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Central Committee Meeting #175 - January 11, 2009

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, January 11, 2008 at the Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman Mark Chapman, Vice-Chairman Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix, Corporate Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer Dallas Chapman, Safety Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager Keith Cronin, Webmaster Steve King, Newsletter Editor Michelle O'Connor, Give A Way managers Darell and Susan Chavis.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by reading 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 Chapman 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 #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	68	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Eastern Jackson County	Local 02	40	1 Vote	ABSENT
Tri County	Local 03	23	1 Vote	John Carman
South Kansas City	Local 05	55	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	96	1 Vote	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	47	1 Vote	Guy Daniels
Chillicothe	Local 08	188	3 Votes	Layne Shady
Hannibal	Local 09	39	1 Vote	Bruce Nicosia
Jefferson City	Local 10	130	2 Votes	Dan Williams
Joplin	Local 11	46	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	120	2 Vote	David Kateman
Mexico	Local 13	132	2 Votes	Scott Fennwald
Independence	Local 14	14	1 Vote	Al Smart
Branson	Local 15	260	3 Votes	Skyler McWilliams
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	69	1 Vote	Martin King
Springfield	Local 18	26	1 Vote*	Jim Scheele
Kirksville	Local 19	258	3 Votes	Suzie King
Dexter	Local 20	24	1 Vote	Robert Reif Jr
Eldon	Local 21	20	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
St. Peters	Local 25	48	1 Vote	Tony Shepherd
Maryville	Local 26	64	1 Vote	ABSENT
Sac-Osage	Local 27	28	1 Vote	Ty Cashell
Waynesville	Local 28	333	4 Votes	Phil McCombs
North Kansas City	Local 29	104	2 Vote	Russell Felts
Nixa	Local 30	86	1 Vote	Larry Dotson
Rolla	Local 31	37	1 Vote	Brian Swift
Bootheel	Local 32	56	1 Vote	Corey Bates
Highway 50 West	Local 33	107	2 Votes	Sam King
Poplar Bluff	Local 34	20	1 Vote*	ABSENT
Golden Valley	Local 35	52	1 Vote	Randy Nations
Bethany	Local 40	21	1 Vote	ABSENT
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	73	1 Vote	Georgia Haley
California	Local 44	8	0 Vote	David Miller
Greater K.C.	Local 46	25	1 Vote	Gary Maddox
Members at Large	Local 00	55	0 Vote	
Total		2804		January 1, 2009
Corporate Sponsors		8	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer.

**Votes suspended by order of Central Committee November 2001, until insurance/event records are complete with the Insurance/Events Coordinator.

#Votes suspended due to noncompliance of reconciling Motorcycle Project obligations.

Approval of minutes from the November Central Committee meeting, motion to approve as published by Local 1, 2nd Local 42, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Local 44 submitted a letter notifying the Central Committee that they were closing Local 44 effective 1/1/2009. Local 44



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thanked for everything they have done in the past. Primary reason for closure is lack of participation.

Chairman Chapman also reported that Treasurer Chapman has spoken with Local 34 and they will also be closing due to lack of membership participation.

Chairman Chapman indicated that current members in a closed local will automatically be transferred to Local 00 and they can elect to transfer to a local of their choice.

Secretary Report: Local membership secretaries asked to please check their local rosters carefully to make sure all new and renewal memberships are accurately reflected on the local roster.

Welcome to all of the new Central Committee reps.

Treasurer: General Fund beginning balance \$20,095.71, ending balance \$24,071.77, PAC beginning balance \$27,211.73, ending balance \$20,204.82, Rider Education beginning balance \$31,947.54, ending balance \$24,898.96, Homecoming beginning balance \$23,621.08 ending balance \$16,100.00.

Treasurer awards for timely turning in financial reports presented to Mid-America Freedom Rally, District 6, District 4, District 2, District 1, Locals 44, 41, 40, 35, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 20, 19, 15, 13, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 2, 1.

Locals that met their yearly donations Locals 3, 46, 14, 2, 18, 5, 16, 11, 12, 1, 29, 33, 13, 35, 42, 19, 15, 28. Local that gave the highest donation for 2008 \$9,204.00 Local 8.

Supporter pins presented to locals that met their yearly donations.

Membership Secretary: Membership awards for timely return of local rosters presented to Locals 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 29, 32, 25. Local with highest percentage of membership increase awarded to Local 30 for the second year in a row. Trophy presented to Local 30. They will retain the trophy for another year and return it to the Central Committee meeting in January 2010.

Vice Chairman: Engineer of Freedom Award presented to Lisa Becton.

Vice Chairman, Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix reported that he has been doing both Vice Chairman and Legislative duties for the past year and has requested Mark find someone to fill one of the positions. Vice-Chairman Mullanix is resigning as vice chairman effective March, 2009. In lieu of this resignation, Martin King has volunteered to accept the position of vice chairman with this board's approval. Motion by Local 25 for the board to approve appointment of Martin King to replace Halfbreed as Vice Chairman, 2nd Local 1, roll call vote, motion carries unanimously. Martin will take over at the March CC meeting with a transition period between now and then. Martin's contact information will be placed in the Freedom Press. Martin thanked for volunteering to step up and fulfill the position.

Legislative: As of 10:01am Wednesday Senator Chuck Graham is no longer a Missouri senator. Helmet bills SB 27 Luann Ridgeway, HB165 Gary Dusenber, have been filed. Luann Ridgeway filed the same bill as last year with highway limitations; Gary Dusenber's bill is for those riders 21 and over. We will probably be changing Luann's bill to 21 and over in the near future. There are 11 bills that we are watching right now. HB114 Sally Faith has once again filed a bill requiring a rider education course for all motorcycle licenses. She has filed this bill in the past but has not requested a hearing. The stunt riding bills have not been filed but probably will be. Comparative fault bills will be filed soon by Senator Kurt Schaeffer and Representative Bryan Pratt. We are going to try a new approach on the comparative fault bill this year. The right to repair bill is written. We do not anticipate this becoming law in Missouri but are using it to push the federal legislators to take up this legislation. We need to make sure to thank our legislators for their support in the past. On the website is the phone number for each legislator. We are working on getting email and snail mail addresses updated on the website. Kevin Engler and Charlie Shields need to be contacted and asked for their support of our legislation. We are going to have to keep stepping outside of the box like we did with the past election in order to be successful at the capital.

January 20, February 17, March 10, April 14, May 5 and May 12th will be Capital Crusaders Days this year. Please encourage your membership to attend these dates. Other dates May Rally April 28th. Demo Days in Hannibal will be March 6, 7, 8 which is the same as our central committee meetings. Spring break is March 12-23. Legislators will be in their home districts at this time. February 20, 21, 22 is Lincoln Days in Kansas City at the Marriott, District 4 has a suite reserved for the event.

We have received some good suggestions and ideas from the various emails that have been sent out concerning our legislative issues. Thank you for submitting these ideas. If you know of anyone in your local that is not receiving the email updates, who would like to be included, please have those people contact your local membership secretary or FORR's general office to verify their e-mail address. We are having a lot of emails returned as undeliverable.

The 2009 legislative recipe card is on the website. Locals are encouraged to print these off for their local membership and hand them out at the local meeting. This makes it easier when these members show up at the capital or want to call their elected official they can simply pull out the card for the information on who they need to talk with. Also locals need to have phone



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trees in place. If you need help setting up a phone tree contact Chairman Chapman or Legislative Coordinator Mullanix for assistance.

One Local brought forth an idea about setting up some type of demonstration at the capital. One idea was to set up a display of helmets on the capital steps representing each member of FORR. Legislative Coordinator Mullanix feels this is a good idea but wants to avoid this being any type of protest ride or event. If anyone is interested in helping to put on an event of this type please let Coordinator Mullanix know. A committee has been established to work on this type of an event. If we got 10% of our group or 280 people at the capital that would make a big impression on our legislators.

On the federal level. When the legislative budget was approved, it included money to send two people to Washington DC in May at the request of the MRF for bikers on the beltway. If anyone would like to be among those four please let us know. We have two people who have expressed an interest in going. We will not know the date until after the US Congress convenes. The main reason to attend is to protect the 2010 program money and also to prevent inclusion of a federal helmet blackmail on highway funds in the TEA reauthorization legislation. Lets keep the fight in the state. We need to start talking with our federal legislators about these two issues.

The crash causation study that the MRF worked hard to get included in the last TEA reauthorization has finally resulted in a pilot study being set up in Los Angeles. They are using cameras set up at intersections around the city to collect data on 27 accidents and then test their methodology from the accident data to make sure everything works as it should. If everything goes as planned hopefully a final report will be available in 2013 or 2014.

New Hampshire has a bill that has been filed, HB95 which makes it illegal to modify a vehicles exhaust in any manner or operate a vehicle with a modified exhaust system, sets specific noise limits and requires all vehicles to have a functioning tachometer.

Arkansas is also looking at SB29 which would require anyone that wants to ride without a helmet in Arkansas to show that they have at least \$10,000 worth of health insurance coverage to cover injuries sustained on a motorcycle. This bill would require the purchase of a sticker to prove you have the necessary coverage and would mean that individuals from out of state would be unable to ride without a helmet in the state.

Australia is using noise cameras to ticket any noise levels above 92 decibels.

We are watching all of these issues very closely because while they may not be something that we are currently facing it is just a matter of time before a similar thing reaches us.

We have approximately 250 patches for Clutch's law that we need to decide what we are going to do with. These have not been selling lately. Cost was around \$2.00 each and they were being sold for \$5. Discussion held concerning what to do with the patches. Motion by Local 25 that we allow our membership to submit a SASE to the legislative coordinator to receive a free patch and then any left over patches will be distributed at the MAY Rally, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Reminder a .42 cent SASE will only cover the postage cost for one patch. If you want more than one please submit adequate postage to cover mailing cost.

Legislative awards presented to locals that had the most people attend Capital Crusaders Days: 3rd place Local 33 with 12 people; 2nd place Local 28 with 15 people; 1st place Local 10 with 16 people.

MRF Report: Chairman Chapman apologized as he has been on Jim Duyck for not giving an MRF report and realized that a lot of the MRF report has already been given as part of the legislative report. In the future he will be asked to give his report before Legislative Coordinator Mullanix addresses the MRF issues. MRF State Rep Jim Duyck presented information about SEMA. The lawmakers in Washington are drafting an economic stimulus package designed to encourage people to scrape old cars and purchase new vehicles. The MRF is involved in this because of FEMA's fight concerning end of life issues in Europe. Dave Dwyer and MRF Chairman, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard are going to hold a meeting with SEMA concerning how this will affect motorcyclists.

The MRF currently has five assistant reps in Missouri. Jim would like to have at least one assistant rep per district. The only requirements to become an assistant rep is to be an MRF member and for Jim to approve of this individual as an assistant rep. Job duties are the promote the MRF, gain membership for the MRF, possibly write newsletter articles, attend functions and represent the MRF at these events. Anyone interested contact Jim at 816-454-6574.

JR DeGraffenreid presented information that he learned from attending the 2008 Meeting of the Minds. Hand out concerning noise ordinances and other issues addressed at the meeting presented to all CC reps. If we don't take care of ourselves and our own concerning the noise issues, the government will take care of it for us. European end of life issues, vehicles 11 years old or older no longer allowed to be licensed. This is coming this way very fast and is an issue that the MRF is watching out for and trying to keep this from happening in this country. Stunt riding bills that allows police to confiscate motorcycles based upon officer opinion of whether the driver was stunt riding. The bills are so vaguely worded that if you take a hand off the handle bars for any reason you could be deemed to be stunt riding. Florida has this law in effect and it is being looked at in Oklahoma and other states. July 2008 Utah governor mandated tiered drivers license program. You are restricted to



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riding the size of vehicle on which you test and nothing more, example test on 90 cc you can only ride a 90 cc or less. If a rider takes a rider education class on a 250 cc or larger vehicle they can obtain a waiver to operate up to a 649cc vehicle. To obtain a license for over 649 cc they must either take a training class on a larger vehicle or test for the operation of the larger vehicle. Currently the MSF does not allow anything of this size to be used on their training sites for a BRC class. New lobbying day – Bikers Inside the Beltway, you will be able to park your bike in a restricted area at the capital. Two young activist members at MOTM have developed their own ABATE chapter aimed at the younger riders. They did this because they did not feel welcome at the ABATE chapters with older Harley riding members. We can't let this happen. Membership retention was a key issue addressed during the conference. The key seems to be that sometime during the membership the member needs personal contact from someone in the organization. When discussing state legislative issues we need to think twice about bills that restrict cell phone usage while driving. What about CB's on bikes, intercom systems between riders/passengers, etc. These could all be included in this type of legislation. Use rider education money to build first aid kits or put on first aid classes. HOV, high occupancy vehicle sometimes called HOV lanes. In some areas these are becoming HOT lanes, High occupancy toll lanes. PPP private public partnerships are being developed to convert roadways in PPP toll roads. Drinking and riding, we need to regulate ourselves, do not let others influence you concerning drinking and riding. These were just a few of the issues that were addressed at the conference.

