formally known as "Spring Fever Fling"). There were about 15 members present. Pres. Kathy passed around a sample menu for the party from A&Gs. It was approved. We had a discussion of other matters pertaining to the party. Donations for the silent auction and door prizes are needed. You can drop them off at Movie Magic or call me at 660-562-3932 for pick up.

We strongly encouraged Carl Ashbaugh to create another "machine shop" motorcycle. So if you want a chance to own a one of a kind art work from one of our members, be sure to join us at the Spring Fling. No pressure Carl, just 50 plus individuals anticipating your "gift".

Roy Brown had the FORR calendars to sell. I think we have sold them all, maybe one or two left, if interested give me a call or talk to Kathy or Roy.

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Harold and Janis Duryea invited all members to their place for a "souped up Sat" Jan. 19, 2013 at 6 pm. BYOB and a side dish to share.

Happy Birthday to Dec. birthdays: Chris Wyne, Bob Hull, LaVonne Hull, Sandy Jones, Roy Brown, Gail Gregory, and Robert Steeby

Happy Birthday to Jan. birthdays: Paul Jones, Peggy James, and Warren Tate

Upcoming events:

FEW Seminar- Jan. 12, 2013

Potluck and safety meeting - Jan. 15

Local 26 Spring Fever Fling--Feb. 2, 2013

I am resigning as Secretary and Harold Duryea has graciously volunteered to take over as Local 26 Secretary.

It has been great serving FORR for 5 years. It's been a great ride, but it's time to let someone else have the fun.

God Bless,
 Jeanine

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 2:00 pm

Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO

Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941

V.P. Olin Meadors 417-777-2883



It is going to be a short newsletter this month due to me just starting this position. My name is Kimberly Thornhill, I am the new newsletter editor for Local 27. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to get a hold of me at kthornhill@yahoo.com. Thank You.

To start this months newsletter off I would like to say THANK YOU to

everyone who attended court in Clinton on November 16th. We showed the true meaning of not only brotherhood but what family really means. We were all there to support Katherine Fox, our legislative coordinator. She is a VERY strong woman to be there and face the heartless criminals who murdered Ty Cashell, her husband, OUR brother. There was a great turnout of supporters from, FORR the Posse, and VNVMC.

We also had a great turnout at our toy run on November 3rd. We had numerous present and made even more donations of toys for all the kids at the Deaf School in Jefferson City. Our monthly meeting followed the toy run and dinner followed the meeting. I want to thank new member Wally Ellis and also Olin Meadors for providing us with the best fish fry I have been to in many years, the food was great to say the least.

Officers nominations were made and since we had no one running against anyone these are our officers for this next year:

Secretary April Jenkins
 Treasurer Lisa Johnson
 Vice-President Olin Meadors
 President Bill Thornhill.

Kimberly Thornhill

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike Moeller - Vice President Larry Wheeler - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

We elected and introduced the new cabinet to the local members present at the last meeting. The new cabinet will take their positions in January. The new cabinet members will be:

President Mike Taz Moeller
 VP Larry Wheeler
 Secretary Shena Flick



Treasurer Debbie Johnson
 CC Rep Steve Sagi
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 News Letter Deborah Dowling

This is a small reminder that there will be an introductory meeting for all of the new members in Jefferson City on the 12th of January. Please let Mike Moeller know if you will be attending. Remember to thank the outgoing cabinet members for their hard work and dedication to the FORR over the past year.

A HUGE thank you needs to go out to all of the members that helped out and participated in the Toys for Kids Program at WalMart! It was a huge success. There should be no child without a present this year!!

The weather could not have been more cooperative for the Waynesville Christmas parade on 2 December. There was a tremendous showing from the members of the FORR. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope you all enjoyed the day and made lots of children happy. I know that all of them were excited when they saw Santa with his elf on the Harley!!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

31 December 2012

New Year's Eve

Party at the Shrine

1 January 2013 Polar Bear Run - meet at the shrine at 11:00 am (weather will dictate the run)

Come join us at the Polar Bear Run and start the new year doing what we all love to do!

As new events are added, you can read about them here or on the FORR web site at <http://www.local28forr.com>.

