



August, 2015 Bizarre and Unique Holidays

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- Admit You're Happy Month
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- National Eye Exam Month
- National Golf Month
- Peach Month
- Romance Awareness Month
- Water Quality Month
- National Picnic Month

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Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.
 VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076
 Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511

Don't forget Homecoming in Sedalia September 4-6!

LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.
 VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO
 Contact: President: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693 or
 Vice-President: Gary Snyder 417-644-2789

Greetings Local 3,

We would like to welcome new members Cole and Tricia Cochran.

Well the month of June was a wild ride, weather wise. Heavy rains, flooding, wind damage, trees in roadways and gravel washed out on the blacktops made you sit up and pay attention while on the bike!! Now comes the heat of July but if you truly like to ride, these things can be overcome.

L3's Kids Fun Day was successful, we gave away 22 bikes, had a good time with kids in between the rains. Several people came to help us with this event. Thanks to Daphne from Kids Safe Program, the St. Clair Co. Sheriff's Dept., Roscoe Village and to Kathy and Roscoe the Bloodhound. A special Thanks to Ray for organizing and all the helpers and donators who make this happen.

Again, Bud, Bob and Bob have been busy capturing flags of other locals. We may not win this event but it will not be for lack of trying. Besides given the fact that local members are out meeting and making friends at to other locals we all win. Thanks 3-B's.

Plans are being made to attend several events and rallies for the remainder of this summer. A list to long to put in this newsletter but a few important ones. Please!! If you can, make plans to attend our Homecoming in Sedalia, Sept. 4th, 5th and 6th, 2015. If nothing else do a day-pass. This event is this organization's main PAC fundraising deal. Besides we have yet to attend any event put on by this organization that wasn't a fun time. It is what you make of it. Step up and be the party, having a good time is contagious.

Local 3 has had a rough time here at the end of June due to three deaths to family members. At this time we would like to send out sympathy to the families and friends of Lynn Meredith, David F Singleton and William Dines. The out pour of support from members of the organization is as pure a show of respect as possible. From all our families touched by those losses, we thank you.

Remember to thank your Veterans.
 Thank You, Dean #29076

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.
 VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.
 Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

Homecoming is just around the corner.

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.
 VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph
 Dan Harmon 816-387-1095; David Imlay 816-344-9591

Well, boys and girls, I am gonna get out this newsletter finally this month to cover the last couple of months. Local 6 had their Thunder Run Ride scheduled for the 20th of June and seems to have went real well. Man the last couple of months have been some wet ones haven't they? At least they have been up here in NW Missouri.

In May several people, of around 200, attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of The Noyes Home for Children, which had several speakers who gave short speeches in the program. Local 6 was represented quite well, with Dan Harmon, John Tiffany, Bill Gimse, Jim Cross, Myrl Watkins, Mary & Larry Jackson and Sam Williams in attendance. Local 6 was presented with an award of the Howard Engelman Kinship Award for its 30 years of support to the Noyes Home for Children. Local 6, over the last 30 years, has participated in a Toy Run for the children of Noyes home. To top that off Dan Harmon was presented an Award for being Santa for the many children that have been in the Noyes Home for children and handling that position for over 30 years. Congratulations to Local 6 and to Dan Harmon for supporting an event that has won the hearts of all of those who participate and the children who receive the attention and care from those members of Local 6. Good Job guys and gals and hope to see you all this fall for another Toy Run for the kids.

That's all for now and hope everyone is getting in some good riding weather this summer and hope it holds out for more rides. See ya soon!

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.
 Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536
 Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

Greetings Local 7

Well I hope everyone is having a good summer. June has been a little wet but in between rains Local 7 precipitated in a couple of rides. The ride for the S.C.A.N. Organization was great with a good turnout. Later in June was the U.S.O. Ride which had a record number of riders. 192 turned out to ride. Both rides had a great turnout of Local 7 members. Well here's hoping July has less rain and more riding.

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July - New Life Members

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None in May - we're keeping this spot open for you	

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**

Hello Local 8!!! Hope everyone had a great Independence Day with family and friends!! I know we sure did!!

Well Spring Fling has come and gone this year. Maybe not the crowd we have had in the past but if you weren't there you missed a great time!! The weather was perfect and no it was not that muddy! Several went swimming in the lake, the photo booth was a riot all weekend, food and other vendors were great and the bands were awesome!!! It was good to see new faces, and always wonderful to see old friends!!! No trouble what so ever just a damn good time by all! Thank you to all those that supported an was there!

