



**Let's thank our 2014-2015 Corporate Officers  
for all of their hard work.**



**And welcome our  
2016-2017 Corporate Officers**



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# 2016 FORR® Ever Working SEMINAR

*Training and Education for All Membership  
January 9th 2016*

*American Legion Hall  
1423 Tanner Bridge Rd.  
Jefferson City Missouri*



*Doors to open at 9:00 am*

*\*\*\*Seminar to start at 11:00am*

*Pre-registration by Dec.15th 2015- 20.00 per person*

*(Includes Seminar, Dinner, Silent and live auction.)  
or 25.00 at the door w/o guarantee of dinner.*



Pre-registration Form	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone(____) _____	Local# _____
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## November - Life Members

Name	Local
Jim F Korte	24
Vernon Scoville	14

## 2016 Central Committee Dates

Saturday meetings start at 12 noon

Sunday CC meeting 10 am

January 10 (*No Saturday meetings*)

March 5-6

April 30-May 1

September 10-11

November 12-13

## Classified Ad

I am trying to sell my property in Osceola, MO. Log cabin house with full basement & 2 (large) bay workshop with "studio apt" (or large office with bathroom, including new shower & water heater).

House does not look pretty, but basement is in great shape, as is the workshop. I need someone to look past the house & recognize the value here. 3 lots (including corner), no neighbors per say, other houses on back of property, 2 blocks from park, pool, boat ramp, post office, grocery store. I've quoted "the basement job", as well as building the workshop with metal roofing; you couldn't pour concrete for my asking price, nor could you build the shop. You get it all (& the property to boot). Don't belittle the house. Thou rough, pillars are beautiful, stone fireplace is, too (& has blower to heat the whole house, & flute has been kept up with).

I am grateful for your interest.

Please contact Katherine Fox at 573-424-5434 with your interests/questions

## How Many Life Members Does My Local Have?

Local	Count
00	19
01	20
05	18
06	17
07	11
08	28
10	21
11	3
12	10
13	27
14	14
15	12
16	13
19	22
20	5
21	3
22	4
24	7
25	6
26	6
28	5
29	17
30	1
31	1
33	13
35	4
41	4
42	2
47	2
TOTAL	312

## A Special Member From Lynne Adkins

There's nothing worse than the chore of cleaning up someone else's left-over mess when they leave. As 2016 begins with local officers taking on their new positions it is my hope that previous officers hand over their positions in good order. Whatever the situation for stepping down don't punish your local or the new officer, take time to explain your position and train the new officer to do the job. New officers prepare to learn your job and know we are all volunteers.

That being said I am happy to take a moment here to give special thanks, to a member who this past year stepped up to do a great job on a position that was not their job!! As state treasurer I was struggling with the financial records of several locals at the beginning of 2015 and closing the numbers for 2014. It was **Kathy Garver** who stepped up and went through 2 years' worth of records for her local to be able to hand over the books to a new treasurer in good order. This wasn't her position, but her actions show she cares about her local and Freedom of Road Riders. Thank you again Kathy.

This woman is a good example of why you should never stop doing your best just because someone doesn't give you credit. In 2016 please encourage those next to you, support your local and be active in helping FORR accomplish our goals. Together is how we will get things done.