AMA Report: Report presented by AMA Representative, Tony Shepherd. The AMA has updated their focus towards more customer awareness within the motorcycle industry. Not only in the US but around the world as it is a global market now. In the US we have pilot states where laws are enacted to see how much public outcry is received by the various pieces of legislation and then other states determine whether they want to pick them up. In Florida if your tire leaves the roadway or you remove a hand from the handlebars you could be considered stunt riding. First offense \$1,000 fine, multiple offenses can result in vehicle confiscation. Other areas like Myrtle Beach are looking at similar legislation. These areas are realizing that they can replace organized motorcycle events with some other organizations event to keep the money coming in to the area. They can and are getting along without us. They are legally legislating you out of the town. HOV/HOT lanes, quite a few states allow motorcycles to use these lanes. Fuel taxes are probably going to be going up because we have conserved fuel usage and therefore they are receiving less tax revenue. We need to watch how they go about paying for these privatized toll roads and make sure motorcycles are justly included. The AMA is currently watching legislation addressing the definition of a motorcycle in various states. These are specifically addressing the three wheeled Spyder type vehicles and whether these should be considered a motorcycle or car for licensing purposes. They are also watching various stunt riding, noise bills and others. Get involved in your state SMRO. We also need to remember that we are not out to repeal helmet usage we are out to modify the helmet law.

Chairman Chapman reported the lawsuit in California on the helmet law was dismissed. It was found to be a constitutional law and is therefore a dead issue.

Give A Way Project Report – Project wrap up report given by project managers Darell and Susan Chavis. Presented checks to Locals 8, 7, 35, 3, 27, 10, 25, 2, 6, 21, 11, 31, 41. We currently have \$11,060.94 in the bank. We are putting the give a way project on hold for a year and leaving the money in the bank on hold pursuant to the direction of the Central Committee at the last meeting. Darell and Susan thanked for all of their work on this project.

Safety Report: Rider Education Coordinator, Doug Clawson reported that all rider education applications need to be submitted to FORR's general office and will be processed through the office. Some class dates have already been set for this year. The Missouri motorcycle safety program is going to be having their sponsor meeting in the near future. Doug and the office manager will be attending the sponsor meeting. Awards will be handled in March. May Rally is April 28th. Hopefully there will be more information on this in the near future.

Chairman Chapman asked about the rumor that the safety program needed an enclosed trailer. Doug reported that he has a wish list for another enclosed trailer to replace the flat bed trailer that is currently being used. This would allow the bikes to be loaded into the trailer and remain on site at the mobile sites instead of being taken to a secured storage area. This would make it easier on the site coordinators. Looking at a 24' enclosed trailer, anticipated cost will be \$6,000-10,000.00. If someone knows of a trailer that will meet our requirements please contact Doug. Nick Swope reported he has a 24' enclosed trailer that he is going to sell for \$3,000.00.

Product Line Report: Product Line Manager Keith Cronin reported that we have plenty of FORR watches left. Any locals that have not received their number check with Product Manager Cronin to see if the number is still available. Also still have some yard signs that have not been picked up. Pocket tees are on sale at about half price. Local 11 is out of yard signs but will be reordering them. If you want more signs than what your local was allotted please contact local 11 to obtain additional signs. They are \$5.00 each.

Local 15's new t-shirt design was presented and discussed. The new shirt states Freedom of Road Riders and Local 15 on the back but does not state where the local is located such as Missouri, etc. This is acceptable however the design must be approved by a corporate officer before any product is made.

Chairman Chapman presented a summary of the evolution of the winged wing logo over the years. We have searched the records for information concerning the original logo design and have been able to come up with the original design which is substantially different over what has been used for the past several years. Our copyright actually contains the word Member on the



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logo. Motion by Local 42 that we adopt the original winged wheel logo design as presented by Chairman Chapman, 2nd Local 35. motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Newsletter: Editor Michelle O'Connor presented information packages to all CC reps regarding newsletter submissions. Currently has newsletter editor contacts for all locals except Locals 2, 21, 25. Newsletter awards presented to Locals 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 19, 28, 30, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 42. Editor O'Connor reported that the help from the local editors has made doing the newsletter much easier.

Flyers need to be handled in the following manner. First, the local submits the flyer to Louise or Mark for approval, once approval is obtained, send an approved flyer to Michelle and Tanker. Do not send the flyer to Michelle or Tanker until approval is obtained. Also make sure when you submit the flyer to Michelle please make sure to let her know the size of the flyer to be printed and the months that it is to run.

Martin King asked that the information presented concerning newsletter submissions be made available on the website.

Webmaster: Webmaster Steve "Tanker" King reported that it's a busy time of year with new legislative information, events, AMA, MRF, etc. Things are being updated just about every day. Locals that have websites up and running: Locals 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 41, 46. If your local has a website that is not listed please contact Webmaster King so that the local website information can be listed.

Tanker reported after the last CC meeting he had a gentleman contact him who was Clutch's best friend in the service and did not know that he had passed away. He would like to contact someone in the family but Tanker said he has not been able to contact the family. If anyone has contact information please contact Tanker. Chairman Chapman indicated that Local 33 knows how to contact his mother. Request made that we send him a patch.

Always looking for pictures to put on the website. Send to webmaster@forr.net.

Insurance Report: Bob Hawkins, our agent of record, reported he is getting a lot of questions from Louise regarding what has to be insured and what does not have to be insured. If there is a potential for injury or loss (physical or property) then the event needs to be insured. Insurance only covers spectators not participants. We do have food coverage but it is very limited. You can have food at your meetings and if a district or local wants to have food at their own event they can do that. However you can not go to an outside event to sell food. We can however do bake sales so long as there is no potential for food poisoning to occur. Question addressed about whether garage sales - it is best to have insurance coverage for any event that we have no matter what the event is. If we are going to profit from it in any way shape or form we need to have insurance coverage for that event, even if the money from the event is going to charity. We are going to try to get a complete list of do's and don'ts on the website.

FEW Seminar Update Event coordinator, JR DeGraffenreid presented a certificate of appreciation to those Locals that helped with the financing to put on the event: District 4, Abate for Missouri, Mid America Freedom Rally, Locals 35, 33, 31, 29, 28, 19, 25, 16, 13, 10, 7, 2, 1. Local 18 and Local 6 also helped and will receive their certificates next meeting. Michigan Place has been procured for this year's event. Entertainment has also been procured and will be Ross & Rotten who have performed at FORR events in the past. MRF will be sending someone to the conference. We are also working on a safety first aid class. Patches are available for 07 and 08, \$2.50 each or 2 for \$5.00. The shuttle worked two years ago for us very well and was really used. However last year the shuttle was not used as much so early discussion is that we will not have a shuttle this year. It cost us about \$300 for the shuttle last year. Donations towards the seminar count against the local's yearly state donation.

Homecoming: Treasurer Dallas Chapman reported she was asked in November to determine how many members vs non members were in attendance at Homecoming. She has gone back and reviewed the information and we had approximately 438 paid admissions for members of an SMRO and 935 non-members.

Homecoming work schedule distributed to all Central Committee representatives. If your local is listed for a work shift the local will need to supply two people per work shift.

The Freedom Rally has now decided that this years rally will be 18 and over. When we switched to 18 and over we knew that there was still one statewide rally that children could attend. Well that has now changed. Please take back to your local and find out if the locals would like to change the 18 and over requirement that is currently in existence. Chairman Chapman is going to talk with a lawyer about this matter and make sure there is no liability on the part of FORR to allow all members of FORR the ability to attend this event. The Freedom Rally made this decision based upon a letter from a DFS worker who saw an inappropriate situation involving a child. We don't want to lose our children participating in our events. If we change there will be no unsupervised children. Parents will receive one warning, after that they will be asked to leave. We may also consider a camp curfew for children.

New proposed contract has been submitted. The Shrine Club wants \$5,000 up front, \$6.00 for every person over 1,000 and \$75 for each vendor space. We won't lose money on the vendors but we won't be making as much. RV parking inside the gate will still be \$10. Electrical hookup fee is \$25 per day if there is a site available. Shrine Club will be collecting electrical fee. This contract will be for 2 years.



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The other sites that we were looking at stated that we were too far apart in money amounts and as such they were not interested in holding further discussions regarding the event.

Tattoo – Bob Hawkins reported that he has been contacted by a tattoo artist to obtain insurance sufficient to allow him to come to our events. If this takes place we may have a tattoo contest at the event.

If you are bringing your truck into the campground and tell us that you were going to sleep in it and then set up a tent the truck must leave the camp area. Please let your membership know if they are actually going to sleep in their truck they will be allowed into the RV camper area and will have to pay \$10. Otherwise their vehicle will not be allowed to remain in the camper area but must be moved to the parking lot.

Field events will be handled by Local 6, Poker Run Local 28, Wet t-shirt contest Local 15, Bike Show Local 15, Queen/King Local 28.

Patches will be blue, white and black. The first 500 in the gate will receive a free patch and 100 will be available for sale.

T shirt design – Since there has been dwindling participation in the design contest, we are going to have this professionally done with our goal being a standing design. We are also working on having the person who did the t shirts for us last year on site to do the worker shirts after the shift is completed.

Mid South MILE: This is a great opportunity for our membership to attend a local training seminar and learn what is going on across the nation. The next Mid South MILE will be in Kansas. Most likely it will be in Wichita or Topeka but the committee is meeting in February to determine the actual location.

State of the Organization for 2009 submitted to all Central Committee Representatives and a short recap was given by Chairman Chapman.

Old Business: Specialty license plates - Cost will be \$5,000 to get the plate set up. We will have to get legislation passed to authorize the issuance of the specialty plates. Once the bill passes we will have until August 28th to submit 200 applications. You will need to have personalized plates to obtain a specialty plate. Question addressed about whether this was something FORR wanted to pursue and if so do we want to charge an additional fee for permission to use the plate. Motion by Local 29 that we do the license plates and charge \$5.00 per plate per renewal for permission to use the specialty plate, 2nd Local 20, roll call vote 15 yes 24 no, motion fails. We will not have specialty plates due to failure of the motion. Chairman Chapman asked the floor if anyone wanted to make a motion to do the license plates but not charge an additional fee. No such motion was made.

By law change – we can not vote on the proposed change at this meeting because they were not published until the January Freedom Press and therefore they have not been in print for 30 days. This matter will be taken up at the March meeting.

Former Local 24 member, Steve "Staples" Comeau addressed the Central Committee. He is currently with local 42 and formerly with Local 24. Local 24 would like to get started again in the St Louis area. He has gotten a hold of former members of Local 24, some of who are no longer members of FORR, some new people and some members of Local 00 who are interested in restarting the local. They do not believe that they have 10 virgin new members at this time but do have ten older members. Also want permission for the local to be reinstated as Local 24. Chairman Chapman clarified that what is being requested is that Local 24 be reinstated without being required to meet the requirements of a new local. There is precedence for reinstatement of a local that was closed by the Central Committee; however that local was only out for a short period of time. Motion by Local 25 to reinstate Local 24 with the present members that Staples has and any others that would like to join them, 2nd Local 42, motion passes unanimously by roll call vote. Welcome back local 24!

At the last CC meeting Chairman Chapman asked everyone to please check local rosters and let him know if you were having problems. He has been notified of at least three problems with people getting their renewal packages but not being on the last roster. Please contact your membership secretary and ask them to carefully check the roster to make sure all members are shown on the roster that have renewed or joined.