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com



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LOCAL 30 - NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Location varies****Contact: Mark 417-887-2923****LOCAL 31 - ROLLA****Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.****Shoney's, Martin Springs Drive, Rolla, MO****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or****Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385****LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST****Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625**

On Nov. 18th we elected 2013 officers

President- Bo Smith

Vice-President- Randy Farris

Secretary- Sherry Harris

Treasurer- Elaine Guy

Membership- Shelly Kertz

Newsletter "Cowboy" Roy Hoard

CC Rep and Legislative- "Cowboy" Roy Hoard

Dist. 4 rep.-Rick"Sarge"Salyer

Product Line-Shelly Payne

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Webmaster-Sam "Hog"King

There is a situation. Our new President has yet to show anyone his birth certificate.

A big congrats from Local 33 to Randy Farris for receiving the honor of Engineer Of Freedom. A well deserved award. Keep up the good work,Randy.

By the time you get this ,Adopt-a-Family event will have went on. A good time and a good felling for members and a helping hand for the families.

YEAH LOCAL 33 MEMBERS. How about coming to a meeting. There is NO CHARGE to park,sit,use the inside restroom and heat. There is plenty of room. Participate in and with the Local and Freedom of Road Riders.

Just a thought,The people who do things that count, don't stop to count them

Safe Travels

"Cowboy" Roy

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This is our January 2013 news letter with Local 33 winding down 2012 and gearing up for 2013. Our local agenda is pretty much a copy

of 2012's agenda so keep your calendars from 2012.

Our November meeting started off with the announcement that Homecoming will be held in Sedalia Fair grounds in 2013, but will acquire a new name. Tentatively, it will be re-named "The Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally, "Coming Home". Oktoberfest 2012 was a success with \$349.25 was given for the pack fund. Next year's Oktoberfest will be family oriented. No more Buffer Run since there is no interest and all that the FORR was doing was paying the cost of the Insurance and everything else for ABATE.

Doug Weiss went with Roy to the CC meeting and explained our case on the donation in kind dilemma and the CC floor approved our donation in kind for our expenses put out to attend the State Fair. We didn't even break even on the expenses over what we put out monetarily, but the exposure, new members and goodwill cannot be measured with money. I can tell you this much, Missouri now knows who the FORR is and this exposure will only grow as we continue to attend the State Fair.

We also had our election of new 2013 officers and the new group is as follows:

Pres. Bo Smith, V.P. Randy Ferris, Sec. Shelly Harris, Treas. Elaine Guy, News Letter, Roy Hoard, Road Capt. Da Bear, Web Mast. Sam King, Product. Shelly Paine, Hist. Dee De Smith, Sgt @ Arms, Rick Sarge Salyer, Member Shelly Kertz, CC Rep Roy Hoard, Dist 4 rep. Rick Salyer (Sarge)

Well that's it folks! See ya next year.

Oh yea, for those of you who haven't heard, Granny got pie eyed last Saturday night, got mad at her boyfriend and for the first time ever took a taxi home, all the way to Iowa. That girl has never taken a taxi in her entire inebriated life. We were all aghast when we heard the news, what a surprise! I wonder if the cab company will ever get that cab back. Granny the Taxi thief.

Note: Any similarity to persons living or dead who may be reflected in the character of Granny was purely coincidental. "My Ass!"

HI-HO Silver

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****TT Hwy Campground****14655 Hwy TT, Warsaw, MO 65355****Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6870**

First and foremost we wish everyone in FORR a happy & prosperous New Year! Next, I'm sorry Cliff I must have had Arizona on my brain when I wrote the last newsletter. I know you went to Colorado & I stand corrected. Hope things are going well for you. The Mayan calendar may end in December but the FORR calendar is just getting started. Helmets off to Local 35 for having a high percentage of calendars purchased to number of members & to Shelly for another fine product!!!

New officers were elected in November, they are: President - Pat Green,

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Vice- President - Rick Greer, Secretary - Becky Silvestro, Treasurer - Linda Hawkins, CC rep - Bob Hawkins, Road Captain - Troy Greer, and newsletter - me. Congratulations to all!

We all look forward to getting some miles on the road during 2013.

Ride Free!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

January's quote will be on the New Year.

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. Bill Vaughan

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

With 2013 creeping up on us, I'd like to say MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all my FORR friends. Local 41 would like Angie and Steve Gallus to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you for the loss of a good friend and for the loss of your Uncle. Losing some one any time is hard, but close to a holiday is tough. Believe me I know, because we lost a daughter at 14 in 1998 on Dec. 21st. We lost a daughter at 19 on March 22nd 2004. They were twins. And I buried my Dad on my birthday, so I know what a struggle it can be getting through the holiday. We have come to deal with it with the help of God and enjoying the family around us and the wonderful memories of our family in heaven. It's good to know that someday we'll meet again.