Make sure you keep checking the websites for all FORR events to help show support to all. There is lots of great events all over the state! Plus you can get your flag while you are there!! Don't forget Local 8 and Local 19 will be doing a poker run Combat Vets in Aug. make sure to watch for fliers! It will be a great ride and always good to help those out that have done so much for us! Our meeting was moved till next weekend so I don't have much for new info but if you would like to know what's going on, or put your ideas into the pot no better way then coming to a meeting. Make sure to check email as locations change during the summer! Until next time!!!

Magoo

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159**

Hope to see you in Sedalia September 4-6!

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.**

Daylight Donut Shop, 431 S Garrison Ave, Carthage

Contact: Mark Capps @ (417) 439-5908 or Ella McCoy @ (417) 359-6936

Hello Members and Friends of Local 11,

July is coming to a close quickly. Even though the rally is over for this year, we are far from being done. In fact, we are just getting started. There is still a lot yet to accomplish. The biker ball is scheduled for October 24 at the Carthage VFW, I am looking forward to this event, it will be the first of its kind and its being held in conjunction with our beloved Local 27. It will be a great time.. still lots to do before that day comes. In the meantime, The local will be hosting a member appreciation party on July 25, at Cowskins Campground and Canoe. The Local will pay the admission for all members who worked the rally. I sure hope to see you all there. This will be a weekend everybody can kick back and have a great time, BYOB.

And since I mentioned Cowskins: I was personally informed by Larry and PNut Doyle.... Cowskin will have a Fall Rally scheduled for the weekend of September 18, 19, & 20. That will be an awesome time, they are looking for ways to cut costs and get the biggest bang for the buck. If anything I would like to see Local 11 members throw the biggest support party at Cowskins ever. We have done it in the past.. Lets do it again. I am talking about coming together as a Local: camping, cooking, and just having the best weekend ever in support of Cowskins Motorcycle Rallies.

I want to thank Local 3 for coming to the local meeting to capture our

flag, we will have to return the favor. Thank you Bob, Bob, and Bud for riding down to spend time with us, we look forward to coming and visit Local 3..

Membership is still on the rise, keep up the good work I would love to see our membership keep growing. I hear too often, well I need to be a part of that... we welcome anybody who has an interest in Motorcycle and Motorcycle rights. I want to thank the local for being active, not just at the meetings or local events.. but on rides and just hanging out at the local bike nights. Its that feeling of brotherhood that I love so much, and its the local as a whole that gives that to its members. We have been representing FORR and Local 11 wherever we go, we roll into together and hangout. We make sure our riders stay together and have everything they need to get where we are going safely. I am proud to call Local 11 and the members of FORR my brothers and sisters. We fight the good fight for all motorcyclists, they don't have to like us... but what we do, does not require them to. We fight for all motorcycle rights..... together.

So, until next time. Ride safe, Ride hard, Try to keep it dry.. although its not required.. and most importantly.. Love your brother and sisters on the road and just have fun doing what we do best.

Mark "Sparky" Capps

FORR L11

President

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****Meetings: First Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Call for info - location varies****Contact: Donna (660) 815-0079 or Butch (660) 631-0803**

Ride your bike to Sedalia on September 4-6 for the 2015 Homecoming.

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government, there is tyranny;
When the government fears
the people, there is liberty**

Thomas Jefferson

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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Terry (Bubba) Archer 573-253-1896**

Hello once again Brothers and Sisters from Local 13

First off we would like to thank Locals 10 , 12 and 14 for coming to our Dice Run and showing your support we all hope you had a good time and got plenty to eat before your long rides home. And yes they all captured a FLAG with 14 bringing the most member which was 14 with them. All in all we had a good showing from fellow locals as well as L-13 members and the community. Which got us that much closer to our goal for the Toy Fund.

Which reminds me don't forget to mark your calendars for August 15th 2015 this will be our annual Wonder run which I hope everyone loves. Because you wonder where you will be going and Wonder what you will be doing once you get there. This year sign is from 10 am till 12 noon at THE ROUND TABLE RESTAURANT at 937 E. HWY 22 in Centralia,MO I would also like to take a moment to thank the following L-13 members for showing Up to L-12 Firecracker classic and helping with security ,Rock Palmer ,Pam and Dave Branson ,Roy and Laura Williams ,Chad Sheiderer ,we could have not done it without you all. Also a Thank you to Larry Carson, and Raymond, Melissa, Roston and Rylee Palmer and Corey Walker and his friend Tina for coming down Saturday and supporting L-12 by spending the day with everyone.

And a bit of a brag,,,L-13 walked away with 5 plaques from L-12 bike show as well, way to go everyone..... Don't forget that our next meeting is a week early due to the Wonder Run it will be at 3 pm at Plunkett Park on August 9th. Hope to see a lot of you there, we will be having homemade ice cream so bring your favorite topping to share.