The Statewide Poker Run will be September 19th. Local 29 is covering the cost of insurance for this event. If your local wants to participate, the local needs to submit an event sanction form listing the start and stop locations. Form must be submitted to the events coordinator by August 19th. Local 29 thanked for covering the insurance cost for this event.

Louise asked to remind everyone about the benefit for Gordon Becton. There is a flyer in the January newsletter outlining the details of the event. If you can't attend please consider sending a donation.

Chairman awards for perfect attendance at the Central Committee meetings were presented to Locals 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 25, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 44.

New Business: JR DeGraffenreid presented a marketing idea of FORR scratch pads that we can distribute to legislators, motorcycle dealers, etc. 520 pads would cost \$350 plus \$25 one time set up fee. Motion by Local 42 that we get some of these



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made, 2nd Local 25, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Run for the Wall lunch stop is going to be May 19th in Concordia, Missouri. A sanction form has been sent to Louise. Jim Duyck requested that FORR to cover the cost of insurance. Motion by Local 25, 2nd Local 42 that FORR cover the cost of the insurance for this event, motion carries by voice vote with no opposed.

Motion by Local 16, 2nd Local 42 that we extend the meeting for a few more minutes to complete business, motion carries with small amount opposed.

District Chairmen: District 4 - Lincoln Days in Kansas City will be in February. Invitation extended to anyone that wants to come up to attend the event.

District 1 Rally will be May 15-17th at the Pony Express Campground near Cameron, there is a drag strip up the street that is holding a special drag race Saturday morning.

ABATE for Missouri - Tony Shepherd asked that the Ride to Work Day in June be published in the newsletter. Dead red light bill will be filed shortly. ABATE is working on a Saturday celebration rally at the capital in May followed by a ride from Jeff City to Kingdom City for a party. All motorcycle organizations encouraged to show up that day.

Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 18 to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm

**Freedom of Road Riders, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting #176
March 8, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Truman Hotel & Conference Center
1510 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, Missouri**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Preamble
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - d. Put cell phones on vibrate
 - e. Roll Call of Locals
 - f. Approval of Minutes
- II. Department Reports
 - a. Corporate Secretary
 - i. Membership
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - d. Legislative
 - i. Sub Committees
 - ii. AMA
 - iii. MRF
 - e. Rider Education
 - f. Product Line
 - g. Newsletter
 - h. Webmaster
 - i. Chairman
 - i. Homecoming
 - ii. F.E.W. Seminar
 - iii. Mid South MILE
 - iv. General Office
- III. Old Business
 - a. By-Law Change
- IV. New Business
 - a. Presentation by Local 15
- V. Connections
 - a. District Chairmen
 - b. ABATE for Missouri

Legislative Meeting
Saturday March 7, 2009 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday March 7, 2009 3:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday March 7, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday March 8, 2009 10:00 a.m.

Central Committee Representatives are asked to make sure their membership is current before the meeting begins. Contact your

Local Secretary to be sure. Only current members are allowed to conduct business during scheduled Central Committee

Meetings.

If your Central Committee Representative is unable to attend please call 800-448-3677

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke - Free

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings: NONE
Thank you for participating!!

Thank you!



Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Local1@FORR.net

Hey Everyone! This weather is soooooo great! Expecting 70 degrees today, and I'm in working on the Press on my day off! "I'll get out some how!"

All is well with Local 1. And as we all are - Very anxious for the 'season of events' to start.

Big thanks goes to 'Indian Charlie' for setting us up for our last meeting. Great hospitality, and good food to boot!

The original version of our FORR logo has been brought back and is now in use - look for it!

A little bad news for those of you that have younger children.... Looks like the Freedom Rally is not welcoming our children any longer! I can't believe this, first Homecoming, now the Freedom Rally. What are we doing folks! Nuf said - on to happier news.

Big plans in our area for the year (so far...): April 4th - contact your district rep. for this most important event. May 15 is Truman Days, May 16th is Local 5 bike show, May 19th is the Run for the Wall, June 6 District 4 appreciation party, June 15 Ride to work day, BIG NEWS.... Local 1 LIME RUN is BACK! Schedule for July 18 - Look for details in up coming submissions!!!

Our March meeting will be held at the Chapmans in Bates City. Needing directions give me a call.

Oh, just one more thing.... If your a parade go'er - head down to Kansas City for the St. Patrick's Day parade. We pulled off Grand Prize last year, so we might just have something really outrageous this year!

I better shut this down about now so - Have a good one then have another! **Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157**

LOCAL 2 - EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant in Oak Grove, MO.

Contact: 816-228-2656

LOCAL 3 - TRI-COUNTY

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 741, 200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO

Contact: Dour Edmisten 816-516-5869

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

Hello Local-5, 2009 will be a great year especially after the defeat of X-Senator Graham by FORR and after reading the February Freedom Press, representatives Cox-(district 118) & Scharnhorst-(district 93), might need to join him next time they run too. We the people need to remind the politicians at ALL levels who signs their check because WE outnumber the lobbyists! Here's to the people!

I asked Kim at the last meeting if I could stand in now and then writing the newsletter since her and Dan have become Grandparents and she graciously said "yes". Kim also is L-5's Historian and is a great asset to our local and FORR. L-5 held elections at our December meeting and all former officers were re-elected as follows:

President -- Doug Cornett,
Treasurer -- Lynne Perdue
CC Representative. -- Steve Hanzek
Newsletter/Historian -- Kim Tarwater
Alternate Officer -- Deanna Norris

Vice-President -- Jim Enloe
Secretary -- Cindy Cornett,
District Rep -- Susan Harris-Rohde
Product Line -- Keith Cronin
Sergeant at Arms- Doug Norris



Local News

The current L-5 roster shows 55 members. We gained a new member who joined at our January meeting. Welcome Robert! Local 5 also has 14 life members of FORR! What a great Local!!!

L-5's Bike Show will be held on May 16th. Our committee members are working hard on the details. I would like to thank the members of local 11, Joplin, who have rode up to support our show. This year they are having their bike show on the same date as ours. I could not agree more that we need to support each others local events when we can and over the past year I have had the privilege to meet several members of other locals.

Five L-5 members attended a charity event recently at the Outlaw Cigar Company for Wounded Warriors that raised money to care for our Vets returning from the war. A \$200 donation was presented on behalf of L-5 & FORR.

Last year we were honored to ride along side the Patriot Guard, Combat Vets, Omni, and Task Force Omega in bringing Brother John Young home for burial. More needs to be done to help out our veterans in the U.S.

I would like to see FORR take the lead in Jefferson City to get cell phone use by motorists banned in Missouri. We have buried TOO many brothers and sisters for this to continue. People who drive stupid need to lose their privilege to drive in this State; period. Texting and talking on the phone instead of paying attention to driving a lethal weapon should be a no-brainer for politicians that are so concerned with second hand smoke. Until next time, ride safe, ride free, and look out for them cagers!

Doug Cornett, President L-5

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. American Legion Post 359 - 4826 Frederick, in St. Joseph, Mo.

Contact: 816-617-6316 or 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks, the new meeting place will now be at American Legion Post 359, 4826 Frederick in St. Joseph MO. We always meet the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

On 12/27/08 at Cross Roads Bar and Grill we had our End of Year Party. There was a large number of people who attended the event. We had a disc jockey playing music, pool tables and other games to play. The local provided the meat and everyone brought a covered dish so there was plenty of food. There were several leg wrestling contests with Connie Burks being the winner.

The DJ had 27000 songs to choose from and we never ran out of new songs to listen to. Gene Boeh gave Sherry Sider a promise ring but the wedding date hasn't been set yet. The weather was icy and snowy but there were 75 people there. We had several great door prizes donated for the event. Larry Jackson said he wanted to win the Chief's hat and he was the lucky winner and proud owner of that hat.

On the night of the party Nick Swope Sr and June Swope were celebrating there 26th anniversary. Nick Swope Jr turned 31 on 01/04/09. Congratulations to the Swope's.

Gene Boeh got another motorcycle. He sold his old bike to a man in Mississippi. Gene is the happy and proud owner of a Harley 2002.

Kenny and Connie Burks made a trip to California to visit their youngest son. Sounds like a nice trip.

Larry Ludeke (Doc) has a new 2009 Kawasaki Vulcan. He is definitely a proud owner.

We have added some new members and several renewals but we still have some members that need to renew. They are: Laura Allday; Everett Allday Sr; Steve Allen; Kevin McGuiness; Roger Sager; Melvin Silvey; Robert Speer; Wayne Salsworth; Nick Swope Sr; Kenneth Vertin.

Happy Trails, til we meet again.

Ride safe, **Dan**

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's

Contact: 417-286-3845

GREETING LOCAL 7

Well it's still winter in the Ozarks so not much riding going on but spring is just around the corner. The Freeze Yer Buns ride is coming up. Ride scheduled for March 1st meeting at the Bell Restaurant parking lot on City Route 66 East at 1pm. Then on 5th of April there will be an April fool's Day run starting at C.A.'s Trikes & trailers on Hwy 64 in Lebanon at 1pm. May 3 we will be having our annual Mother of fun ride starting at the Sutherlands parking lot in the Southdale center at 1pm.



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All of the ladies will receive a FREE MEAL at the end of the ride at the Shoney's in Lebanon. Now for June, Local 7 has been asked about having a fund raiser for the Fallen Warriors Memorial to be held on the grounds of the Cowan Center. Looks like plans are taking shape for June 7th.

The good weather is almost here so get ready to ride.

Until next time be safe **Geezer & his Queen**

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

Contact: 660-646-7296

May the Irish hills caress you.

May her lakes and rivers bless you.

May the luck of the Irish enfold you.

May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.

~ HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY LOCAL 8 ~

We're even closer to Spring at this second than we were when you started reading this. If that's not a reason to be happy then what is!! In this time of economic crunch, we have to seek happiness if even in the tiniest of reasons. So today think happy thoughts of happy places!!

Like for instance our 23rd Annual Spring Fling, which is being held June 19 - 21, 2008. The plans are started, the bands are already being booked and the excitement is already in the air. Mark your calendars for a GREAT time with GREAT friends.

See what changes we have in store for this year to make the event even more fun than it's been in the past. If you have ideas of your own, that's great to. We're always looking for new and enchanting ideas. By the time you receive this newsletter Cabin Fever will be far past and I'm sure it's going to be a huge success. Everyone I've talked to lately is planning to attend and Harvesting Jane is such an awesome fun band to listen to. But you're not to late to mark your Calendars for some other important upcoming events, not the bells and whistles like Spring Fling or Cabin Fever, but just as important - our Capital Crusader days in Jefferson City. They are March 10, April 14, Mike Sloan Memorial M.A.Y. rally April 28 and May 5 & 12. We need a big showing at the capital this year. This is possibly going to be a big year for us. If you need more information on what's going on legislatively contact Layne or Halfbreed. Other than this I don't have a lot to report this month, as our meeting isn't until Sunday. I would like to welcome our new members:

Diana Lyon, Rick Morris, Kathryn Oliver, & Justin Riley. If I have mentioned you before, consider yourself double welcomed!! If I left your name off the list please feel free to call and yell at me.. I'd also like thank our members who renewed: Kenny Barnes, Gary Bears, Mauricia Bears, Glenda Ely, Randy Gatton, Jagger Gray, Bob Ely, Laura Lisby, Jim Higgins, Ed Johnston, Stan Lazenby, Michael Miller, Jerry Noble, Dale Palmer, Bessie Sawyer, Misty Shady, Pete Wooden, Mike Evans who transferred & welcome back to Les & Kim McMahan. We appreciate your dedication to Local 8 and Freedom of Road Riders. As I close I want to remind you all to do a maintenance check on your scooters before you get them out on the

Steve McQueen Days Bike Show and Rodeo March 28, 2009 Slater, MO

Hosted by FORR Local 12

Bike Show

Registration: 9:00 - 10:00am

Show & Public Voting: 10:00 - 12:00pm



Rodeo & Non-Riding Events

Registration: 12:00 - 12:30pm

Non-Riding Events: 12:30 - 1:30pm

Rodeo: 1:30pm - Finish



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roads. I learned in the BRC how important is to do a T-Clock inspection regularly:

- T - Tires & Wheels
- C - Controls
- L - Lights
- O - Oil
- C - Chassis
- K - Kickstand

You can read more about this on our website: www.forr8.net.