Our Jan. meeting was going to be at Pickles, but they close at 7:00 and that's when our meeting starts. So our Jan. meeting will be at McCorkle's on January 2nd. This is a Wednesday night.

Our February meeting will be back to First Tuesday of month. We changed it to the 2nd because we didn't want to compete with the hangers!!!! It was voted to keep the same Officers in place that we all ready had. It either means that they are doing one hell of a job or no one else wanted to jump in and take over. I'm going with doing one hell of a job! Thanks Mike, Mike, Kevin, Angie, Steve, and Bob for giving your time for another year. I was told that Mike likes being president because it helps him pick up girls. We voted to give \$525.00 to the state, to be used for the PAC fund, safety fund, and the general fund. We haven't had the funds to be able to do this for sometime. Way to go Local 41! I can tell all ready 2013 is going to be a good year for us. We will be working Spring Fling this year and we will not send Steve by himself this time(hopefully). Calendars will be sold again this year for \$5.00 dollars each. Local 41 Anniversary Party will be March 23rd at McCorkle's. Our District BLACKTOP FOR YOU RALLY will be on JUNE 7th-9th this year. BIKE SHOW will be JULY 20th with rain date the 21st. Be sure to mark these dates down on your new calendar.



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MARCH 23rd-----LOCAL 41 ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT McCORKLE'S
APRIL 27th-----PROCLAMATION RUN STARTING IN ST. JOE.
APRIL 30th-----MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL RIDE TO CAPITAL
JUNE 7th-9th-DISTRICT 1 RALLY AT PONY EXPRESS R.V. PARK
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JULY 20th-----LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW AT CAMERON
I am planning to have a fun run to Colorado at least once a month. All you need is a empty saddlebag.
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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164

Here it is the end of November and we still managed to ride quite a bit.

We had our elections this month...

President: Kenny W.

V.P.: John W.

Treasurer: Alma H.

Secretary: Kim R.

Safety Officer Tom

Historian and Newsletter Writerupper: Me

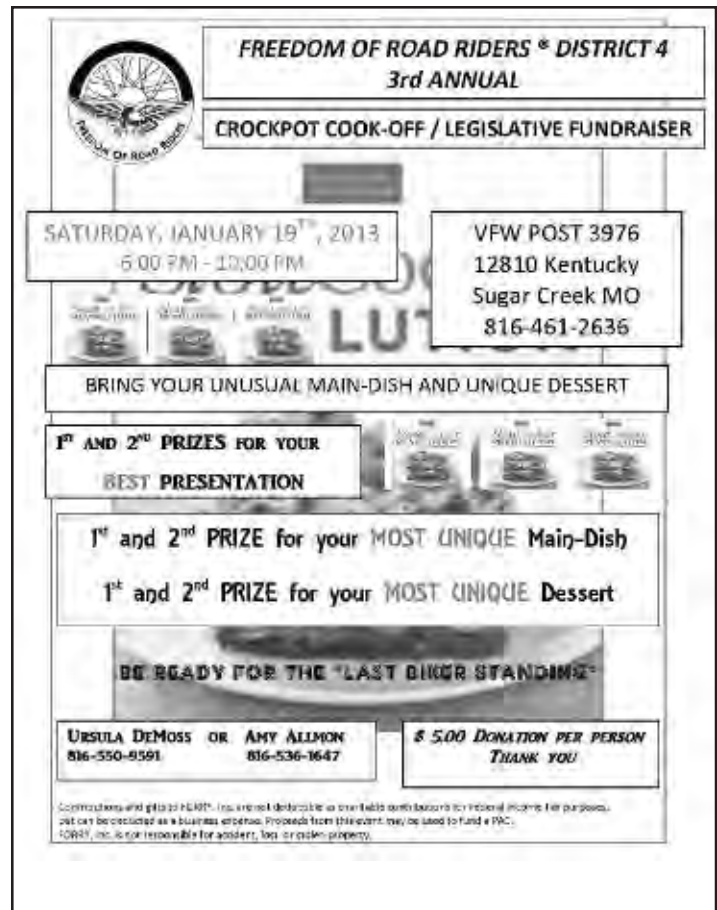
Sergeant of Arms: Carl B.