# 2016 F.E.W. Seminar

Submitted by Valerie Taylor

Happy New Year to all of you Freedom Fighters in FORRland,

This month Freedom of Road Riders will be hosting the FEW Seminar which simply means FORRever Working on January 9th I hope to see many of you there. I just received a phone call from our main Speaker Ron Braaksma and to say I am excited is an understatement Ron has cleared his busy schedule to come and speak for us about the new Share the Road Program that he will be launching this spring. This is a brief mission statement from Ron himself. I got my first motorcycle in 1968. For a few years in the nineties, I didn't have a car, but I always had my bike. I became an over-the-road truck driver in 1977. These days I drive about 150,000 miles a year, so you can say I live on the highway. I joined ABATE of Iowa about 1990 and became a life member about 1993. I joined the MRF about that same time. I started coaching motorcycle rider classes in 2007, and became a Share the Road presenter about 2009. When I learned about MRF A&E I wanted to be a part of it. Highway safety, and specifically, motorcycle safety has always been a priority. My only regret is that I didn't get involved earlier. He is truly amazing and the fact that he has cleared time just for our membership is an honor. I hope that you will be there to benefit from this passionate speaker. I had the privilege of meeting him at the Meeting of the Minds a year ago and he is infectious.

The ultimate goal of this seminar is education throughout the Local's which in turn will lead to sharing what we have learned throughout the State of Missouri. The hope is that each person will walk away with a better understanding of their Local offices which in all reality is what keeps FORR running smoothly. As well as fighting for our safety on our highways. Since our Mo Dot funding for awareness items is over for the time being. It is time to look into what we can do to help spread the news of Awareness throughout the State. I think this is going to be an exciting venue for everyone in attendance. We are now going to be left on our own to spread the word and I feel Ron can help teach us on a more intimate level because of his dedication.

Also as I have said many times before this will be a working seminar with breakout classes that will cover each office in your Local. The schedule is as follows:

Beginning registration will be starting at 9:30- 10:50 am

We are asking that you be signed in and ready to work by 11:00 am

11:00-11:30 Introduction of Freedom of Road Riders with Terry Lee Cook

11:40-12:20 President and Vice-President with Mona Morgan L-20 and Mark Sparky Capps L-11

Also at this time Treasurer and Membership Speaker will be Lynne Adkins L-00

For people not attending seminar during this time we will have

How to do an Awareness booth as well as a Membership Drive along with How to organize an Local Event

Speakers Deanna Rhodes L-10, Shaulene Frock L-11, Kim "Stampede" Archer L-13 and Valerie "Windy" Taylor L-22

This presentation will be repeated during the following break out session later in the day.

12:40-12:50 Amy "Sunshine" Allmon MRF Representative and L-5 Riding with the Leaders" Presentation.

12:50-1:45 "Legislative process and What it means to you" Speaker Bill Kempker All membership to be in attendance.

Break for lunch 30-40 minutes Lunch will be available on site.

2:15- 4:00 Main Speaker Ron Braaksma Share the Road Program

Membership as a whole body.

Break 15 minutes

The last session Secretaries Speakers to be Donna Duyck L-29 and Linda Hawkins L-35

4:15-5:00 CC Representatives Speakers Mad Dawg Thornhill and Amy "Sunshine" Allmon L-5

5:15-6:20 Dinner

6:20-7:30 Awards and live and silent auction

I am also very excited about the auction items we have this year, this looks like it is going to be a great event and a big Thank you to Cowboy L-33 for stepping up as our auctioneer this year. If your Local would like to donate items for the silent or live auction we will be accepting them at sign in. (If you're Local does have items to add to the auction, please arrive a little earlier so that we can add it into the auction.) One of my favorite quotes from our membership is "All FORR One and One FORR All", together we can make a difference.

Thank you to all the speakers for your dedication in helping our membership become more informed about what these offices mean to FORR. Without you we wouldn't be able to do this seminar. It truly does take a village to come together and pull an event like this off. Thank you for patience with a newbie like myself.