Be sure to check your riding gear, if you're like most of us and pack on winter pounds you'll want to be sure it's not tight and too constricting for safe maneuvering and quick reflexes. Definitely watch the dirt/salt/grud on the road, especially at intersections and last but not least PAY ATTENTION TO THE CAGED ANIMALS (I mean DRIVERS). For some reason it seems during winter some people forget there is such a thing as motorcycles and they stop watching for us, so we have to watch for them.

Our next meeting will be March 1, 2009. I am going to say at Rumors, but I can't guarantee this since we haven't had our meeting yet. So watch your email or our website www.forr8.net for changes.

I hope you all have a wonderful beginning to Spring and until next time

~ Keep Smilin ~ **Glenda**

PS. I have scholarship applications, they are due back by our April meeting. We also have vendor & sponsor forms for Spring Fling.

LOCAL 9 - HANNIBAL

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Elks Lodge, 411 Broadway, in Hannibal, Mo.

Contact: Raymond Nicosia 573-221-3417 or Joyce McArthur 573-231-5540

Hello, We had our eat and meet, meeting at Raggles, I think we all had a great time. We talked about "The Chile Cookoff" Also we would like to invite everyone to come try all the chilie, bevrages, and have a good time.

We really don't have much to report right now so until next time.....

Tracy Lockey

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Contact: 573-635-7964

Here we are in another new year, and with that, there are lots of ideas and planning in the works. By now the Leather & Lace Dance has taken place and we certainly hope everyone had a great time!

We want to do a lot of riding this year so we have decided to do some fun runs to some of Missouri's state parks and caves. If you have any ideas of places to ride to, contact Dale Thomas @ (573) 808-3192. We are planning on at least one run per month and rotating weekends. Still planning on Dinner Runs every Thursday evening, meeting around 5:30 p.m. this will be announced at a later date/time.

Our local has new officers and some old ones for 2009:

President: Dale Thomas

Secretary: Marla Klynott

Newletter: Denise Taylor

Legislative Officer: Bill Kempker

Product Line: Sharon Shoemaker

Vice President: Dan Williams

Treasurer/membership Secretary: Terri Kempker

CC Rep: Bill Kempker

Safety: Joe Kempker

Thanks Larry for the last news regarding the Blessing of the Bikes and Poker Run, just wanted to put that reminder out once again. Remember Saturday, April 18th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the church in Loose Creek breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus (and is it ever good)!

Denise Taylor, Local 10



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LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Carthage Family Restaurant 125 N. Garrison, in Carthage.

Contact: 417-793-4899 OR www.FORR11.org

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Meeting place varies - please call for info.

Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodtman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

Important note: due to the bridge construction and the 6:30 closing of the ferry, the February and April meetings will be held Saturday afternoon on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Fish Beak starting at 2:30pm. Because of Steve McQueen days, the March meeting will be held on the third Saturday of the month at the Fishbeak, beginning at 2:30pm.

Hello again to everyone in FORRland from all your friends at local 12, Glasgow. It seems like Old Man Winter has set in for a while here in the Show Me state. While we missed all the ice and snow that has hit the southern part of the state, we do have some mighty cold temps right now. Think Spring, everybody!

Local 12 would like to send its' best wishes for a speedy recovery to our friend and brother Gordon Becton, who had an unfortunate encounter with a deer last Nov. 2nd. This is the third friend of mine that has been taken down by a deer this year and I'm ready to propose a year-round season on the damned things to the Conservation Department!

Our January meeting was held at the Hawgs and Heifers bar in Fayette and we had a good turnout, with 28 members and 3 guests. Bert called the meeting to order at 7:30 and the minutes were read with one correction made.

Gary's treasury report showed a balance of \$3,040.84 and he informed us that we were now up to date with the state on our reports.

Randy welcomed everyone and asked for a volunteer to go with him to the district 2 meeting on Feb. 1st in Brookfield. He also reported that the M.A.Y. rally was coming up on April 28th and that the state will pick up insurance on any events held that day.

Dave gave his C.C. report and in the interest of saving space for Rebel, I'll just hit the highlights and refer everyone to the C.C. minutes in the January newsletter. Local 12 has dropped back to 120 members, apparently we lost several renewals. Capitol Crusader days will be held on Jan. 20th, Feb. 17th, Mar. 10th, April 15th, and May 5th.

There are several bills pending that are of interest to us, including a bill to make rider ed. classes mandatory for first time license applicants, a bill outlawing stunt riding, and a bill outlawing children below a certain age from riding on a motorcycle or tricycle. The stunt riding bill would make riding with one hand illegal. Homecoming shifts for local 12 are on Saturday 10am-2pm:gate, Sunday 10am-2pm:security, Sunday 6pm-10pm:security.

John gave the legislative report and a less-than-fond farewell to our old nemesis Chuck Graham. He said that we need to get more participation at Capitol Crusader days this year. Our bill numbers for helmet law modification this year are HB 165 in the House and SB27 in the Senate. THIS YEAR IS OUR BIG CHANCE, NOW THAT GRAHAM IS GONE.

Under old business, we thanked Buddy and Wanda for the fine job they did in hosting the Christmas banquet.

In new business, we discussed Steve McQueen days and Jeff and Pam were appointed as event coordinators, after the wonderful job they did with last year's Firecracker Classic. We will have a bike show and a rodeo. The city wants both morning and afternoon events but that is still under discussion, it may be too cold in the morning to hold events.

Local 12 has voted to become a sustaining member of the M.R.F. due to all the good work they have done in Washington, D.C. Vicki stated she has heard there is a bill pending that will make rider ed. classes mandatory for motorcyclists convicted of traffic violations. I believe this is a seriously bad idea because it would provide another mandate that would turn riders against rider education and would overload the rider ed. program in this state.

It is very important that we form committees and get to work on the Firecracker Classic at the February meeting. Get with Jeff or Pam if you would like to be on the committee. We really need to pitch in on this!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23. Chris Schreiber's name was drawn for the incentive drawing but he was not in attendance so it was rolled over. Someone is going to get a lot of money one of these days for attending a meeting!

Upcoming events:

Feb. 28th- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak, Glasgow.

March 21st- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak, Glasgow

March 28th- Steve McQueen Days, Slater.

April 25th- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak.



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If you have any news you would like put in the newsletter call me at 660-784-2231 or e-mail me at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free, **Smokey**

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.

Contact: 573-685-2369 or 573-386-2226

Fellow enthusiasts of all shape, sizes, ages, origins and /or planets, we come in peace.

As you know, we have gone through some changes in the officers this year. They are as follows: Scott Fennewald will again lead us in what we hope will be another strong and successful year as our President.

Dan Slider D Acosta (my stranger half) as our Vice-President. Stephanie Fennewald will keep our books, as well as try to keep us all inline and on track as our treasurer. Margaret rodecap has accepted the position as our Secretary. (God help us all.) In the position as Newsletter Editor is myself, Linda Acosta, and I will do my best at keeping all of you up to snuff on all of the current events including any late breaking news around here and considering my reputation, I will attempt this without too many words.:)

So, until our next meeting, Hope to see you there. Go in peace, not pieces! Be Safe.

Linda

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

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

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Hello Local 14 members and soon to be members!! You may have heard that Local 14 was going to close at the end of 2008, well that was just a rumor and didn't happen. Here's a message from the newly elected officers of Local 14: On behalf of your Local's new Officers, we would like to urge you to become more active in your Local. Some of you might have even heard that Local 14 was going to fold, well not true. A few hard heads decided not to let that happen. We need the local to pick it up, after all this is YOUR Local.

So here's the challenge - to make this Local strong again, all we need is your participation and input as members. We need you to be involved. We are not asking for a lot, just a couple of hours a month when you can. You don't need to be at every meeting, you don't even need to be an Officer this year. Just show up and be a member for the dues you paid. We all know that times are hard and how there isn't enough time in the day for us, but give us the chance to serve you and with your help we can make sure this Local is around for a long time.

So we DARE YOU, DOUBLE DOG DARE YOU, to come to a meeting and see what your officers have planned for the year. You will be hearing more from us and hopefully we will be hearing from you. Signed Your Officers Local 14

We held elections for 2009 Officers and they are as follows:

President: Al "Kickstand" Smart

Vice President / Historian: Dave Copeland

Treasurer / Membership / Safety: Stuart "Hoss" North

Secretary / Newsletter: Cheryl Buell

CC / District / Legislative Rep: Al "Kickstand" Smart

We will be holding our monthly meetings at the same place, same time.

VFW Post 3976 - 12810 E Kentucky Ave., Sugar Creek, MO

Third Sunday of each month. 2:00 p.m.

There will be changes to these upcoming meeting dates, so please mark these new meeting dates on your calendar.

February 22, 2009 - June 14, 2009

Here's a couple of more dates to mark on your calendar for upcoming events:

Truman Days May 1 & 2, 2009 - Hyatt Crown Center. Run to the Wall May 19, 2009 - Concordia, MO. Local 14 Annual

Christmas Party/Auction - December 5, 2009.

New member Chris Bailey was in attendance at our January meeting. Welcome Chris, we look forward to getting to know you better!

Happy Birthday to all our members celebrating a birthday this month! Here's to another year of ridin' in the wind.

'Til next month.....Ride Safe!

Cheryl Buell Member # 20724 buellblast13@yahoo.com

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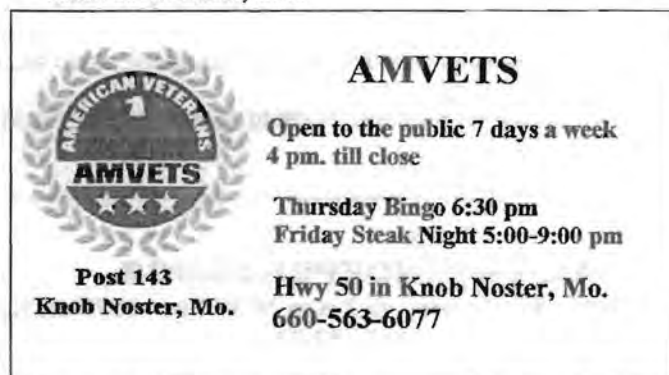
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LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Downing Station, Hollister, MO

Contact: 417-334-0775

The March winds are blowing us closer to Spring!! We'll start seeing the Service Berry trees blooming the end of the month and the Red Bud won't be far behind it! I for one am SO ready.

Hopefully by the time you read this the Helmet Bill of 2009 has come out of committee. Our Local 15's State Senator Jack Goodman is the Chair of that committee and all our members have been encouraged to encourage Senator Goodman to get that moving!! Thanks members for those letters, calls, emails, and faxes.

Check out the ad in this newsletter for the Forsyth Swap Meet in April. It looks like Shadow Rock Park repairs are coming along with the hard work of Forsyth city workers and will be ready for one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. As you remember last year it was flooded in one of those "hundred year" weather events but we have spent many years there and expect to spend many more. Thought the location is subject to flooding, when it is good - it can't be beat!

Here is the calendar for March and more....

March 3rd BS for Local 15 at Tequila's in Branson West at the Claybough Shopping Center, south of the main intersection in town, on the south end. 7:00 PM March 8th Trash & Treasure Pickup 1:00 PM on Hwy 160 just east of the F Hwy and Rockaway turnoff. Bike parking is on the north side of the road and car parking in a field across the road from the bike parking. We pick up two miles and this is light work when several show up. The last couple of years it takes about 40 minutes and then we are off to eat somewhere where the local buys the food in appreciation. The ditch is salted with "treasures" right before the pickup - so it is fun to find goodies as you help keep this road picturesque.

March 16 Business meeting in at Jesters in Downtown Hollister 7:00 PM March 19th thru 20th is a road trip to Oaklawn Horse Racing in Hot Springs Arkansas the Ed & Tam Danley are coordinating that and have the information for rooms and prices. Call 417-334-1207 (their business number) for all the details March 22 Local 15 will have a booth at the Spring Fling at the Oasis in Springfield. March 29th Local 30 is sponsoring a Food Harvest Ride in Nixa Be good neighbor and support their efforts. April 5th is Local 15's Spring Poker Run - be watching for more information as this event develops.