Legislative: Me

C.C. Kiefer Y.

Our Christmas party for the kids turned out to be one of our biggest ever... And it was also a good day to break down...

Don't have a lot to say this month... am working on an agenda for our next meeting... Talk later... Tex



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DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location****DISTRICT 1 DATES TO REMEMBER**APRIL 27th-----PROCLAMATION RUN
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DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all riding and non-riding brothers and sisters

Well, not much to report at this time, other than VERY IMPORTANT our LEGISLATIVE FUND-RAISER on January 19th, 2013 at the VFW Post in Sugar Creek. This will be another CROCK POT COOK OFF. Hope to see everyone there, sure was a lot of fun last year.

2013 already? Guess time flies when we have fun.

Let us not forget the important F.E.W Seminar on January 12th. Great opportunity for everyone to learn about officer positions within our organization, district or local.

Make sure to check the FORR calendar for events and happenings. Attend as many as you can.

Would like to take a moment to remember all our fallen brothers, sisters and their families, and hope they found the strength during the past Holiday Season to carry on. In the same manner of speaking I would like to THANK everyone, who in some way stepped up and/or participated in ALL our events in 2012. Without you nothing would be possible.

PLEASE do NOT make excuses for not participating in our most important venue: to lobby for our rights, to regain our freedom.....so that we can continue to enjoy what we all love to do, and that is to RIDE.

Any questions and or suggestions? Feel free to contact me by phone or by e-mail at urs200396@yahoo.com . Just remember that YOU are welcome to attend our meetings at any given time.

Ride hard, but safe

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss

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Good News! I paid the ransom and Katherine released my notes. I was able to complete my presentation for the CC Floor on time. I will attempt to provide everyone with some of the information I was able to gather at The Meeting of the Minds and The Mid-South MILE.

I was reading The Kansas City Star, November 29, 2012 in the Business Section a column

entitled "Starwatch Consumer" on page A13. The segment was titled Motorcycle Madness:

Direct costs from deaths and injuries in motorcycle crashes were \$16 billion in 2010, but the full cost probably higher because long-term medical expenses are difficult to measure, a government report said.

Motorcyclists are involved in fatal crashes at higher rates than drivers of other types of vehicles, and are 30 times more likely to die in a traffic crash than passenger car occupants, according to the Government Accountability Office.

That was the sum total of the article which is disturbing since I believe the writer was either very dumb or it was just a filler piece that was of no consequence so they just pulled the most sensational data for shock value.

Sorry, I am running out of time and I will keep up the info barrage in the next issue.

Don't forget the 3rd Annual Crockpot Cook-off, January 19, 6 pm at the VFW in Sugar Creek. Check Local 14 for the address. This is District 4 Legislative fund raiser to pay for the bus ride to Jefferson, so please show your support.

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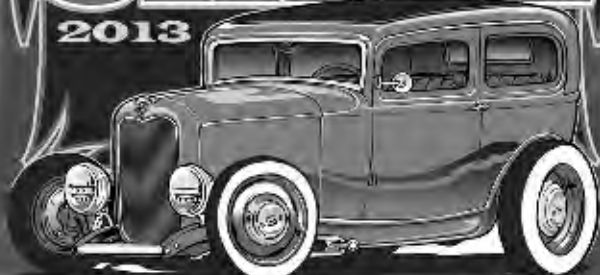
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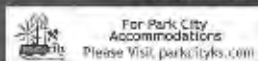
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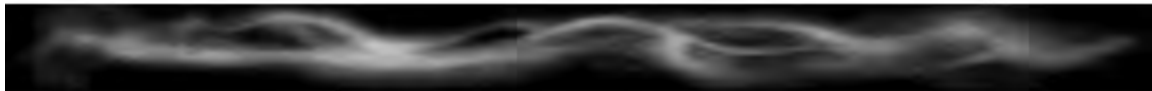


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Letter to the Editor

The following letter was submitted as a letter to the editor by a member of FORR. While FORR does not necessarily agree with some of the issues outlined in the following letter, we believe it is important for our membership to be entitled to express their opinions and concerns regarding issues affecting this organization. We encourage any member that has a problem or concern regarding the direction of FORR or issues affecting this organization to bring those concerns or issues before the Central Committee at our bi-monthly meetings on the second Sunday in January, March, May, July September or November at 10:00 a.m. at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO.