Until January 9th Live Life to the fullest and be FORRever Free,

Valerie "Windy" Taylor

2016 The FEW Seminar Chairperson

## Letter to the Editor

30 years ago my phone in our KC home rang one night. I answered it and the voice on the other end was a fellow biker very interested in starting a new FORR local in his home town. We talked about helmet laws and motorcycle rights, motorists awareness of motorcyclists, and other similar topics. FORR had locals BL and I had set up in Springfield and Cape Girardeau, but we had a huge gap in between those two towns. If we would ever become a truly statewide rights organization, that hole had to be filled. As soon as I began the conversation, I knew I would like my compatriot. He was dedicated and enthusiastic. I knew with a bit of help, he would give us a winner. And he did. Local 20 in Dexter was a huge building block in the foundation of our organization. Last September, I got a facebook message from my old friend. Local 20 was celebrating their 30th anniversary and he was inviting me to be the keynote speaker at their presentation. I wanted to make that speech so badly and already had it prepared but job and economic concerns sadly prevented it. I wanted to make it because 30 years is a big milestone in any local. I wanted to be there because local 20, Dexter, was the last local B.L. and I set up as state officers. In two years we had grown from 9 to 20 locals, thanks to folks like our mutual dear friend. But most of all, I wanted to make it to honor him. We hear all the time that one person can no longer make a difference, that the world is too complicated for that. I am here tonight to tell you all that one remarkable person did make a difference 30 years ago and ever since. Those of us that were his friends knew that, though he was not personally large in stature, he was a giant in MO motorcycle rights. Here's to sunny days, good roads, and the wind in your hair forever, my Brother. Your brother Smokey has tears in his eyes tonight remembering his Brother Darell. Be free forever.

## Notes from Bill

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! It's going to be a good year.

As I write this early in December the session is starting to take off. The first day to prefile bills and there are over two hundred bills filed already. With that many bills being filed so early its sure to be a very busy year again. The helmet modification was filed by Rep Burlison, its HB1464, this bill would give you the right to choose if you want to wear a helmet or not. It has the insurance language and a minimum of two years riding experience or have taken a rider training course. There is a similar bill filed in the senate by Senator Holsman, SB694. This is the same but he has the licenses plate language in it as well. We are talking to another senator to maybe file another to match Rep Burlison's bill. There are a lot of other bills that we will be watching. Texting and driving will be one that we are watching. There are a few of these bills filed already. The bill for refueling liability has come up again this year with it being filed in the house and the senate Rep Jay Houghton and Senator Munzlinger has filed this bill. With all the work that is needed to be done we are asking all members to step up and make an appearance at the capitol. Each local is asked to pick a day to come to the capitol and lobby your rep and senator and help the cause there has been a few locals that have signed up already. If your local has not please get with them and help pick a week. The calendar of when your local is going or when there is an open week will be on the web site. Please let me know when your local picks a date. Lincoln Days are scheduled for February 26 thru the 28 in St Louis at the Sheraton Westportchalet. We will be getting a hospitality room and a table to mingle with the candidates and get some support for the legislation we would like to see passed. The demo days will be held in Hannibal MO and will be the first weekend of March local 13 will be taking care of this for us with a hospitality room there also. We have been doing these events for years and has given us a chance to meet and make friends of the candidates running for office. There's about a week left before the FEW seminar. It will be held at the American legion in Jefferson City on January 9. Hopefully all has made plans on being there this year. This will be an officer training seminar this year so if you are a new officer it might be helpful to show up. There will be some good food and entertainment along with an auction.

## Membership Committee

Happy New Year Brothers and Sister of Freedom,

It's the first of the year and I'm sure we all have made our resolutions, but if you are anything like me you have already broken a few of them. My biggest resolution or goal so to speak for this year is to spread the news about Freedom of Road Riders to other groups outside of own. I am working here in my home town of West Plains to bring Motorcycle Awareness up. I was asked to be a part of the revitalization of our town square. Me being me, I felt this may open things up and become a way to bring Freedom of Road Riders front and center. By using flyers that our membership has come up with and approved, along with posters of the winged wheel we had made. I bring this up for two reasons first being that this is an inexpensive way to promote our Organization as well as to start name recognition by association. In another words I am using the oldest trick in the book to promote Freedom of Road Riders, the more people identify with our logo the more curious they become opening the door to be able too speak to these folks. By setting up an Awareness and or Membership booth and sponsoring a bike show once a month starting in the spring, which I will go into more as the time gets closer. The point is this type of promotion doesn't take a lot of money and if you have creative people in your Local ask them to help you. Everyone who feels appreciated will in turn work harder for the cause. It is up to us to see this potential in our members, even the ones who sit in the background, they may be your biggest asset ask them to be a part of a committee. By making this a Local project you are also promoting Brother and Sisterhood making a stronger Local all around, just an idea. The committee also approved having new posters printed and distributed equally throughout the Locals, these should be available in March giving you plenty of time to hang around your town before Motorcycle Awareness month. The reason I bring this up is, your Local could do this same type of promotion in your hometown.