Ride Safe and Often,
Bubba

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**

HOMECOMING! September 4th-6th!

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson
Contact: 417-230-1020**

Mark September 4-6 on your calendar! 2015 Homecoming

LOCAL 16 - SEMO**Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Martin 573-576-6662
Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

Hope to see you in Sedalia for the 2015 Homecoming.

LOCAL 19 -KIRKSVILLE**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Meeting Location Varies****Contact: 660-342-5323**

Rolling down the highway to Sedalia for the 2015 Homecoming

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Eagles Club on Hwy 25****Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012**

Hello FORR Family

I hope everyone had a great 4th this year with no mishaps mine was quiet which was lovely. Happy birthday and anniversary to those that already celebrated in June and to those that will celebrate in July.

Our Bike Show is just a couple of weeks away and we hope that all who can come will a lot of work and planning has went into this event we have involved the community in Dexter so that everyone will know that we are still alive and well in the area.

It has been a long time since I have had to address this nasty subject so maybe it is time for a little reminder RUMORS can kill any type of business and it caused quite a stir in our Local recently officers are elected to not only conduct meetings but to also put out any fires that may get started. When you hear of something going on about one of the members it is best to contact an officer and make them aware of it and involve as few people as possible so the situation can be handled in a manner that is best for the local and organization. We depend on the community to help us and if all they hear are negative comments we will loose that support so in the future PLEASE call one of the officers of the local and we will take care of it in this case all it took was one simple phone call it may not be that easy next time.

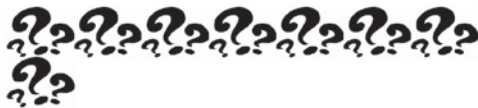
I am very proud of our members you have all worked hard to get this local back on its feet and deserve a pat on the back. I said we would arise out of the ashes like a Phoenix and you have all made that happen.

It will soon be time to elect a new CC Cabinet if you are interested submit a letter of intent to the current cabinet. Keep in mind the only person that will be on a ballot is the president because when you elect them you elect their cabinet. I would suggest attending a few CC meetings

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**WONDER RUN 2015****AUGUST 15, 2015****Start: Round Table Family Restaurant 937 E. HWY 22,
Centralia MO****Sign in: 10 am to 12 noon****Last bike in: 4 pm(ends in Mexico,MO)****\$13.00 per rider (this includes your dinner)****Extra game card \$2.00 each****Dinner served starting at 3:30 pm, Auction Starts at 4:30 p.m.****Trophies awarded during the Auction.**FORR® is a not for profit organization whose main purpose is to protect the rights of all motorcyclists:Keep them informed of laws that may help or hinder them as motorcycle riders; promote safety, rider education and brotherhoodContributions and gifts to FORR® are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purpose.Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.Contact: Terry "BUBBA" Archer @ 253-1896 or Kim "STAMPEDE" Archer @ 253-3759 for more info if needed

and speak with the current president and past presidents. It is hard to be an officer on the local level but even harder on the corporate level. The nominations for our local officers will be in October with elections in November so be thinking about that also.

After the bike show we will be in full swing for our 30th year anniversary celebration the band is booked and all other details will be finalized soon. We are hoping for a great turn out to help us celebrate this milestone from across the state.

That's it for now as always
Keep it Between the Lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L 20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.
Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO
Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

Sedalia is just a hop, skip, and a jump away for the 2015 Homecoming.

LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Senior Center, West Plains
Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-1465

Dear Brother Sisters and friends of Local 22,

First off I would like to welcome Billy Duncan, Shaundra Wolfe, Stephanie Dann and Tonya Leite. Thank you for choosing to be part of Local 22. It means the world to us and the Organization as a whole because working together is the only way we can achieve the overall goal here in Missouri. We are honored to have you and look forward to getting to know better.

As many of you know Freedom was started with the basic idea as our Preamble states to guard the rights of all Motorcyclists. Meaning we watch laws that are being purposed at the State level that may help or hinder our lives as Motorcyclists. It may seem that we are only going for the helmet modification law. In truth we are also actively going after the failure to yield the right away. Failure to yield the right a way is the one that concerns me more, personally, Although I would love to have the right to decide if I wanted to wear a helmet or not. At the same time I feel people are dying to be heard almost on a daily basis because of the Failure to yield the right a way and the truth is not only does it affect motorcyclists, this effects every person on our roadways. These type of accidents have the possibility of effecting everyone. The unfortunate part is 1 out of every 5 of us will be touched in some way by this type of accident. Although session is over for this year we need to be mindful of our elected official's and follow their stand on these issues. What can I do, you may ask? Educate yourself on the topic's that effect you, write a letter, make a phone call, let your voice and opinion be known. If you find you need help to do these things, feel free to ask someone, that is what FORR is about helping each other. Together we can and will make a difference.