Please be advised however that our newsletter will not be allowed to become a media outlet for this type of issue to continue. FORR has made every effort to request a sit down meeting between the leadership of ABATE for Missouri and FORR to attempt to resolve the differences between the two organizations so that each can serve to effectively protect the rights of all motorcyclists in this State. However those requests by our leadership for a meeting have gone unanswered by the leadership of ABATE for Missouri. The leadership of FORR is focused on moving forward from this point and doing our best to promote and protect motorcycling within this state. Should you have any further questions concerning this matter please direct those questions or concerns directly to your Central Committee officers or bring those concerns before the Central Committee meeting in January.

Central Committee Officers of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc.

I just received the Freedom Press and the first thing I read is your legislative officer's article on everything that FORR has done legislatively. Well kudos to her for legislation she had nothing to do with nor did FORR.

She started the lie at the Mid South Mile that FORR passed yellow light legislation this year. Oh really? And the FORR Chairman was there saying not a word..... hmmm. I attended the CC meeting when Abate's Legislative Representative, Tony, spoke and told the floor what Abate was working on. I also heard Mr. King thank Tony for the information regarding the yellow light as he had heard nothing about it. And now, she claims this as FORR's? On top of that, her article also claims the DEAD Red? NO! That was also Abate for Missouri! The only thing she didn't claim was modulating headlight legislation. What? Miss that one from the Abate list?

So, not only did she and your lobbyist embarrass everyone legislatively with her grade school letter to the State Representatives and Senators about FORR's toxic member, but now she claims Abate's hard work as her and FORR's accomplishments? And the board allows and condones it? How much money did FORR spend on their legislative efforts this year? And that resulted in..... a consent bill. No wonder she feels the need to claim Abate legislation.

You are concerned that having our present Abate representative at your CC meeting will make things uncomfortable for both organizations? Why? Because our representative can stand there with his head held high and give a report whilst portions of the gallery seethe with anger and hatred? Where's the maturity.

But no worries, we will not be sending anyone to represent us. Your board has made its decision and we are fine with that. We will continue to do what we do, with or without your approval. We will still work with and support FORR Locals that work with and support us. What we will ask of FORR is to let us do our work and we will let you do yours. We ask that you request of your members to please disengage. The intentional harassing behavior to Abate members must stop. It is counter-productive. Think of the many things we could do if our energies were focused in the right direction.

Linda Shepherd
Chairman, Abate for Missouri
Local 14 FREEDOM member

Note From the Chairman

As stated before, while FORR does not necessarily agree with the issues addressed in the previous letter, we do believe that it is important for the membership to be entitled to express their opinions and concerns regarding issues effecting this organization.

As I am first and foremost a member before being honored with a officers position within FORR, I too have concerns with the issues that were addressed in Mrs. Shepherd's letter to the editor.

Our legislative coordinator works very hard to keep the members informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists, regardless of where that legislation originates. Our members work equally as hard to educate our legislators with that same disregard as to where the legislation originates. We as motorcycle rights activists should take pride in our accomplishments whatever our affiliation may be.

If giving credit where credit is due is important, the only information about the uniform yellow light bill that was I unsure of was the length of the uniform light time. A weekly update of all bills FORR is tracking is made available to all the members from our Legislative Coordinator. It is at my disposal to read and comprehend, it is no one's fault but my own that I chose to disregard the information that was presented.

I think we can all agree that when it comes to the legislative process and "getting your money's worth", there are no guarantees of success. You can only guarantee failure if you do not try. The dollar amount of our legislative endeavors is available to FORR'S members in black and white and is distributed in hard copy at every Central Committee meeting.

I understand that we are volunteers and we are only human, we cannot be on top of our game at all times. I do not micro-manage any member, officer, or aspect of this organization, I trust in the members and the officers to take care of their respective part in the organization and to do the best of their ability. If another entity has an objection to issues being addressed in a public forum that they are in attendance then that is the time for them to address it, not just sit there, saying not a word.

The business that is conducted at the Central Committee meeting is the business of FORR. The membership, not the board, has made the decision that it not be adversely affected by disruption from any individual or group. Unfortunately I do not have a magic potion that will disengage whatever harassing behavior there may be amongst us. I wish it I did and that it was that simple.

Freedom of Road Riders belongs to the members, it is their organization. It is the officers position to carry out their decisions and to over-see the day-to-day operation of FORR. Without a strong membership, Freedom of Road Riders is nothing.