The second reason I have brought this up is at the FEW seminar. We will be displaying your idea's for your Local flyers at this event and the membership will decide the ultimate winner in this competition. The flyers need to be approved through corporate office before you display them locally. They need to have contact information as well as meeting times and dates. As a committee we decided it would be fun to see the different idea's from each Local and we will be giving out awards for this contest during the awards ceremony held at the FEW. So please keep this in mind bring your ideas to the FEW seminar and let's get our membership strong again by spreading the news of this "Freedom Train" throughout the beautiful state of Missouri. Hope to see you all at the FEW this month. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Live Life to the Fullest and be FORRever Free,  
Valerie "Windy" Taylor  
FORR Membership Coordinator  
and Secretary for South Central Local 22



## Central Committee Meeting #216

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on November 8, 2015 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Jefferson City, MO.

Cabinet officers present were Chairman - Bill Duncan, Vice Chairman, -Ronda Felts, Corporate Secretary - Cheryl Singleton, Treasurer - Lynne Adkins, Legislative Coordinator - Bill Kempker, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator - Deanna Rhodes, Rider Education -Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager - Shelly Payne, Sergeant at Arms - Mike Moeller.

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost Brothers and Sisters.

## Roll Call of Locals:

Location	Local	Vote	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	57	1 Vote	Tim O'Conner
Truman Lake	Local 03	71	1 Vote	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	42	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	99	1 Vote	Bill Gimse
Lebanon	Local 07	50	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	86	1 Vote	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	167	2 Votes	Randall Owens
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	63	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	50	1 Vote	Ed "Butch" Johnson
Mexico	Local 13	123	2 Votes	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	53	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	212	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
SEMO	Local 16	55	1 Vote	ABSENT
Kirksville	Local 19	107	2 Votes	Barb Rash
Dexter	Local 20	40	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	19	1 Vote	ABSENT
South Central	Local 22	41	1 Vote	B.L. McDonnell
St. Louis	Local 24	133	2 Votes	Adam Brown
St. Peters	Local 25	66	1 Vote	EXCUSED
Maryville	Local 26	44	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	43	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	143	2 Votes	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	60	1 Vote	Jim Duyck
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	59	1 Vote	Jim Scheele
Rolla	Local 31	16	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	109	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	48	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	28	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	94	1 Vote	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	47	1 Vote	Russell Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	50	0 Vote	
<b>Total</b>		2,270		
<b>Corporate Sponsors</b>		8		
<b>Absent from last 2 meetings:</b>	L16, L21 & L25			

Approval of Minutes – Secretary Singleton - <Motion to approved September minutes as printed. L22, 2<sup>nd</sup> L10. Passed by unanimous voice.>

**Department Reports**Treasurer -Lynne Adkins treasurer@forn.net

## Financial Report:

PAC Fund - beginning balance: \$22,497.82, ending balance: \$21,248.98

Awareness balance: \$3,434.71 and Membership Mktg balance \$2,488.70, totaling: \$5,923.41 with no activity.