South Central Local 22 is looking forward to hosting our first run in Sept. The Ozark Mystery Tour details are still being worked on but I will keep you posted. We also have decided to organize a Toy Run this year, which will be held the first weekend in November the date has not been set. We hope to benefit the South Central Missouri counties, since we have members throughout the area, it only seemed fitting. It is August which means Local 13 will be holding their Wonder Run in Mexico Mo. on the 16th so save the date, this is always a fun run and great bunch of people. I can't close without reminding

you that it's not too late to sign up for a Safety Course. There are two scheduled for this month the first and second weekends in Jefferson City, they will be available through October. For more information you can call 1-800-309-7433 or go to FORR.net and click on safety.

Until next time Live Life to the fullest and Ride safe.
FORRever Free,
Valerie "Windy" Taylor
FORR Secretary Local 22

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114
Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624



As the summer is starting to wind down now is the time to start thinking about what you want to improve on your ride for the next season, new seat, tires, helmet, bike or even signing up for a safety course. Make sure that you do your research and find the item that fits not only your ride but fits you also.

End of the month is HOMECOMING, if you are able to make it, get down and support the biggest PAC fund raiser that this organization has. It cost money to get stuff done!

If you attend HOMECOMING stop by the sign up wall and pick a few shifts you can work over the weekend, even if it is one shift it takes the burden off of those who thrive on working all weekend.

Make sure that when you are out riding you always have a few FORR memberships on you to pass out. YOUR local cannot grow without your help. Even leaving one on a 4 wheeler with a bike sticker of some sort may get a new member.

Local elections are right around the corner, now is the time for you to think about stepping up and becoming a bigger part of this organization. Kind of a late notice. But, congratulations to the BONDSMAN for winning the NANA BOO BOO I RIDE MORE THAN YOU DO for winter 2014.

If you want to still sign up see me at a local meeting so I can record your miles, you have to ride your bike to the October meeting to get your ending miles recorded.

With all that is going on as I tap this in to the computer, 29 June 2015, I personally do not care what flag you stand under. But we as bikers in the finest MRO in the great state of Missouri need to stand together under the flag of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA if we want to keep protecting/ defending our right to ride our chosen form of transportation.

On that note you know when and where the meetings are, show up and bring a friend

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Nostradamus "Bull" Shannon



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LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo.****Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-293-5998**

Hello all,

I hope each and every one of you are having an awesome summer and had a safe July 4th.

A huge thank you to everybody that attended the Local 25 Bear Run. It was definitely a great success. I have to admit, I thought it VERY cool that B.J. "Bear" Knight (The one the Bear run is actually named after) was there. Quite a great time getting to know him and the story behind the "Bear Run."

Don't forget to mark your calendars for August 15th. The annual FORR/abate Rodeo at the Tattooed Lady in Moscow Mills. This years rodeo looks to be the biggest and best yet.

Don't forget. We are still looking for venders. So if you are a vender? We will give you a FREE space. Also August 22nd. If you come up to St. Charles Harley Davidson and see Local 25 outside at the Hot Dog Booth. We will give you FREE Hot Dogs, and soda, or Water. So please, stop in and say Hi.

The other day I asked Ratwinger if he could name the two type's of sex. He said he could name 3. I asked, "Three?" He said, Yup. Male sex, Female sex, and insects."

Ride safe all. Chrome up, Rubber down.

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

Greetings fellow riders,

Another month has passed and with it another chance to ride between raindrops. We managed quite a bit of rain in June, but we also managed to get some riding in. My wife and I went to South Dakota for a week on vacation to a motorcycle rally and managed to miss a lot of the rain. Had a great time and I recommend a trip to the Black Hills to anyone that likes to ride. Just keep an eye out for wildlife, tight curves in mountains, and your fuel level. Speed limit on the interstate is 80 mph and it may seriously affect your fuel consumption. Trust me on that one.

The Eat & Rides were successful for this month and the one I missed was one of our largest turnouts of the year with 35 in attendance. The trip to Shenandoah looked like it was going to be a bit damp, but we ended up with only a light sprinkle at the beginning and then a dry ride the rest of the way. Congrats to those of us that didn't let the clouds scare us away. The fun run to Jamesport didn't fare as well; it got rained out, twice. That makes 2 years in a row for that event. Maybe we need to think about a different month next year.