With respect to all,
Martin King
Chairman
Freedom of Road Riders Inc.



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12NR29 - MRF News Release - The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2012-2013

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2012-2013

At the 2012 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Durham, North Carolina, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2012 Meeting of the Minds to the 2013 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance and an increased participation over last year. The MRF Legislative Committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our SSMRO partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be effectively employed by our Government Relations Department and our SSMRO partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states. Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The MRF Legislative Committee continued the practice instituted two years ago of recording one vote per organization in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in an upcoming issue of the MRF Reports. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President Jay Jackson with support from MRF Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs Jeff Hennie and MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- Transportation Equity Act (TEA) upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) - closely monitor for any action that would positively or negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; oppose any motorcycling-related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the bill; seek to include House Resolution 904 language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock federal grant funding
- Pursue continuation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) lobbying ban within individual states
- Pursue reinstatement of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the Federal Highway Administration
- Oppose the adoption of the SAE Roadside Sound Test as a national enforcement standard, this is considered by our SSMRO's to be a state-by-state issue at this time
- Closely monitor the developing health care act for motorcycling specific discrimination; monitor HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) for motorcycling specific discrimination
- NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program - MRF to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, while encouraging states to pass their own anti-checkpoint laws
- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources-again deemed to be a state by state issue
- Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving, oppose any related funding blackmails, watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language
- Continue promotion of the Right to Repair Act, continue Right to Repair coalition activities
- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review
- MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
- MRF to oppose any motorcyclist profiling legislation or rules this upcoming congressional session
- Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada
- MRF to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
- MRF to encourage additional federal research of E15 fuel related to use in a motorcycle prior to any recommendations; continue to seek recommendations on its use from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers
- MRF to actively pursue inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportations System (ITS) emerging technologies
- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in the discussion
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of House Resolution 1498 urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
- MRF to pursue limiting funding of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues
- Pursue CDC lobbying ban, seek to remove any references where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events
- MRF to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission, respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars

With the recent election and changes upcoming in the U.S. Congress, combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the MRF Legislative Committee strongly encourages our SSMRO partners and our members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with the incoming members, as well as renewing relationships with incumbents, as an immediate priority. If your SSMRO needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of Congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the MRF office at 202-546-0983 or Jeff@mrf.org. We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker day event in Washington D.C., Bikers Inside the Beltway, on Thursday May 16th, 2013. See our website at www.mrf.org for more details.

MRF Legislative Committee Members:

Keith Ball, Dave Dwyer, Jeff Hennie, George Gorman, Cindy Hodges, Jay Jackson, Jim "Legs" Korte, Boyd McFail, Larry Nielson, John Pierce, Todd Riba, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (Chair)

Connections



Washington, D.C.: Self-driving cars would be allowed to operate on Washington, D.C., roads under the Autonomous Vehicle Act of 2012 (B-931), introduced by Councilwoman Mary M. Cheh (D-Ward 3). The bill would authorize autonomous vehicles, which are self-driving cars, to operate on the roads in the district, establish a system for taxing users of autonomous vehicles based on vehicle miles traveled -- 1.875 cents per mile -- require the district Department of Motor Vehicles to create an autonomous vehicle designation for registration, titling and operation permit purposes, and establish safe operating protocols for such vehicles.

Washington, D.C.: U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has announced dates in 2013 ranging from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to Veterans Day when more than 2,000 national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other federal land will offer free admittance to everyone.

The Interior Department notes that tourism and outdoor recreation are powerful economic engines in communities across the country. The department says that recreation on federal land in 2009 provided 440,000 jobs and contributed \$55 billion to the economy. The fee waiver doesn't cover expanded amenity or user fees for things such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

The Interior Department also notes that active duty military members and their dependents are eligible for free annual passes that allow entrance to land managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Forest Service. The America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program also offers free lifetime passes for people with disabilities, a \$10 lifetime senior pass for those age 62 and older, and an \$80 annual pass for the general public.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Motorcycles in the Phoenix metropolitan area would be exempt from emissions testing requirements under a proposal by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The agency has proposed three revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan submitted by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Two of these revisions relate to an amendment to Arizona's Basic and Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection Programs that would exempt motorcycles in the Phoenix metropolitan area from emissions testing requirements.