Riders Education - Begin: \$16,189.27, end: \$11,596.30

General Fund - begin: \$3,714.69 ending: \$8,185.72

Giveaway - \$2,033.28 no activity

Homecoming and DAM Rally worked out of same acct. beginning: \$10,806.81, ending \$17,295.39

Homecoming: loss -\$743.70

DAM Rally - profit: \$6,015.82

Reminders: Each local treasurer needs to send the balance sheet, ledger sheet, copy of check register, bank statement and receipts for expenses and income. This is what qualifies as a complete financial report. A year-end report needs to be turned into the State Treasurer by January 31, 2016, if it's not received she will use the balance she has from reports submitted by your treasurer which doesn't always benefit your local. On your reports instead of saying 50/50 please use 'membership incentive' as the entry. Officers, when asking for reimbursement of expenses please fill out an expense report and attach your receipts. Please let Lynne know the number of supporter pins you want. You are entitled to a pin for each member you have on Nov. 1st, but not all members are active. You may have 75 members but only really want pins for 25 members that are active in your local.

Donations: PAC: Dist. 4 - \$2,490.71, L5 - \$150, L11 - \$1,000, L12 - \$750, L15 - \$250, \$61.29, \$68. L20 - \$300, L28 - \$250, L33 - \$1,500, L42 - \$500, L47 \$13

Corporate Secretary - Cheryl Singleton secretary@forn.net

Membership report: September – October 2015

September Total: 56 New Members 99 Renewed Members Life Members for September – 8

October Total: 39 New Members 125 Renewed Members Life Members for October – 14

MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED

95 New Members 224 Renewed Members 22 Life Members 341 TOTAL

Total Membership 2,270 (Increase of 29 members)

Freedom of Road Riders® has a total of 310 Life members.

The number 1 recruiter for the Organization is Valerie Taylor of Local 22.

CC State Officers are reimbursed at this time for half of their hotel room and their fuel. There is a different attitude at CC not, not better or worse just different. I'm requesting CC Corporate Officers are paid for their whole room, not just half. Rooms with tax are \$72 dollars at this time (and for the next two year contract) <Motion to pay for the total hotel room for each Corporate Officer: L26, 2<sup>nd</sup> L5. Passed by majority roll call vote. Yes: L1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10(2), 11, 12, 13(2), 14, 15(3), 19(2), 20, 22, 26, 28(2), 29, 30, 33(2), 35, 41, 42 & 47. No: L24(2) Passed by majority roll call vote>

Vice-Chairman -Ronda Feltsvc@forn.net**Engineer of Freedom Award(s)**: Layne Shady & Raymond Palmer

We have several submissions for the EOF, however this cabinet has decided to acknowledge two members who have made great contributions to FORR® and have so many of the same attributes. They are both Presidents of their Locals and CC Reps. They go to Lobby Days and push their members to do the same. Both have been leaders in their locals and at the state level. Layne as events Chairman for Homecoming several years in a row and spearheading the Rodeo games. Raymond as Security Chief and has been instrumental in putting on Demo Days all while they have very busy family lives. Whenever you turn around you will see these two volunteering. Raymond was President of his local with the most growth and donated the most money last year. Thank you two, you are great examples of what the Freedom of Engineer Award represents.

Membership – Deanna Rhodes/Valerie Taylor

This is Deanna's last CC meeting and Valerie is taking over membership.

Locals were asked to create a poster for recruitment and bring them to the FEW seminar and the attendees will chose. The posters should include: Your meeting place/ times, contact information and the preamble, and they must be approved. When those are put out at local businesses include a tri-fold or other FORR® information.

There are a lot of old membership cards needing to be used so we can get to the new ones.

The newsletters are a good way to hand out information. Please be sure your Local has a submission included. Have your newsletter editor set a reminder on your phone the newsletter is due on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month to editor@forn.net.

Legislative Cord. – Bill Kempker See his full report in the Freedom Press.

Upcoming Capitol "happenings":

File bills at the capitol: Dec 1, 2015. Session starts January 6, 2016.