The Branson Rally held in May has made some BIG changes this year. Spectators can come and go as they want as it is FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE this year. Anyone wanting the pre-registration package deal for t-shirt, patch, goodie bag - that has been reduced. But for everyone else just showing who just want to check it out, hang out, be in the bike show, listen to the tunes, buy cool stuff - it is FREE admission!! There will be a \$5.00 bike parking option if you want to park down in the Rally area that is good for the whole weekend or you can park in the parking lots close by for FREE FREE and walk in for FREE this year.

Local 15 will do the Bike show and sponsor a couple of guided rides but we won't be working the gate because - no reason to - it is FREE. The Rally coordinators have more rides planned, more fun, some trick riding exhibitions, more booths - they want this event to grow so they are taking a whole new approach. We'll keep you informed as we get more information. Write at you next month later.. **Rose Atchley**
(wishing for warm wind in my face)

Local FINANCIALS

NOTICE To All Locals

As of 2-1-09

This is The Standing
On Financial Statements

Local	Last Report
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LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265

Hey all! Here's hoping that everyone out there has weathered the ice, snow and power outages. It's been a cold one and even travel on four wheels has been challenging for everyone. Spring is just around the corner and then we can all break out and enjoy some sunshine and warm weather. At this point anything above 20 is considered warm weather.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to our last meeting at Bill's in Behiele. And we would like to thank Bill Hotop for letting us have our meeting there. There were only a couple of changes in our officer positions. Sarah Trammel is now the Treasurer for Local 16 and Bill Wooten was elected as our new Local CC Rep. It's nice to see new faces in office and it is a great opportunity for them to dig a little deeper in to what FORR is all about. We would like to congratulate Martin King on his new position as a Corporate Vice Chairman for FORR. We all know he will do a great job!

Don't forget to put the Annual April Fool's Dance on your calendar and make plans to attend. The April Fool's Dance will be on April 4th at The Hideout in Biehle. The Hideout is at the Biehle exit off of I-55. The meeting will be at 7:00 and the dance begins at 9:00 pm. The Jimmy Lee Band will be playing.

The next meeting will be held on April 25th at Bully's in Jackson. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and then the May meeting will be on May 23rd at the home of Bill Wooten. This meeting will start at 6:00, please call for directions.

All of us at Local 16 would like to let Butch Campbell know that we are all thinking of him. There will be a benefit held for him in February that this letter will now make the Freedom Press before hand, but we hope that everyone will make it out there and do what they can to help him out. Butch has always been there for the rest of us in the past.

I am sure I am running out of space with this news letter, so I will cut it off now. In the future you will all see more pictures of our events in the Freedom Press, so be sure to smile when someone turns the camera on you! Everyone take care and soon we will all be out and about enjoy what we love most....our freedom of the road.

Until next month...*Bene*

LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Los Portales. 1036 W. Sunshine.

Contact: 417-863-9577 or 417-443-9002

I hope everyone had an enjoyable time at Leather & Lace.

I want to give a Big Local 18 Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Rose & Sparky for your support in the newsletter. Even with the economy down we still had tremendous support from our local businesses and without them we couldn't have Leather & Lace. So remember our supporters and support their businesses.

The next event that our Local is working on is the 2009 Motorcycle Awareness Ride.

We are working with other riding groups in our area to put this ride together.

Larry Tuck has brought together representatives from the American Legion Riders, ANPAC, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), BMW Road Riders, Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, FORR Local 18, FORR Local 30, Gold Wing Touring Association, HOG, Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks and Women on Wheels. This year's ride will be on Sunday April 19th. This is a FREE ride, everyone is welcome and we will have some "CAN YOU SEE ME NOW" t-shirts for the riders. More detail as they become available.

The next Capitol Crusaders Day will be March 10th. Meet at the Applebee's Restaurant corner of Glenstone & Kearney 0600, we will carpool or if the weather permits maybe some of us can even ride our bikes.

Local 30 is having a Benefit Motorcycle Ride on March 29th. Starting point is the Wal-Mart in Nixa.

Sign up 1100 to 1245. All proceeds go for "Food for Thought" After School Lunch Program.

If you want to enter your bike in The Rock'n Ribs Motorcycle Show April 18th, better not delay, each category will have a limited number of spaces available and registrations will be sorted by receipt date.

You can download a copy of the registration from at www.ozarkmtnhog.com and click on the community calendar link and go to April 18th.

I hear that there is another bike show March 7th at The Roadhouse Cycles and Saloon but I can't find any information on the web so you might have to drop by and check it out in person.

ZZ jmckzz@hotmail.com 417-569-4675



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 6:30p.m. Shrine Club

Contact: President, Chuck Parks 660-766-2374 or Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Hey all; What a month of January with the Freeze Your Buns Run and then all of our old and new friends coming to town for the 24 Annual Auction and Party at the local Shrine Club. Thanks to the Shriners for good food and drinks. Also thanks to our professional Auctioneers that really made the night go very smoothly and I might say profitable. Bobby even made a trip back from Oklahoma to help with the Auctioneering. Oh, I can't forget to thank the models both gals and guy.

Raders Biker Ball was the next big event on the calendar in Feb. Hope it was as good as last years.

Safety crew members are getting their selfs ready for the Sping Expo at the NEMO FairGrounds on March 28th. They put in a lot of work and it really shows and the public loves it.

Sally Rally 2009 is set for May 29 thru May 31st at the NEMO Fair Grounds in Kirksville. Check out the Flier at www.forr19.com as well as our other happenings.

We did decide at the last meeting to move our meetings to the last Saturday evening of the month so we can keep the information in the newsletter as current as possible.

Brenda Sewell won the drawing at the last meeting and donated it back to the local. THANKS!

It's now March and the Winter has too be getting closer to being over doesn't it?

Keep warm from what was once called Little Siberia,

TANKER

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

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

Hello from Local 20 the Boot heel of Missouri. We had our Jan. meeting and set date's for our 2009 Event's, and here they are. April 25' The Dart Run' May 22'nd through 24'th Bike Show and Rodeo' October 3'rd Casino Run.

Would like to thank the member's that make our monthly meeting's and would like to see some of the member's that don't show up it is painless and doesn't take that much time out of your life and the meeting's are once a month the last Sunday at 1 pm at the Eagles in Dexter. What have you got to lose making the meetings oh maybe the HELMET LAW but if you the ones that can' show up at the monthly meeting's don't care and want to maybe help the Local out at our Event's then so be it.

If you need more info on the 09 Event's you can call 573 293 4754. Hope to see you at our next meeting last Sunday in Feb. @ 1 pm Dexter, Eagles hwy. 25 North. until we meet again later. Keep it in the wind and FREE,

Darrell

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzzer Magee's
108 S. Maple street, in Eldon, MO
Contact: Dan at 314-941-8989**

Hey Local #21! A New Year with new officers!
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For 2009 They are:

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 Treasurer: Steve Bartos
 Secretary: John Christensen
 CC Rep: Tommy Shauck

We want to give a shout out to all members, that after our March 15th meeting at Buzzer McGee's in Eldon, weather permitting, we hope to take a short victory ride! So shine up your ride and join us for a Sunday run!

Remember as spring fever approaches...it's amazing how slippery small furry creatures can be!

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main

St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo.

Contact: 636-299-1032

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7p.m. (Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Kiss kiss and huggy, huggy to everyone for Valentines day!

OLD NEWS: We had a nice Christmas/New Years party Jan. 10th with approximately 60 people attending.

We honored Mike Pitzenberger for being a 20 year charter member! Congratulations Mike!

We also gave away about 40 nice door prizes, thanks to donations from: Kathy and Lewis Rice, Mike and Linda Pitzenberger, Energizer (Milt Sovereign), St. Joe Harley Davidson (Roy Brown), Ed and Jeanine Montgomery, Reta and Steve Moore, and Roy Brown. Thanks to Roy Brown, Ed Montgomery, Collette and Pat Null, Sandy and Rob Wilson, Linda Pitzenberger, Sandy Jones, Kathy Rice, Bob Phillips, Milt Sovereign, and Ashley (for her natural entertaining spirit) who helped organize it and make it a success.

A special thank you to Rick Wilson who DJ'd for the party, he did a great job and to the EAGLE's auxillary women who prepared the meal, it was very good also! Also to the M.C's Ed, Roy and Lewis, they did a great job too! It was a good time!

NEW NEWS: Upcoming events are:

Feb 17th Pot Luck and Safety meeting at Movie Magic starting at 6:30pm, Capital Crusader Days at the Capital.

March 10th: Capital Crusader Days, Pot Luck and Safety Meeting at Movie Magic @ 6:30

April 7th: Eat N' Ride, Location TBA at the Feb. 17th meeting

April 14th: Capital Crusader Days, Eat N' Ride TBA

The Safety meetings after the Pot Lucks are going to be very informative with Videos. One of the videos is on the "Dragontail" and gives tips on handling those type of hairpin curves safely.

We will also be discussing financial matters and taking suggestions for week-end rides. Yes, we're going to try it again this year.

Hopefully, we can do at least one week-end ride with a group. So even if you don't have time to bring something to the pot luck, still come, there is always plenty to eat and we NEED YOU to make Local 26 a success.

Everyones input is needed and appreciated. Also, invite a potential member to come along.

We are always wanting more members. FYI, we did a survey at the Holiday Party and the average age of our members is 54. So we could use some younger members to help with the average.

So get your kids or grandkids a bike and a safety course for their birthdays with the contingency that they have to be active members in Local 26. Hehe.

Get your bikes checked out and tuned up and ready for the road, riding weather is almost here!!! Yea!

On a side note, I just got an AWESOME video email that I want to share. Go to: www.bornagainamerican.org

God Bless America and YOU!!

Jeanine



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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's
 1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079
Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or
 V.P. Jim Poe 417-276-6370

Hello to all my brothers and sisters! Hope this finds you well. I have a correction to make from last month's letter: I had stated Rebel Dines made a donation in the name of the AmVets; Rebel was very generous and the contribution was made representing the Vietnam Vets MC (sorry Rebel?) On to the good stuff, as promised we are hard at work trying to get our calendar in place so ya'll can keep up with what we're doing, but don't have permanent dates to give up as of now (it's coming, though, promise?)

Local 27 had a BLAST at their first annual Winter Party (check out pictures to follow)...wish I was there? Waiting on official forms to be approved before we start on our strip of highway we adopted through Roscoe. We had LOTS of treats and whatnots to ship off to our troops (got a picture of them hard at work); great job, guys! Local 27 is doing their very best to support the Queens family; tragedy hit this household and lost everything to a house fire, including their 2-year old daughter, Raina. Our deepest condolences to the family. For now, I will let ya'll go; hope to see more people out at The Capitol Crusader Days. We all should be so proud that our voices are heard, but they are only heard if we all participate in our legislative agenda promoting the goals that FORR has come to symbolize. Be safe, have fun, be free!

Katherine

**(See pictures to the right)*



LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: 573-528-6409 or 573-774-3596

Local 28

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Hopefully by the time you read this it will have warmed up and we are back to riding again. The Valentines Party will have come and gone and we are all preparing for spring riding. I know I have cabin fever and can't wait to get the Geezer Glide out of its cave.

So lets talk about rides. We need to get back to basics in this local, and that is just riding because its fun. We have plenty of organized rides lined up, but we need to restart the local fun run. This does not need to be organized by any Local officer, anyone who has a great place to go and just let everyone know where to meet if they want to go. If you don't have the locals email addresses, contact the President, and he can get the word out. We used to have fun runs every month, and everyone really liked them. We need to bring those back. So anytime you are going to go for a ride one weekend, say to Springfield, do a shout out, maybe others would like to ride with. There are safety in numbers, and more fun when more people are there to share the ride.

The Local web (local28forr.com) site is all set up for the year 2009, so if you want a flyer, or need to check out the calendar, it is all there. I have even updated the local picture file. If you have any photos of the local, or





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any of our rallies, please send them to me at postmaster@local28forr.com and if appropriate, I will post them. No nudes please, we want this site to be available to everyone.