The request to drop the testing requirement came in response to a 2008 state law requiring ADEQ to do an analysis of pollutants emitted by motorcycles and make a proposal to the federal agency. Even though motorcycles account for 3.5 percent of vehicles on the area's roads, the department's analysis determined that they emit "insignificant" amounts of pollution, accounting for less than 1 percent of total emissions in the Phoenix metro area.

The EPA is proposing approval of these revisions because it has found that they meet all applicable requirements and would not interfere with reasonable further progress or attainment of any of the national ambient air quality standards. The EPA is proposing this action under the Clean Air Act obligation to take action on state submittals of revisions to state implementation plans.

Irvine, Calif.: Creative, cash-winning kids from coast to coast got their videos on safe and responsible ATV riding posted online as public service announcements by the ATV Safety Institute, MSF's DirtBike School and the Right Rider Access Fund. A judging panel from ASI, the Right Rider Access Fund and the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council selected the winners from among dozens of entries from young enthusiasts nationwide, all aiming to highlight the ASI's Golden Rules of ATV Safety or the MSF DirtBike School's Dirt Bike Riding Tips.

The associations designed the contest to inform and motivate kids and their parents on the responsible use of ATVs and dirtbikes while spreading the message to other young riders. Every entry took a unique approach to demonstrate safe riding practices, but each video highlighted one or more of ASI's Golden Rules of ATV Safety or one or more of the MSF's Dirt Bike Riding Tips.

To see the winning videos visit: www.atvsafety.org/atv_psa_contest/videos.html.

Lake Tahoe, Calif.: The U.S. Forest Service's Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit has begun the annual closure of forest roads around the Tahoe basin. Once the gates are closed, forest users are reminded to park safely off the roadway in designated spots and avoid parking in front of gates.

Fall closure dates are established by the Motor Vehicle Use Map, which also establishes target-opening dates after the winter season. The dates are dependent on soil conditions to avoid resource damage and erosion potential. The map, with dates for specific roads, is available at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/TravelManagement.

More information on gate closures can be obtained by calling the Forest Supervisor's Office at (530) 543-2694 or visiting www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/RecAreaStatus.

Sacramento, Calif.: The California Air Resources Board told the AMA that even if it approves the sale of the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend in California, the blend wouldn't appear in the market for several years.

CARB made the comment in response to a letter from AMA Vice President for Government Relations Wayne Allard, who expressed concern about potential misfueling of E15 into motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency hasn't approved its use in motorcycles or ATVs.

To avoid misfueling, the EPA is requiring warning labels on gas pumps and requiring all consumers buy at least four gallons of gas when they buy from blender pumps. A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose.

Michael Waugh, chief of the CARB transportation fuels branch, responded to Allard's letter on behalf of CARB Chairwoman Mary Nichols. In the letter, Waugh said: "Please be advised that E15 is not approved for sale in California, and if ARB chooses to allow E15 as a transportation fuel, it would take several years to complete the vehicle testing and rule development necessary to introduce a new transportation fuel into California's market."

Dillon, Colo.: The U.S. Forest Service is seeking feedback on a proposal to create a 21-mile single-track trail system in the Tenderfoot/Frey Gulch area, which is east of Dillon, Colo., and west of Keystone. The land is managed by the Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest. This includes 8 miles of new trail construction and 13 miles of reconstruction of existing trails. The environmental assessment was released for a 30-day comment period ending Dec. 17.

An open house will be hosted at the Dillon Ranger Station from 2-6 p.m. Dec. 5. District staff will answer questions about the proposal. Additional information is available at www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=34502



News From Around the Globe

ARIZONA TO ELIMINATE ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS TESTING

Maricopa County is the only place in America that requires emissions testing for motorcycles, but it won't be for much longer according to a recent report from MMA of Arizona Lobbyist Bobbi Hartmann, who is also a member of the NCOM-Legislative Task Force; "The EPA is about to APPROVE the ADEQ's State Implementation Plan (SIP), requesting the ELIMINATION OF EMISSIONS ON MOTORCYCLES IN MARICOPA COUNTY!!!" Emphasis included, so you can read into it the emotion and thrill of success after ten years of effort to eliminate the last motorcycle emissions test in the U.S.

After the Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA/KBA) successfully removed motorcycles from their state's emissions testing several years ago, Arizona was the lone state to still require it, but testing was limited to only Maricopa County (Phoenix) after motorcyclists successfully lobbied to end emission tests for motorcycles in Pima County (Tucson).