Seven members and guests of Local 26 made the journey to Camp Quality on our annual fun run on June 7. A total of \$179 was collected and presented. We had hoped for a larger turnout, but thank those that did make the trip.

This month, July, we will be meeting to discuss the destinations for the Eat & Rides for the rest of the year. So be sure and contact your officers, or better yet show up, for the new schedule.

Coming up:

July 11-12th – CC Meeting @ Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City


July 30th – Aug. 1st – Across the Border Raid Rally, Bedford, IA

Try to stay dry and watch for wildlife. In this area, watch for farm equipment. It moves slow and has lots of pointy things on it. They've had a late start because of the rain and are out on the road a lot later than usual.

Until next month,


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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.****EI' Rodeo, 306 E Jackson St, Bolivar, MO 65613****Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres. Leland Seymour 636-497-2814**

SAC Osage Local 27 would first like to Welcome all the new members from around the state to FORR.

July was busy for us, we are slowing down in August.

August 8th we will be at Lucas Oil selling 50/50 tickets to raise money for the PAC fund and Awareness. Gates open at 5 if anybody is interested in coming out and supporting a good cause.

August 12th is our meeting.

August 14th through 15th our local is doing

August 22nd is our last date for Display your Bikes on the midway at Lucas Oil. Arrive before 4:45, cost is \$2.00 per bike, NOT PER PERSON.

If you haven't captured our flag yet August 8th and the 22nd we will have our booth set up.

Why is Local 27 doing what we are doing?

This year we came together, we worked as a local and planned events that would generate funds. Yes, every local pays their obligations, events were planned so funds could be raised to give more to the PAC, how did we do that, we worked at Lucas Oil cleaning trash after each and every race, we put aside 25% of each event that generated funds.

Lucas Oil supports the Motorcycle Communities, they believe in us and in what we do, by Lucas Oil letting our Organization have Display of Bikes at \$2.00 per bike, it's our way to show our support and thanks to Lucas Oil.

We all work towards a goal, and that goal is to keep our Freedom Train Rolling forward.

Until September Ride Safe and watch out for the deer that can't read. Miata

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Shena Flick 573-433-5122, Vice President Eric Johnson 573-336-7679, Shrine Club 573-774-545**

North to Alaska! Do you remember that song?

Well not Alaska - going to Sedalia for the 2015 Homecoming.

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook: FORR Local 29**

Local 29's June meeting was a special one. We gained another life member. Congratulations Sheila Neal for reaching that milestone. Local 29 presented her with a special plaque honoring her accomplishment. We had three visitors from Local 3 at our meeting. In addition to capturing our flag they were given the opportunity to pick something from Bob's Grad Bag so each of them left with a gift. We were happy to have as visitors Robert Latta IV, Bob Latta III, and Bud Eckart. Thank you for attending our meeting. Jim Duyck won the membership incentive and donated his winnings back to the local. Thank you Jim! Had he been present Steve Morris would have won the attendance incentive. Paul McCormack won the opportunity to pick from Bob's Grab Bag and he chose a very nice mug.

Six members of Local 29 attended the Buckhorn Blast. As always it was a great time. We got there a few days early and did some work

around our pavilion. We also replaced our rusted out BBQ grill with a new one. We proceeded to break it in with several meals cooked on it. Pork steak, chicken, hot dogs, corn, and potatoes all came off the grill over the days we were there. There was some rain early on but the Saturday of the run was perfect. Our members hit from 10 to 19 stops. None of us won anything on the poker run but we all won at least one door prize and some of us won two. We were also able to "capture" Local 28's flag. After the run we were provided a good meal and a great 34 minute fireworks show. We were right under the blasts and the views were spectacular. We have both pictures and video of the weekend on our Facebook page. I want to thank Local 28 and Taz for the fun time we had.

At least eight members of Local 29 are camping together the 1st week of August at the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Contact L-29 President Bob Neal if you would like to join us.

That's all for now. We would love to see you at a meeting.

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd****Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

Hi Ho Hi Ho - It's off to Sedalia that I go for the 2015 Homecoming.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7 p.m.****Location varies - call for info****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129**

I'm going to Sedalia for the 2015 Homecoming - how about you?

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;****Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403**

Local 33 is still on the move to bigger and better things, so let me tell you what's been happening in June.

On the 14th we had our local meeting, that lasted well into the wee hours of the morning, where we got to hear Grannie's rooster crowing as the sun broke the horizon on a new day. OK, it wasn't that bad, but we had a lot of ground to cover and I believe we got it all done. Check your minutes when they come out for specifics. Which brings up another point. Debbie Farris is forced to give up her secretary position due to health reasons. Therefore, we need some one male, female or other to step up to the plate and master this position. It's not a hard job but a very responsible one. At our next meeting we need someone to step up.