Spring break March 17 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Easter break March 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. End of session May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Lincoln Days: Feb. 26 – 28, 206 at Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel

Demo Days in Hannibal, March 4-6, 2016

AMA – Bill Kempker

Two year membership for \$45. Nice magazine, roadside asst. Ethanol debate, renewable fuel standard possible going to E15.

Federal Auto-cycle bill introduced HR 8292 to create a standard for autocycles.

MRF – Amy Allmon



Seven of our members attended the MOTM in Milwaukee: Bill K., Carl Hammond, Katherine Fox, Lynne A., Helen W. Chris C and Amy. FORR received an award for attending Bikers inside the Beltway. FORR has pictures submitted into the MRF magazine.

Legislative updates by entering your email address on their website. Sustaining member costs \$100/yr. Your local or District or individual can become a sustaining member of the MRF for \$100 per year.

#### Mid-South Mile – Cowboy

Attendance for 2015 was down probably because it was down in Texas. Raise the money in 2015 for 2016 which will be in Missouri for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Starting to look for a place in SW Missouri by April. Donations can be given anytime. Would like to have a good sized basket. Abate of Louisiana is an official of MSM making it 6 states.

#### COC Liaison– Terry Cobb

Regional COC meeting at the Holiday Inn at KCI on Nov 21, 2015 @ 10am open to all motorcyclists.  
MO COC at Snorty Horse, Dec 12, 2015, 1pm Columbia MO.

#### Rider Education – Doug Clawson

Doug is retiring after 20 years of service and a new Riders Ed. Cord will be needed.  
BRC: 18 classed 159 signed up, 130 passed  
BRC2: 1 class 3 signed up, 3 passed  
Advanced riders: 1 class 5 signed, 5 passed.  
3 Wheel BRC: 1 class 2 signed, 2 passed.  
Bikes winterized, repairs done.

#### Webmaster – Larry Scott

Love the updates. Put in a PAC supporter link. Officer's list, would be nice if it could be e-filed like sanctions forms.

#### Product Line – Shelly Payne

2016 Calendars are available. Watch for Motorcycle shirts in cotton, mix of colors order 25, commit to 500 from all locals and cost will be \$6.50, right now they're \$12.

Break for lunch <Motion to break for lunch 12:00, back at 1pm: L35, 2<sup>nd</sup> L8. Passed by unanimous voice>

#### Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator -Deanna Rhodes/Shaulene Frock 417-439-0399 [shaulenefrock@gmail.com](mailto:shaulenefrock@gmail.com) [mac@forn.net](mailto:mac@forn.net)

Change acct. after the first of the year.

State grant for MA (No more free awareness stuff) Will file for the grant.

#### MAC (cont.)

Awareness booth – get away from the table then bring them back to the table.

Awareness Events - April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 insured by the state but still need sanction. Notify Dallas of your ride so it can go into the FORR calendar.

May Rally – 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#### Sgt of Arms– Taz

PAC Fundraiser patches available.

#### CHAIRMAN DUNCAN

General Office:

Officer information sheets were handed out and need to be returned after your Locals elections.

Close office Fridays Nov 1 '15 – March 1, 2016 <Motion to close the General Office on Friday from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 1st, every year from here out, L42, 2<sup>nd</sup> L10. Roll call vote: Yes: L1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 41, 42 & 47. No: L24 & 35. Passed by majority roll call vote.>

Dallas retirement proposal. <Motion to pull from the table, discussion on Dallas retiring. L8, 2<sup>nd</sup> L42. Passed by unanimous voice.><Motion to accept Dallas proposal of part time (20 hours) [amended for 8am-12pm]: L22, 2<sup>nd</sup> L27. Call the vote L10 <vote on amendment 8am-12pm: passed by unanimous voice. Vote on original motion: passed by unanimous voice><Motion to table considering looking for a person to train for her job, God forbid anything happen to her: L42, 2<sup>nd</sup> L12. Passed by unanimous voice>

Traveling trophy, bring it back for January CC meeting.

Capture the Flag: Bring them to the FEW seminar for a count and winner.