Hartmann reports that she recently received a call from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), stating that although they had been expecting a "Disapproval Notice" from the EPA due to revised ozone levels at the federal level, their D.C. headquarters issued a Reversal of Opinion and approved their request for elimination of yearly motorcycle emissions in Maricopa/Pinal County (AREAA).

"ADEQ expects the proposed EPA action to be signed this week and published in the Federal Register within 2 weeks," explained Hartmann. "That starts the approximately 30 day Public Comment and EPA response to Public Comment period. Once that is complete, the EPA will sign the final action and then have 2 weeks to publish that in the Federal Register. The entire process should be FINAL and EFFECTIVE 60 days from that time frame, so the elimination of yearly emissions on motorcycles in AREAA should be effective by the end of first quarter of 2013 or before. It seems that all of our efforts from 2002 until now, have finally paid off!!"

CONGRATULATIONS to the motorcyclists' lobbying team representing a coalition led by ABATE of Arizona, the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC).

NOW HEAR THIS!

A flurry of scientific and medical studies lately have identified an inordinate amount of hearing loss in motorcyclists, due not to "loud pipes" but rather to air rushing past our ears at deafening intensities at highway speeds. After accelerating, most of the sound that a rider hears isn't engine noise, it is wind noise, and audiologists admit that even helmets do not provide much protection against hearing loss caused by wind buffeting in and around a helmet.

Indeed, acoustical engineers say that audible wind noise inside a helmet can reach rock-concert levels as high as 115 decibels, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health warns that exposure to noise at 100 decibels is safe for only 15 minutes and permanent hearing loss can result from prolonged exposure -- so motorcycle riders in particular should pay attention to the warning signs: a ringing sound in the ears immediately after exposure, and hearing voices and other sounds as muffled.

Noise-induced hearing loss isn't reversible, but it is preventable. While even the most expensive helmet won't provide significant protection against noise, an inexpensive pair of foam earplugs, readily available at drug stores, can reduce sound levels by 20 to 25 decibels.

However, this simple solution may also be illegal.

Even though riders have come to recognize that noise can be a serious health issue, many U.S. jurisdictions prohibit the use of earplugs, and one long road trip could take a rider through numerous changes in state and local laws.

Just ask Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Ralph C. Buss whose client, a truck driver from Michigan, was pulled over while riding his motorcycle in Ohio and given a ticket for wearing protective ear plugs!

The rider contacted ABATE of Ohio seeking assistance, and while ABATE looks into modifying the existing law to make allowances for motorcyclists to wear ear protection, they referred the motorcyclist to attorney Buss regarding the citation, which is a moving violation that in addition to a fine carries a 2 point penalty that could put his CDL and livelihood in jeopardy if he's found guilty.

Although some states like California have changed their laws to allow riders to use hearing protectors, and Maryland allows custom-made earplugs only, most passed such laws years ago to thwart the use of stereo headphones while driving. The codes do not distinguish between earphones and earplugs; one being used for audio equipment and the other used for hearing protection -- so without case law to establish legislative intent, obsolete laws like Ohio's need to be

rectified, which according to Buss "is exactly why motorcyclists need organizations like ABATE to not only watchdog the legislature, working to pass pro-motorcycle laws and prevent anti-bike bills from passing, but also to clean-up old laws that need to take into consideration both motorcycles and motorcyclists."

GEORGIA RIDES TOLL FREE

HOT lanes are replacing the HOV lanes on some interstates in Georgia starting with I-85, and will require a toll for their use by all vehicles except those which are exempt. Fortunately, just as motorcycles are able to use the existing HOV high occupancy lanes, they will be also permitted in the HOT lanes toll-free as exempt vehicles, but will need a Peach Pass device.

Peach Pass devices are available from Georgia's State Road & Tollway Authority at 1-855-PCH-PASS (724-7277), or you can find more information at www.peachpass.com.

WEIRD NEWS: BIKE THIEVES CRASH INTO ONE ANOTHER

Two heads aren't always better than one, as TWO bike thieves have landed up in the hospital after crashing their stolen motorcycles - into each other.

The bungling bikers collided and crashed on a roundabout in Sussex, England, after the two stolen bikes were seen being ridden at high speed together shortly before the collision.

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19 District 4 Crock Pot Cook-off 816-536-1647

19 Local 19 Kirksville Annual Auction & Party 660-216-0863

FEBRUARY

16 Local 16 Cape Girardeau Broomstick Pool Tournament 573-768-2524

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