The Freedom Rally Committee needs your help in selling ads for the rally program. These ads pay for the cost of the trophies and the program, and since the local is right here, we really need to fill it up with ads from all the local businesses. If you do sell one, contact me as soon as possible. The deadline for this is April, so I can create and print the program.

In closing, I hope everyone has survived these economic times well, and can't wait to see everyone up on two wheels. Please remember why you joined FORR and continue to support the local in any way possible. Every little bit helps. Meetings and parties are important, but it is what you do between the meetings that counts even more.

Keep it vertical, shiny side up **Taz, Local 28**

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LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.

Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Brent DeFord 816-695-6592 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

PAST: Local 29 has a current roster of 113 members. There were 32 members present at the January Meeting. Thank you all for attending! **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Local 29 donated to the John Newberry Fundraiser. The Bowl-A-Rama is on February 8th with sign-ins at 11am. Russell Felts received special attention at our meeting; He was presented with Lifetime Member Recognition Award, the second L29 member to receive this special recognition; his family surprised him with their attendance and there was cake, too! Russell (as CC Rep) discussed several Bills of Interest, the Proposed By-Law Change, the debate about Homecoming, and presented officers with CC Awards: FEW Seminar Contribution, Newsletter Editor, Return of Financials, Yearly Contribution, Timely Return of Rosters, and CC Representation. Supporter Pins are in, just ask Ronda (Product Line) for yours. Ann Dodson was voted in to fill our District 4 Legislative Representative position. The most memorable thing to mention, however, are our member awards: Ronda Felts, LeRoy Coe, and Steve Williams all received Outstanding Member for 2008 Patches, and Russell Felts received 2008 Member of the Year. A membership incentive of \$10 would have went to Norb Wiederholt had he been present to win (February's incentive will be \$20). LA Ross won the attendance incentive of \$26.

PRESENT: I'd like to remind the following members that their membership is due to expire in March: Gary Ellison, Don Jackson, Kurt Jackson, Carl Laber, Bob Neal, Jennifer Pence, Tony, Smith, Beryl Speiser. I'd like to acknowledge all the March Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too, including, but not limited to, Nancy DeMoss (3/5), Vinetta Garnett (3/10), Ed Hays (3/16), Tony Smith (3/19), Steve Williams (3/19), Beth Garrison (3/22), and Boyd McCutchen (3/28)...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: It's Bike Show Time! The Kearney Bike Show is on March 29th during the "Tuff-E-Nuff Weekend". The weekend begins with ABATE of KS District 5's Swap Meet on Saturday morning, moves on to HD-ERA's Cabin Fever Bash in NKC Saturday evening, and ends in Kearney at



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the Bike Show. Attend all three and you are entered for a chance to win \$150 cash. The last bike show planning meetings are on the 6th and the 20th, at 7pm in Kearney. Capitol Crusader's Day is 3/10, as is the District meeting. The Run for the Wall and BWAM's planning meetings are on the 14th. The March Local Business Meeting is scheduled for the 15th. The Dinner Run is on March 19th at O'Charley's in Liberty off of 152HWY at 7pm.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings, where the Rides Rule and the Riders Reign! "Talk to ya" next month,

NeQuelle

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Mulligans in Ozark

Contact: Pops at moore1031@sbcglobal.net or call 417-881-2795

What's up Local 30 affiliates? Not much here, just trying to get ready for the next season. It's coming faster than you think! With spring almost here we have a lot of shows and rides coming up and I hope to see most of you attend.

March 7th 104.7 will be hosting a bike show at the Roadhouse on S. Campbell. Sign-in for the show will begin at 10 a.m. and the show will run from 12-4 p.m. There will be a \$5 spectator fee and \$20 for show entries. If you are showing you won't have to pay the \$5 fee.

March 22nd Spring Fling and Bike Show at the Oasis Convention Center. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. I'm not sure what time it is over so if you plan on participating get there at 10! General admission will be \$10 and show fee will be \$20, again if your showing you won't have to pay the general admission. There will be plenty of vendors for you to check out, should be a good time.

March 29th Food For Thought Benefit Ride. We will be meeting at Wal-Mart in Nixa. Sign in will be from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. and then we will leave promptly. We will ride roughly 80 miles through the country side with a gas stop about half way, there we will meet up with our friends from Local 15, and continue on to Mulligans in Ozark. This will be our 3rd annual and we would like to see a lot of support from our local, since we are hosting this event. Hope to see you there.

April 18th Rock-N-Ribs barbecue and bike show at Bass Pro Shops. The bike show I think is preregistration only. If you are showing be there at 9 a.m. sharp to get your place. We will have a booth for our local to recruit new members. Also We will be parking bikes and what not so if you would like to help with that it would be appreciated.

April 19th Motorcycle Awareness Ride. I will have more info. on that later.

That's all I have for events this month, it looks like we'll have plenty to do. Also If anyone has ideas for a ride please get a hold of Sam and let him know. The sooner he finds out the smoother organizing and riding will be. For a final thought; this year as a whole let's try and be a little more community involved. Go on more local rides and attend more local events, while we are at it let's get to know some of our newer members and make them feel more welcome to become involved with us and what we do.

Until next month, Ride Hard, Ride Safe.

Hardcore

Contact info. e-mail four40chop@yahoo.com

LOCAL 35



13TH ANNUAL SPRING POKER RUN APRIL 26, 2009

RAIN DATE MAY 03, 2009

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LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

**Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Phelps Co.
Choppers 210 E 6th Street Rolla, MO
Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or
Debra John 573-762-3808**

Hey Gang,

By the time you receive this it should be almost March & I hope spring has almost sprung. That also means possibly some good riding weather. Don't forget to check those bikes over real good & don't forget when you service them to check those tires for weather cracks & the right air pressure. I've got a little leak on my old bike we've got to fix but, I'm anxious to ride my new trike. I've only rode it about 3 or 4 times. I love it!!

We had our Jan. meeting on Feb. 3rd since Jan. 27th was so icy. Had a pretty good turnout. Our president was under the weather so, our vice took over. Good job, Deb! Hope you are feeling better Brian, we missed you.

If you have been wanting a 42" Flat screen TV here is your chance to maybe win one. Tickets are \$5.00 each & there was only 1000 tickets printed. This will be given away at the Mid-American Freedom Rally (May 22-25) as Grand prize. There are 5 other real nice prizes. You may purchase tickets from our vice-president Debbie (phone # above).

Please be patient with our web-master. Our web page is down temporarily but, it WILL be back!

EVENTS.....

Feb. 24th Next meeting

Feb. 27th - Mar. 8th Bike Week, Daytona

Till next time this is **"Kickstand"** saying "Ride Safe!"

LOCAL 32 - BOOTHEEL

**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m.
The Vikings Club, 805 Bypass, Kennett, Mo.
Contact: 573-695-1785**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Local 32 had an abbreviated meeting this month due to an ice storm with major power outages. No significant new business was discussed.

In the midst of a severe winter storm, with many homes cold and dark, I am reminded of the fragility of life as we know it. Without fuel there is no long summer ride on the bike. Without electricity there is no concert at the overnight bike rally. Without law enforcement there is only the rule of the strong. Without friends and family support the chances of comfort in times of need are small.

This crisis will have past by the time these words are published, but their truth will endure as it has since the beginning of time. *(Continued on page 28)*

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

First, I would like to say hello to all my fellow Brothers and Sisters in F.O.R.R. Yes, I said Brothers and Sisters because I have always considered you as part of my extended Family.

I have never written to the Freedom Press before so bear with me. For the past couple of years I have seen a trend of our younger generations being excluded from our ranks. What are these you ask? Well, our Homecoming for one and now the Mid-America Freedom Rally.

We have always been an organization, which prides itself on fighting for our Freedoms and proclaiming Family as our strong backing. However, somewhere along the way we began losing our touch with Family. Starting with making our rallies unattendable by our younger Family members. Why this is important is because we are the ones who are guides, teachers, mentors and even heroes to these young people.

How are they supposed to learn respect, brotherhood and tolerance if we do not show them the way?

I am a veteran of the Navy serving from 1975 to 1979 and this will be my tenth year as a member of F.O.R.R if my conscience will let me.

Why am I saying this? One, I feel if I must exclude our younger family members, whom I served in the military to preserve our rights to live as we chose. Then we are denying ourselves what the Constitution has granted to us: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. We say we fight for our rights then deny ourselves of some of our rights, how hypocritical are we?

If I must choose, then I will choose my family over attending something I can no longer believe in with good conscience or support.

My name is Allen Miller. Some of you know me many may not. I am a member of Local 33 and served proudly on the Freedom Rally Committee for seven years. The Rally claims to honor veterans but now excludes their younger family members. I am sorry I do not feel honored when some of my rights that I helped protect have been laid to the side.

Truly losing our freedoms by our own hands is truly sorrowful. I wish to thank you for letting me speak my mind and hope I can remain in your ranks.

Sincerely,

**GMG3 Allen Miller
Member # 14691**

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Missouri Legislative Update Freedom of Road Riders Week 5 – February 5, 2009

The 2009 Missouri General Assembly was at full speed during the fifth week of the legislative session. Numerous committee hearings in both the House and Senate met throughout the week. The House of Representatives had vigorous floor debate on the Jobs Stimulus Bill, HB 191, sponsored by Rep. Flook.

On the Senate side the full Senate debated a resolution that would overturn a Senate tradition of not allowing computers or laptops on the desks of the senators on the Senate floor. Some of the younger senators felt that in this high tech age they should have access on the Senate floor to their computers and laptops. Some senators, on the other hand, felt that Senate tradition should outweigh this high tech age. Senate tradition won out.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is currently holding hearings in regard to the national stimulus package that is moving through Congress. Governor Jay Nixon is counting on hundreds of millions of federal aid coming from Washington, D.C. to help him balance the budget. The Senate is trying to get a handle on just how much money this may be and which departments it would be spent in. There is much concern from certain legislators that the economic stimulus package will provide only one-time money and, thus, would cause budget deficits in future years if the money was to be spent on ongoing state programs.

In regard to FORR legislation, SB 114, sponsored by Sen. Crowell, was heard in the Senate transportation Committee. This bill would allow courts using a centralized violation bureau to have the bureau order and verify completion of driver improvement programs for motorcycle/rider training courses. There has been some confusion regarding this bill as to what it actually does. After it was presented in committee, it became apparent it is really some cleanup legislation to make it easier and give drivers an option to utilize a driver-improvement program through the fine collection centers instead of going through the local courts.

I had the ability to visit with Sen. Crowell after the hearing and thanked him for explaining the bill in clearer terms. It appears he has a problem in Cape Girardeau County, where the local prosecutor will not negotiate violations in regard to speeding tickets. He is just trying to simplify this procedure for his constituents in his own county, although it will have implications throughout the state. Sen. Stouffer, chairman of the committee, also questioned the original intent of this bill, but after the hearing he expressed his support.

As you know, SB 27, sponsored by Sen. Ridgeway, which exempts persons 21 year of age or older from wearing protective headgear, was sent to the Senate General Laws Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Jack Goodman. Sen. Goodman as of yet has not scheduled a hearing for this bill and I am asking our locals to contact the other senators on this committee to ask for their support. The other senators on this committee are Sen. Scott Rupp, Sen. Dan Clemens, Sen. Delbert Scott, Sen. Carl Vogel, Sen. Ryan McKenna, and Sen. Yvonne Wilson I have also spoken to Sen. Stouffer about talking with Sen. Goodman on our behalf and he has agreed to do so. In regard to this same issue, Rep. Dusenberg also had a conversation with Sen. Charlie Shields about why the senator sent this bill to the General Laws Committee instead of the Transportation Committee. Sen. Shields assured Rep. Dusenberg that he did so because he felt the bill would have a better chance of coming out of the committee without damaging amendments. To date, Rep. Dusenberg's bill dealing with this same issue has yet to be referred to a committee. I have talked with Rep. Dusenberg and House leadership in an effort to get this bill referred and I might make the suggestion that some of our local affiliates in southwest Missouri contact Speaker Ron Richard of Joplin and ask him to refer this bill to committee as soon as possible.