On the 27th and 28th of June was our Got Lost Poker Run, which was fun as usual. Due to health reasons Both Doug and I couldn't ride so Doug led the run in his van and I rode in the back with my wife Donna. Now we went to Hutchison KS. which is Doug's back yard. This is the area where Doug grew up and we still got disoriented once or twice. All in all it was quite fun.

Grannie of course was agitating the whole trip, by coming up with new games such as "you smell my gas and guess what I ate" or "I have stink finger smell where it's been" Just disgusting! But what are you to do when your stuck in the car with this loony toon. What a woman! If your ever stuck in Hutchison KS, we found a great place to eat. It's called the Airport Steak House and it is fabulous. Great place to eat.

We're in July so here's what's up for August. Our Local meeting on the 16th is all that's scheduled but you know how that can change in a minute.

Your not going to believe this one. Grannie and her boyfriend went up to the golf course here in town and played a round of golf. When they returned to the club house the pro asked grannie how she did. Granny replied; Not so good, I got stung by a bee. The pro asked her where? Grannie replied, between the 1st and second hole. The golf pro looked at her and said. Well Grannie, it's obvious your stance is to wide.

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.
VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735
Contact : President- Bob Hawkins
biker1@embarqmail.com Daytime - (660) 885-5741 and
Evenings (660) 694-3589

When is the rain going to let up. Here it is July 5th and I have already dumped out over 6 inches of rain out of my gauge. That's almost twice what we should get all month. June was also wet but we still managed to get in several rides. June 13th Ken, Linda and Bob went to Independence for Crashes memorial ride. Yes we got wet. June 14th Local 35 had their spring poker run and yes we got wet. In regards to our Poker run we would like to thank the sponsors for their donations. They are The Den Tavern, Clinton, Mallards Roadhouse Clinton, Yeager's Cycle Sedalia, End Zone Sedalia, Los Compadres Clinton, Loyds Tire Clinton and NAPA Auto and Marine Parts Warsaw. The winners of the poker run were, 1st High hand Virginia Cockrum Local 47 2nd high hand Bob Kilgore Local 47, 1st worst hand Michael Lewis Local 35, 2nd worst hand Linda Hawkins Local 35. On the George Washington Draw Chris Moree, CMA won the draw. Donated money back to be given to the Veterans Home. Bob & Linda Hawkins did make the Fire Cracker Classic in Glasgow we

had other members planning on going but because of the storms they were called into work.

Hopefully July goes to normal and we can get some riding in. Every time Local 35 has set a date to attend other Locals events mother nature has rained on us.

Bob Hawkins # 5960

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm
Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims
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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164; Vice-President Kevin King 636-236-6601**

What's up Brother and Sisters of Local 42.

Well I'll tell you what's up, we kick ass. First let me say thank you to all people that showed up for the School Supply collection, that includes our Action Rider friends also. We all managed to pull in \$2,350.28 in cash and coin. Then on top of that at least \$250-\$300 more in donated supplies. I say we rock! It was hot and humid both days but we all hung in there and tuffed it out for the children.

I would like to also say thank you to the folks that showed up for the Trash Bash, the strip on Old Route 66, is the cleanest in the state! Good job to all of us.

We here at Local 42 would like to shout out to the CMA Bike Show. It was cool as always. Lots of good food and people there. Big Ol' Ron was happy to see us. Hoppin around with a broken leg. "Hey Ron get better". We're thinking of ya.

And also included in our thoughts and prayers is George and Alma with some small medical issues.

The poker run was a success, nice good lookin bikes and people, thanks to all of you.

One last thing that I need to tell you. My brother, Biker Tom, reminded me of this. With all this rain we have had, a bunch of loose gravel has washed out of driveways on the road! So be careful out there, look around for those spots.

Keep your bike upright.

Peace out.

Jim "Tarzan" K.

LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am****Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)****Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497**

August, I can't believe it's already August. I really hope every one is getting their riding in throughout the rain drops. Time is passing by so quickly, and here we go again with another problem to solve.....don't we all love E15 in our fuel tanks?????? I Know I don't... It has caused some issues with my bike.. There are a lot of government problems right now but as a motorcycle organization,we as a local can do something about this. There is a petition going around please sign it.

August is a busy month for mommies lol. Happy birthday to Bill Rothery, Barb Wiederholt,Justin Felts,Dina Ayres and Ronda Felts!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Anniversary to Norb and Barb Wiederholt and Ed and Deby Culbertson!!!!!!