State Cabinet flag for 2 points; if 5 members of a local show up at a State event they can capture a State flag for 2 points, i.e.: FEW Seminar 2016 or the PAC Rally. Joe Widmer donates the \$130 for the Cabinet flags. <Motion for donation for flags to be accepted as DIK for 2016 for L14: L10, 2<sup>nd</sup> L42. Passed by unanimous voice.>

Reminder: By Law change reminder for vote in January.

#### Old Business

Homecoming 2016 discussion – TABLED <Motion to un-table Homecoming discussion. L24, 2<sup>nd</sup> L13. Passed by unanimous voice><Motion to discontinue Homecoming L22, 2<sup>nd</sup> L42. Roll call vote: Yes – L1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 35, 42 & 47. ABSTAIN: L26, 33 & 41.

Awards handed out to members who won at Homecoming, that are in attendance.

#### Committees:

DAM Rally at Bike Fest – made money. Slight increase on rent for next year. We shouldn't have to give them anything for something they will use all year and the shower house is their problem.



**LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/197130813664644/>**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

It is hard to believe it is already December and nearly January! We survived another Octoberfest and had a great time. Local 5 participated in the District 4 Toy Run for the Sunshine Center and that was a great time. Those of you who missed it, we missed you!

Local 5 has not had regular articles in the Freedom Press this year but starting now will try to do better. Please let us know if there is anything that you as a member would like to have published regarding the rights we are trying to preserve or events coming up.

Our condolences go out to our VP, Tony, for the loss of his father in November.

We have at least two birthdays in December. Happy Birthday to Amy on December 1st and to Rebecca on December 6th. I apologize if I missed anyone. The Kids Christmas party was earlier this month and I know that it was a great time again. Thank you to all that helped and participated.

Next month on January 9th is the Few Seminar. Then on January 23rd is the Crock Pot Cook-Off starting at 6:00 pm. This year it will be at the V. F. W. Post 5675, 9642 Old Highway 40, Odessa, MO 64076. If you haven't been before, come out it is always a lot of fun. If you have been there before, then you already know how much fun it is.

We had our last Local 5 meeting on November 21, 2015 and Doug and I actually were able to be there. We had about 12 members present and our nominations for officers took place. The officers were decided due to unanimous acclamation. The Local 5 2016 officers will be:

Keith Cronin, President; Product Line; District Representative  
 Tony Morris, Vice President;  
 Amy Allmon, Treasurer and CC Representative;  
 Cindy Cornett, Newsletter;  
 Stuart "Hoss" North, Sargent at Arms

I think that I got them all. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, come back! We really missed you since you have been gone. The holidays will be over soon and things will be slowing down for most so now is the time to come back to our meetings.

For now I am out of here,  
 Spitfire  
[angel.spitfire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angel.spitfire@sbcglobal.net)

**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Howdy Folks,

I like the way that sounds so, I'm keeping it.

We have had our Officer elections. Jim Cross was re-elected President. John Tiffany is new Vice President and Alternate CC Rep. Dan Harmon was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Bill Gimse is CC Rep. and Beth Gimse is News Editor. Now, the news....

Check out Easy Rider magazine, November 2015, Sturgis edition. Our very own John Tiffany and Bill Gimse made it in pictures from Sturgis 75th Anniversary!

Bill is on page 21, on the side walk, black T-shirt with white emblem on left breast.

John is on page 78, to the right of the black pole, with one hand up in the air. Can't drop that beverage! Ha ha.

Papa Nick is recovering well from shoulder surgery, last time he was seen at the local "watering hole", he had full range of motion and was

remodeling his houses.