Senate Bill 202, sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer, which is our comparative fault legislation, has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Small Business/Insurance/Industry, which is chaired by Sen. Scott Rupp, of St. Charles County. Sen. Schaefer has sent a letter requesting a hearing on this bill and that it be considered a consent bill. I would ask some of our locals in the St. Louis metropolitan area to contact Sen. Rupp and ask for his support and a quick hearing on this bill.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you need any additional information.

Legislative Calendar

2009 EVENTS

February

- 10 Kurt Schaefer Reception – Mortimer Kegley's – 5-6 p.m.
- 11 Doug Funderburk Reception – Madison's Café – 6:30 – 8p.m.
- 11 Eric Schmitt Reception – Madison's Café – 5-6p.m.
- 17 Peter Kinder Reception – Doubletree Hotel – 5-6 pm.
- 18 MO Chamber Day at the Capitol – Reception – Capital Plaza Hotel
- 18 Home Builders Assn. Reception – Bone's Banquet Rm. – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 18 MO Press Association Reception – Double Tree Hotel – 5:30-7:30p.m.
- 23 Allen Icet Reception – G2 Gallery – Jefferson City – 7-8:30 p.m.
- 24 David Day "Margaritaville" Reception – Jefferson City Country Club – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 25 MO Podiatric Assn. Reception – Bone's Banquet Rm. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 25 Chuck Gatschenberger Reception – Madison's Café – 6:30-8 p.m.
- 25 Mike Parson Reception - G2 Gallery – noon-1:30 p.m.

March

- 3 Mo Health Care Assn. Reception – Capital Plaza – 6-8 p.m.
- 3 Mo Health Care Assn. Texas Hold'em Tournament – Capital Plaza – 8-11 p.m.
- 4 Carpenter's Dist. Councils of KC/St. Louis Reception – Capital Plaza
- 9 Steve Tilley Reception – G2 Gallery – Jefferson City – 7-8:30 p.m.
- 12 Spring Break begins - Upon Adjournment
- 23 Spring Break ends – Session Reconvenes at 4pm

April

- 6 House Capitol Democrats Inner Circle Dinner & Auction & Dance – Eagles Club
- 13 Easter Break
- 14 Session Reconvenes – 2pm
- 20 Senate Wine Dinner – Eagles Club – upon adjournment
- 22 Mo Electric Cooperative's Fish Fry – South Lawn of Capitol

May

- 15 End of Session

June

- 16 Ron Richard Bowling – 4th Street Lanes - Joplin
- 17 Gary Nodler 7th Annual Golf – Eagle Creek –Downstream Resort – Joplin
- 24 Steve Tilley - Eagle Lake Country Club - Farmington
- 25 Ellen Brandom – Sikeston Country Club

July

- 15-18 ALEC – Hyatt Regency – Atlanta, Georgia
- 20-24 NCSL - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 20 MO Insurance Coalition PAC Tournament – Redfield - Eugene

August

- 13-23 Mo State Fair – Sedalia (Legislator's Day – August 20th)
- 24 Kenny Jones – Hail Ridge Golf Course – Boonville

September

- 16 Veto Session at Noon
- 18 Billy Pat Wright – Hidden Trails Country Club - Dexter

October

- 2 Kevin Engler Golf – St. Francis Country Club
- 3 Jack Goodman/Marilyn Ruestman - Sho-Me Shootout – Claythorne Lodge



Local News

We are interdependent, the lone wolf is not truly alone for long before he is a dead wolf.

Stand by your bothers and sisters. Ride when you can. If we don't stay strong together there may come a time when we can do neither.

ACE

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

For newsletter input Contact: Marti Walbom 660-563-0494

I don't like to wish my life away, but I believe that you all agree with me when I wish winter was over. I'm ready for some warm sunny days with a breeze upon my face and two wheels beneath me. We can turn up the heat a bit on February 28th at Am Vets for the Chili Cookoff and nine ball tournament. Nine ball tournament begins at 4:30pm and chili cookoff at 6:00pm. Coming up around the first week in March is the KMOS Fundraiser. If you are interested in participating in this event contact Doug or Sam for details.

Freedom Rally Committee meeting is February 21st, 1:00pm at Am Vets. This meeting is open to all Local 33 members who are interested in attending.

Be safe and have a good month.

Marti

LOCAL 34 - POPLAR BLUFF

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6 p.m. Leathers By Fish 1413 Walnut St. Doniphan, MO

Contact: 573-996-2229 (Day) or 573-85-2406 (Night) e-mail: leatherbyfish@windstream.net

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 5 p.m. The Pit Stop Pub Sports Bar in Clinton, MO

Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589 or (Day) 660-885-5741

By the time you read this, February 14th will be gone. I just hope no one forgot her/him on this day of love. Local 35, if you did not receive or read the local news letter and to the rest of FORR®, We have made some major changes within the local. 1st we voted to change the date, time & location of our meetings. We now meet on the FIRST SATURDAY of the month at 5:00PM at the Pit Stop Pub, which is located at 110 N Main St. in Clinton. 2nd we changed the DATE & LOCATION of Local 35's SIZZLER RALLY. The Sizzler originally started in Urich, MO, so we are going back for the 10th Annual. The new location is at the intersection of 7 Hwy and B Hwy in Urich. In order to acquire the camp ground we had to change the date to the 3rd weekend of June. We realize this is the same weekend as Local 8's Spring Fling, but we believe we're far enough apart not to hurt each other. There is some advantage moving to the Cedar Hill Amphitheatre. They have a great stage and beer garden on the grounds. We also will have plenty of parking for all the 4 wheelers that come. The location is easier to find than Bo's Never Mind Campground. It is 54 miles closer to Kansas City.

Now, down to the main purpose of FORR®, protecting our rights. I still can't believe that again this year, they have filed a Bill to take away a PARENTS rights to raise their children. The Representative from Sedalia, Stanley Cox, has presented HB175 that will take away a parents rights. It states, a person under the age of 10 cannot ride, even as a passenger, on a motorcycle. Has this country sunken so low, to even consider something like this? Stop and think, we are a minority, so it might be easy to get this passed. Then, just like with the helmet law, a few years later they go a little farther. We need to bring this to the attention of the general public, NOW. My younger grandchildren are mad about this possibility. A ride with grandpa is a reward for good grades, keeping their rooms clean, etc.

I hope, by the time you read this, our Bills are out of committee. As I was writing this, an E-mail came in from Breed, about the slow movement from the Senate committee.

Local 35 needs more people to go with Randy and me to Jefferson City for Crusaders Days.

Ride safe and Never give up the fight for your Freedom.

Bob



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Local News

LOCAL 40 - BETHANY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m. (Location varies)

Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

How's everyone dealing with the cold. I'm trying but I just can't. I'm ready for riding and going to rallies. Don't know how many I'll get to go to, but we have the DISTRICT RALLY coming up on MAY 15th-17th at PONY EXPRESS CAMPGROUNDS in MAYSVILLE. My bikes already packed.

PROCLAMATION RUN is on APRIL 25th starting in MARYVILLE. We can leave from here or they have rooms available for Friday nite. Let me know what you want to do. APRIL 28th is the memorial ride for Mike Sloan in Jefferson City. I'll be leaving Bethany on the 27th at about 1:00. I know it's going to be warmer this year. It's going to be 54 and cloudy just like me. If you can make this ride you will never forget it. This could be the year that sees us turn our helmets into flower pots. Check out the FORR webpage for all your updates. That's www.forr.net. You can even renew your membership on this website. Mary and I have been stuck in the house because of the cold for so long we're starting to talk to each other. Man I can't wait for riding weather. Hope to see everyone in the wind this year. This is a good time to check out those scooters so they'll be ready for takeoff.

PEACE and LOVE **STEMS**

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.

(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information)

Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037

Hello everyone, I really do not have alot to tell right now. We are getting ready to go to the meeting.

Thanks to Erin and Chip for letting us have the meeting at their place we do appreciate it!! Also a BIG thanks to those that helped at the fallen Soldiers funeral, it was very much appreciated!

We have the Proclamation run coming up, then the District Party. We got our District Party Flyer in this issue. Thanks to Louise for all her help! Don't forget to mark your calendars.

I am assuming the next meeting will be back at Breadeax Pizza in Cameron on the First Thursday of the month at 7pm. Call to be sure or watch for your post cards. Sorry so short! Until next time ride safe and Free!

Angie - 816-449-2707
or email sagallus2@yahoo.com

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. Roadhouse

100 in Gray Summit, Mo.

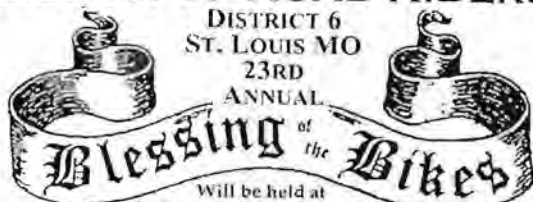
Contact: President - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Hopefully all the snow is gone by now. Our January meeting was held on January 25, 2009 and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

We had a large group in attendance. Larry Bivens won the attendance prize. Members who worked both days of the Toy Run Recollection were recognized at the January meeting. Each received a new Super Doobie

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Local News

Patch – they were Daryl Buscher, Myra Davis, Alma Halbert, George Halbert, Heather Halbert, David Haley, Georgia Haley, Bob Miller, Sam McDaniel, Perry Sneed, Jason Stulce, Dan Whitt, Ronda Whitt, Cindy York, and Keifer York. Also recognized were the previous officers for all their hard work during the past years – Bill Lynn, Al Viehmann, Gina Casey, and Mel Moss. Debbie Mitchell and LaDonna Miller also each received a patch in appreciation for their support.

Rick discussed holding a Motorcycle Awareness Day for Franklin County. This event would be a combined effort of FORR, CMA, Bourbeuse Valley and JW Cycles – free to the public – to get the community aware of motorcyclists. Tentative date: May 3rd. at the Union Fairgrounds – more information to follow.

Leather & Lace Tickets are now available – they are going fast – Tickets can be purchased for \$15 from Roadhouse 100, Gray Summit or Larry's Tavern in Wildwood or see another member.

Bike Blessing is set for Sunday, April 5th – a ride will be leaving the Roadhouse 100. Flyers will be available soon. Our March meeting date has been changed due to the Leather & Lace event. The date will be Sunday, March 22 at 1 pm – Pacific Eagles Meeting Room.

Dates to remember:

March 10, 2009 - Crusader Day – at the Capital in Jefferson City

March 22, 2009 – Local 42 monthly meeting at 1 pm

March 28, 2009 – Leather & Lace Dance – Pacific Eagles Hall – Tickets are available. Tickets are now \$15.00.

April 5, 2009 - Bike Blessing – Jack's Iron House, Bridgeton, MO. Ride will be leaving Roadhouse 100 – sign in starts at 11:00 am

April 14, 2009 - Crusader Day – at the Capital in Jefferson City

April 28, 2009 – M.A.Y. Rally (Mike Sloan Memorial Rally)

May 3, 2009 – May Rally in the Park – Motorcycle Awareness for Franklin County

Next meeting will be on Sunday, February 22 2009 at 1:00 pm. at Pacific Eagles Meeting Room. Hope to see you there. Take care, **Alma**

LOCAL 44 - CALIFORNIA

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

Contact: Karl 573-796-0245 or David 573-642-1002

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Location Varies

Contact: Deb 816-868-9369 or Tina 816-289-6408

Hello Ladies and Gents!

We had a good meeting on Feb. 1 (Super bowl night, congrats Steeler fans!) at Mike and Mo Horner's house. Our next meeting will be at Deb's on March 1st. We would love to see some other locals, and state officers come and join us. Our CC Representative, Gary Maddox, brought to the local, the question of whether or not we should have a Mr. and Mrs. Homecoming or tattoo competition at the State's Homecoming. Local 46 insists on having both, so that everyone including those without tattoos may participate.

The Local presented Dennis "Big D" Stevenson and Kevin Olver with Appreciation plaques and medals for their continued dedication to the local. From the beginning these two have held steady and fought for this local to survive. THANK YOU to both of you for hanging tough, you deserve a break.