Sturgis is this month, 75th anniversary. I'm Sure a lot of you are going,please be safe. Be sure to bring me a shirt...lol

Homecoming is coming up soon soon soon. Labor Day weekend. Get ready folks. The time is near

Octoberfest is the first of October let the good times roll!!!!!!

Lets not forget Meeting of the Minds and The Mid-South Mile. Two very educational events that will blow your ever lasting mind.

Jack is doing a outstanding job getting our local out and about riding in the Cow poo..... If ever you want to ride call Jack, he's all about the ride

Well that's all I know for now, love each other

Nancy
Skittles
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DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 2nd Thursday****Check with your local rep for location**

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DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm****Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011****Contact: 816-536-8147 or 816-728-6389**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Renewable Fuel Standard proposal announced on May 29 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would increase the risk of misfueling for motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle owners by forcing the widespread availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends, such as E15.

Act now by signing the American Motorcyclist Association's petition to voice your concern.

The EPA proposed setting the renewable fuel standard for 2014 at the levels that were actually produced and used, which totaled 15.93 billion gallons. But for 2015, the standard rises to 16.3 billion gallons. And for 2016, the total increases again, to 17.4 billion gallons.

By increasing the amounts of ethanol into America's gasoline marketplace, the EPA will exceed the blend wall by hundreds of millions of gallons! The blend wall is the point at which no more ethanol can be blended without creating higher blends like E15 and above.

This means ethanol blends of 15 percent or higher likely will become more prevalent because of this proposed rule.

However, in a regulatory announcement released Aug. 6, 2013, "EPA Finalizes Renewable Fuel Standards," the EPA said that for 2014 "the ability of the market to consume ethanol in higher blends such as E85 is highly constrained as a result of infrastructure -- and market-related factors. EPA does not currently foresee a scenario in which the market could consume enough ethanol sold in blends greater than E10..."

The EPA is pushing higher ethanol limits despite its own acknowledgment that the market cannot consume these higher amounts due to "infrastructure and market-related factors."

That's when the U.S. Department of Agriculture comes to the rescue. On the same day the EPA announced its proposed rule, the USDA unveiled a \$100 million plan to double the number of higher-blend renewable-fuel pumps. Under the blender pump subsidy program, the USDA will administer competitive grants to match funding for state-led efforts to test and evaluate innovative and comprehensive approaches to market higher blends of renewable fuel, such as E15 and E85.

The EPA calls for higher ethanol blended fuels and the USDA spends taxpayer dollars to make it happen, despite knowing that none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in use in the United States is approved to use E15 or higher ethanol blends. Using those fuels in motorcycles and ATVs is illegal and may cause engine and fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

The EPA opened a comment period to allow the public to voice their opinion on the proposed rule. The AMA has the tools to make it easy for you to submit comments by signing our petition.

The AMA will submit every name and address with our comments to the EPA. There is nothing more powerful than thousands of riders joining to express their concern with unsafe fuel for their rides.

I do realize that this an article from the past - but good informaiton

Safeguard your ride from increased

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Attend this crucial hearing to ensure your voice is heard!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a June 25 public hearing in Kansas City, Kan., on the proposed rule to increase the amount of higher-ethanol blended fuel into the marketplace.

The American Motorcyclist Association will testify at the hearing and needs every rider concerned about higher ethanol blends to attend! Hearing details:

Date: June 25

Time: 9 a.m. start time; will end when all parties who wish to speak have done so

Location: Jack Reardon Center, 520 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kan., 66101

Phone: (913) 342-7900

The public hearing will provide riders the opportunity to voice their concerns. The pro-ethanol industry undoubtedly will attempt to stack the deck with their supporters. We need to show up in force to counter their spin with the facts.

Why is the AMA concerned?

- None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in use in the United States is approved by the EPA for E15 (15 percent ethanol by volume) or higher ethanol blends.

- The potential is high for inadvertent misfueling of motorcycles and ATVs with E15 because of confusing labeling and the widespread use of blender pumps.

- E15 use is illegal and may cause engine and/or fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

- The rush to expand E15 fuel availability to more markets is unnecessary and potentially very harmful to motorcycle and ATV users, greatly increasing the chances of inadvertent misfueling.

- Access to safe fuels for motorcycle and ATV users remains an AMA priority, and we continue to be a watchdog for our members on this issue.

Moreover, the proposed rule calls for stakeholders to overcome market barriers to expand the use of renewable fuels to meet the 2016 standards by:

- "Increasing the number of retail stations offering E15 and E85 through direct installation of new equipment or providing grants to retail owners, and locating stations offering E15/E85 closest to higher populations of vehicles that can use those fuels" and

- "Developing contractual mechanisms to ensure favorable pricing of E15 and E85 at retail compared to E10 to boost sales volumes" (emphasis added)

In other words, the EPA is proposing federal grants and price controls to increase amount of the higher-than E10 ethanol blended fuels into the marketplace.