We are having our first Bunny Run on April 5, 2009. Sign in is from 11:30 am -1:00 pm at One Eyed Jacks at Brighton and Parvin Rd in the Northland. We will be running a new route that will include our newly adopted stretch of highway and the scenic Missouri River and finally end at a Mexican BBQ place in Oak Grove, MO where we will have prizes and then our monthly meeting. Donation is \$10.00 with each additional scorecard \$5.00. Come on out and hop on down the Bunny Trail with us!!! Contact Deb for more information at 816-868-9369. Watch next month's Freedom Press for our advertisement.

Everyone is invited to The 7th Sort of Annual Chili Fest and Biker Reunion!: hosted by Rod and Tina Allen at 4600 Hawthorne Ave, KC, MO. Call 816*358*4728, 816*289*6408, or 816*289*6409 for more info.

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE SAFE AND IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO DRINK, BE SMART AND GET A CAB. MANY CITIES OFFER FREE CAB RIDES THAT DAY.

Megan Maddox, Member 30092



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Attention Missouri Motorcyclists!

A number of bills of interest to motorcyclists have been introduced in the Missouri General Assembly.

House Bill 114, sponsored by Rep. Sally Faith (R-St. Charles), would require every applicant for a motorcycle license or endorsement to show proof of successful completion of a motorcycle training course. [AMA OPPOSES this bill]

House Bill 165, sponsored by Rep. Gary Dusenbery (R-Blue Springs), would permit adult motorcycle operators and passengers 21 years of age and older to make their own decision regarding helmet use. [AMA SUPPORTS this bill]

House Bill 175, sponsored by Rep. Stanley Cox (R-Sedalia), would prohibit motorcycle passengers 10 years of age or younger. If you believe parents and guardians, not the government, are best equipped to decide at what age their children are ready to safely ride on a motorcycle, you should oppose this bill. [AMA OPPOSES this bill]

Senate Bill 27, sponsored by Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville), would permit adult motorcycle operators and passengers 21 years of age and older to make their own decision regarding helmet use on all roadways except interstate highways. [AMA SUPPORTS this bill]

Senate Bill 202, sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Jefferson City), would prohibit claims of comparative negligence and the assignment of a percentage of fault in insurance claims cases based on the sole fact the party involved was operating a motorcycle in an otherwise legal manner. [AMA SUPPORTS this bill]
You can check the status and read the text of these bills at <http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx>.

Use the AMA "Issues and Legislation" area at <http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisln/rapidresponse.asp> to learn who your elected officials are, then contact them to make your concerns known about the legislation above. Click on the "StateWatch" link to stay informed of legislation that could impact your right to ride. By entering your Zip +4 Code in the box provided, you're just a few steps away from the contact information you need. Make a call, send a letter or email message, and/or visit your elected officials so they know your ride, you vote, and you care.

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<u>HB 41</u>	<u>Sater</u>	Imposes a 90-day license suspension for any intermediate driver's licensee who accumulates six or more points in a 12-month period or is convicted of exceeding the speed limit by 26 or more miles per hour. Bill History: 12-01-08 H Filed 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time
<u>HB 114</u>	<u>Faith</u>	Requires every applicant for a motorcycle license or endorsement to show proof that he or she has successfully completed a motorcycle training course. Bill History: 12-15-08 H Filed 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time
<u>HB 161</u>	<u>McGhee</u>	Creates the Missouri State Highway Patrol Fuel Fund and imposes a \$5 surcharge on certain traffic offense cases to provide funding for fleet vehicle fuel costs of the patrol. Bill History: 12-22-08 H Filed 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time
<u>HB 165</u>	<u>Dusenberg</u>	Requires only persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle. Bill History: 12-22-08 H Filed 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time
<u>HB 175</u>	<u>Cox</u>	Prohibits persons from operating a motorcycle or motortricycle while carrying a passenger 10 years of age or younger. Bill History: 12-23-08 H Filed 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time

<u>HB 179</u>	<u>Stevenson</u>	Establishes a procedure allowing automobile repair businesses to sell certain vehicles that have been abandoned by the owner at the repair shop.
Bill History: 01-07-09 H Read first time 01-08-09 H Read second time 01-22-09 H Referred to House Committee on House-Small Business		
<u>HB 253</u>	<u>Davis</u>	Allows motorcycle headlamps to be wired to modulate either the upper beam or lower beam from its maximum intensity to lesser intensity and establishes modulation standards.
Bill History: 01-13-09 H Introduced and read first time 01-14-09 H Read second time 01-22-09 H Referred to House Committee on House-Transportation		
<u>HB 254</u>	<u>Davis</u>	Establishes an affirmative defense for motorcycle riders who enter or cross an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal against a red light under certain circumstances.
Bill History: 01-13-09 H Introduced and read first time 01-14-09 H Read second time 01-22-09 H Referred to House Committee on House-Crime Prevention		
<u>HB 281</u>	<u>Weter</u>	Changes the laws regarding motor vehicle dealerships as they relate to manufacturer-authorized warranty work and repair when a dealership is discontinued.
Bill History: 01-22-09 H Referred to House Committee on House-Transportation 02-03-09 H Meeting set for 12:00 PM, HR 7 House-Transportation 02-03-09 H Public hearing completed		
<u>HB 438</u>	<u>Roorda</u>	Creates the crime of motorcycle stunt driving.
Bill History: 01-27-09 H Introduced and read first time 01-28-09 H Read second time		
<u>HB 486</u>	<u>Pratt</u>	Prohibits insurers from assigning a percentage of fault to a party based solely upon the fact that the party was operating a motorcycle in an otherwise legal manner.
Bill History: 01-29-09 H Introduced and read first time 02-02-09 H Read second time		
<u>SB 27</u>	<u>Ridgeway</u>	Exempts persons 21 years of age or older from wearing protective headgear except when operating or riding motorcycles upon interstate highways.
Bill History: 01-07-09 S Read first time 01-22-09 S Read second time 01-22-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-General Laws		
<u>SB 30</u>	<u>Stouffer</u>	Requires certain motorists who have had their driver's licenses suspended or revoked to display restricted license plates.
Bill History: 01-07-09 S Read first time		

01-22-09 S Read second time
01-22-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Transportation

SB 58 Stouffer Modifies several provisions of law relating to the regulation of motor vehicles.

Bill History: 01-22-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Transportation
02-04-09 S Meeting set for 9:00 AM, SCR 1 Senate-Transportation
02-04-09 S Hearing conducted

SB 114 Crowell Allows courts using a centralized violation bureau to have the bureau order and verify completion of driver improvement programs or motorcycle-rider training courses.

Bill History: 01-22-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Transportation
02-04-09 S Meeting set for 9:00 AM, SCR 1 Senate-Transportation
02-04-09 S Hearing conducted

SB 202 Schaefer Provides that operating a motorcycle, in and of itself, shall not be considered evidence of comparative negligence and prohibits claims adjusters from assigning fault to a party simply because the party was operating a motorcycle in an otherwise

Bill History: 01-14-09 S Introduced and read first time
01-27-09 S Read second time
01-27-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Small Bus./Insurance/Industry

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Connections

FORR DISTRICT 1

Are you all as sick of this cold weather as I am. The good news is our 6th ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS BLACK TOP RALLY is almost here!!!!

MAY 15 thru 17 at PONY EXPRESS CAMP GROUND. Look for flyer in this months newsletter. There will be BIKE DRAGS at the Osborn U.S.36 Raceway.

Time trials start at 10a.m. E.T. Eliminations. At the campground gates open at 6p.m. Friday May 15th. DJ Friday nite and maybe some surprises. Must be present to win. After the bike drags back at the campgrounds Bike Games will be at 5p.m. and the band BLUE 88 will start at 9p.m. All this and much more for one low price of \$20.00 which includes camping. If you can't hang you can come in after 7p.m. for the band only for one low price of \$10.00 and no camping. This rally just keeps getting better every year. We have one of the best M.C's in the state. Of course that is my opinion. You'll just have to come and find out for yourself. Even if you don't think so you'll still enjoy the ride. Proclamation Run is coming together. April 25th will be our Proclamation Run which will start in Maryville this year. For those that want to go up on Friday nite rooms will be available. I heard they got a new Johnny Lawman that is not biker friendly. To find out more on this come to a district meeting the 2nd Friday of the month at Bredeaux Pizza in Cameron at 7:00, or call Steve Gallus at (816)-449-5037 and he will help you out.

PEACE and LOVE **STEMS**

(This Article was taken from The MRF Reports, January/February 2009 edition and written by Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, MRF President), entitled:

IF NOT US, WHO THEN

I feed on a steady diet of reading material, daily in fact, and as you would expect this valuable thing spent is on subject matter heavily peppered with freedom related discussions and the perseverance and passion it demands to maintain them. Most recently my attention focused on a paragraph in an article that discussed how dramatically things seem to be changing and how much of that change is not for the better, especially for those of us who hold on to a particular way of life such as our Freedom of the Road. Reasons given for the idea that this change is not for the better were too many outside interests and political agendas are now involved. And it went on to say that these changes don't seem to have anything to do with common sense or reality and that something is really amiss when policies are dictated by people who never set foot outside an office and certainly don't participate in what they are trying to change, sound familiar? Sure did to me. On a positive note, the

article closed by saying that strong people will always find a way to carry on because of the importance of their way of life and that we simply cannot let our ways die out. The very next day I honed in on an article that began by asking the reader a simple question. Why shouldn't I be able to make my own decisions to enjoy freedoms I currently have and ultimately continue to have the ability to enjoy them and, if necessary, defend those very freedoms and way of life? It went on to further question why should we even have to ask for our freedoms in a country that has invested so much in our history to earn them and ended with another piercing question: Why are we allowing them to be taken at all?

So as I pondered these thought provoking articles, I ran across a quote that summed it up perfectly. "I've come to believe that too many citizens are more interested in a couch to sit on than American principles to stand on". The author closed by stating he figured that our Founding Fathers would have done something about it and so should we.

The incoming administration has made statements to the effect that funds could be withdrawn from states that do not comply with policy. That this could (and has) come to be is nothing new to those of us in the motorcyclists rights movement. Many have lived through and fought off helmet laws borne out of such action. It is no more than federal blackmail and I, for one, do not like the tone this sets.

So, I too figure now is the time to stand up for our principles, join in with your fellow State Motorcycle Rights Activists and with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and do so.

If not us, who then?

Submitted by James Duyck, MRF Missouri State Rep

ANNOUNCING BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY NEW FOR 2009!

Join the MRF and Rights Groups From Around the Country At the US Capitol Complex In Asking Congress To Preserve Funding for Motorcycle Awareness and Rider Education Programs (2010 Funds)
Ride to Washington DC This Year
Motorcyclists' Lobby Day
Bring Your Bikes Inside The Capitol Grounds
May 2009
(exact date pending 111th Congressional Scheduling)
Tell Congress To Resist Helmet Law Blackmail Provisions In The TEA Bill
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MARCH

- 10 FORR, Inc. Capitol Crusaders Days 800-309-7433
- 8 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
- 21 L-32 Bootheel Dice Run 573-752-1197
- 28 L-12 Glasgow Steve McQueen Days 660-833-5117
- 28 L-42 Franklin Co. Leather & Lace Dance 314-401-9119
- 29 L-29 North KC Kearney Bike Show 816-630-0325
- 29 L-30 Nixa Food for thought MC Ride 417-881-2795

APRIL

- 4 L-33 Hwy 50 West April Fools Poker Run 660-233-3949
- 5 FORR District 6 Blessing of the Bikes 314-434-2282
- 14 FORR, Inc. Capitol Crusaders Days 800-309-7433
- 18 L-10 Jefferson City Blessing of the bikes 573-694-1201
- 26 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes MC Swap Meet 417-334-0775
- 26 L-35 Golden Valley Spring Poker Run 660-694-3589

MAY

- 2 L-33 Hwy 50 West Thunder Run 660-233-3949
- 5 & 12 FORR, Inc. Capitol Crusaders Days 800-309-7433
- 10 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
- 14-17 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes Branson MC Rally 417-334-0775
- 15-17 FORR District 1 MC Awareness Rally 816-580-3424
- 16 L-5 South KC 4th Annual Bike Show 816-353-4763

JULY

- 12 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
- 18 L-33 Hwy 50 West Poker Run 660-233-3949

SEPTEMBER

- 13 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
- 20 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes MC Show & Swap Meet 417-334-0775

NOVEMBER

- 8 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433

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