Should our government fix prices to artificially promote an unsafe fuel for motorcycles and ATVs? The AMA thinks not and strongly disagrees with this approach. Instead, the market should determine the demand for fuel blends. You, the consumer, should be able to choose the right fuel for your machine.

Now is the time to voice your opinion! Attend the public hearing on June 25.

If you would like to submit comments to the EPA, sign the AMA petition. The AMA will submit every name and address with our comments to the EPA. There is nothing more powerful than thousands of riders joining to express their concern with unsafe fuel for their rides.

Connections



Possible Interstate Tolling Expansion June 16, 2015

As a member of the Alliance for Toll-Free Interstates (ATFI), the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) works with the ATFI on a regular basis to ensure that your right to ride is not infringed upon with heavy interstate tolling. Please take a few minutes to review this and respond.

The MRF has learned that the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), which has jurisdiction over the Interstate Highway System, is considering expanding interstate tolling at its June 24th bill markup.

Please take action by sending an email to your Senator if they sit on the EPW Committee. Add a sentence urging them to contact Chairman Inhofe directly about rejecting tolls!

Tell the EPW Committee "NO TOLLS" in just 15 seconds

Over the past seventeen years, the Interstate Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot Program (ISRRPP) has served its purpose and demonstrated the unviability of tolling existing interstates. Six states have pursued tolls via the ISRRPP, and all failed primarily due to the widespread public outcry over tolling's negative consequences, which in some cases even triggered legislative action to protect interstates from tolls. Pilot programs are meant to be temporary. Now approaching twenty years, the ISRRPP has run its course and should be repealed, not expanded or made more flexible.

We all know that tolling existing interstates would have serious negative consequences. Businesses would face higher operating expenses and be forced to pass those costs on to consumers. Commuters and travelers would face steep cost increases, and hourly employees might have to work an extra hour per day just to pay the toll to and from work. Traffic diversion around tolls onto secondary routes would cause congestion, increased accidents, higher road wear and repair costs for local governments, and slower first response times. The cost to ride will be dramatically higher.

Additionally, our Founding Fathers gave Congress the responsibility to regulate commerce; this now includes funding and maintaining the Interstate Highway System, and passing the buck to the states is an abdication of duty and violates the spirit of the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause. It may be politically expedient to frame it as a "states' rights" issue, but this ignores the safety, equity, and interstate commerce implications. Most importantly, it will not solve the highway funding problem.

Please join the MRF in urging the EPW Committee and its Chairman, Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK), to protect interstates from the burden of new tolls.

To learn more about ATFI and join the Alliance please visit www.tollfreeinterstates.com.

Highway Bill Advances in Senate June 25, 2015

Wednesday, June 24th the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) passes their version of a long-term highway bill reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). The

six-year bill easily passed with bipartisan support. The "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy" Act or DRIVE Act would increase funding levels from a 2012 transportation law at an average of 3% annually to come up with \$260 billion for highway infrastructure programs. The measure was voted out of the committee with a vote of 20-0.

The issue of allowing for more states to the pilot program of new tolling of existing interstate highway was removed from the final version of the bill. The pilot program to test tolling existing interstate roads still exists, keeping the number of states that may participate at three. However, EPW did include a "use it or lose it" clause that would force a state participating in the program to abandon the pilot after a number of years if they are unable to get the program started. This is significant because this pilot program has been in existence for 17 years and none of the states have ever been able to put a tolling pilot program in place due to massive public outcry. In short, it allows the feds to pick an area of the country that may be more friendly to (or just more used to) increased tolling.

Another disturbing provision of the DRIVE act would allow states to divert tolls collected away from the tolled road to fund other government programs—the very definition of the proverbial "Stealing from Peter to pay Paul."

There is no mention of motorcycles in this portion of the highway bill. Issue of motorcycle-only checkpoints will be addressed in a forthcoming bill from another committee.

Thank you to everyone who made calls and sent emails to the EPW committee members. Your voice was integral to the non-expansion of the tolling program.

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Calendar of Events

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8th Annual Motorcycle Rally 636-544-9513

15 Local 13 Mexico
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23 Local 24 St Louis
Redneck Biker Golf 314-578-5929

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19 Local 33 50 Hwy West
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20 Local 42 Pacific Bike Show 314-221-7164

20 Local 15 Branson
Tri-Lakes Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet
417-334-0775

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