We, at Local 6 wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ride Safe Ride Free

Beth

**LOCAL 7 - LEBANON****Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/201753790024390/>**

Greeting Local 7

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I know I have a lot to be thankful for and I believe most of us in this country do. However there are some of us less fortunate. For those, this is the time of year for toy runs. Now last month Local 7 had our toy run to support the cause and we also have gained a new member, who even before joining FORR put out donate boxes at his work so he could bring even more joy to the children of Lebanon this time of year. A big thank you goes out to Dareld for his contribution and welcome to Local 7. Robert, C.A., Jerry, Don and I rode to the Drifters toy run in Sunrise Beach. Then later in the month Timekeeper, C.A., Lee, Charlie, Penny and I rode to the Buffalo toy run. Hard to believe it's almost Christmas. Hope everyone has had a good year and here's hoping next year is even better.

Ride on  
 Geezer

**LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE****Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.****(Call for info - location varies)****Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905****<https://www.facebook.com/FORRLOCAL8?fref=ts>**

Happy New Year Local 8!!!! First things first, I would like to apologize for not getting my newsletter in last month. No excuses other than I am not perfect!!! I forgot!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Enjoying family time, Christmas candy and maybe even a really cool gift!!

By the time you read this we will have new officers in place for the new year. Hope everyone came out to vote on who you thought would be good at the job!! So this just might be my last newsletter. If so I have to say its been fun and glad I only screwed up once!!! I want to thank all out old officers for their hard work and dedication this past year. Times are hard, some that have never been an officer may not understand all the extra that goes into being an officer. I think I speak for Local 8 that we all thank you! Job well done!!! To the new officers, thank you stepping up, doing your part, working hard to keep the freedom train rolling and most of all for believing in what we do!! We thank you and here is to a new year!!!

If your reading this and have not been to a meeting for a long time or at all, please make it a goal this year to attend just one!! We meet the first Sunday of every month(unless a holiday throws it off) 1:00 pm meetings. Check the website for where as sometimes our location changes. If anyone has any questions call me 660-247-5161 would be glad to help!

We do have Cabin Fever coming up in Feb. Great time to hang with old friend and meet new ones! Bring your local, get your flag!!! Start the new year out right!

Well I will sign off. Thank you all for the great year!! Maybe I will be back next month!!

Until next time!!

Magoo

**LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm  
 Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City  
 on Hwy 54 & Junction CC  
 Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385138914887025/>

**LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.  
 Redding Mills Inn, 102 Broadlawn Blvd, Joplin, MO  
 Contact: Mark Capps @ (417) 439-5908 or Ella McCoy @  
 (417) 359-6936  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/375042675119/>

## Election Results:

The local has voted, not by voice but by written votes. The purpose of written ballots was to remove the influence of those around you.. the membership was allowed to vote in the best interest of the local, in their own opinion without repercussions.

## Your 2016 Officers are:

President : Mark Anthony Capps  
 VP: Jason Behnke  
 Treasurer/membership: Shaulene Frock  
 Secretary: Charlene Behnke  
 CC Rep: Jake High  
 Legislation: Donald Maki  
 Product line: Janese Johnson  
 Editor/ safety: Ginger Buck Keller  
 Sgt At Arms: Chris Keller  
 Historian: Brittany High

Thank you, to all nominated. We appreciate the effort of stepping up to make the local the best we can be.

I look forward to 2016 as a great year ahead of us. Congrats to all the officers.

2015 was great year for the local: we accomplished many tasks together, made some important decisions, and represented FORR whenever we could.

Thank you Local 11 for making this a great year, 2016 is going to be even better.

Once again its time to get started on the 2016 Southwest Missouri Motorcycle Rally.

Some of our roles and responsibilities within the local and within the organization have changed, and I hope everyone can pull their weight this year. Together we can achieve anything. and we need the locals help more than ever. I believe we have a great officers this year that will do what it takes to keep this local on the right track.

Thank you Local 11 for making this local (and organization) one of the best SMROs to be a member of.

Mark A Capps  
 Local 11 Pres.

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**

Meetings: First Sunday @ 1 p.m.  
 Jan. 3rd - Laura & Johnny house.  
 Contact: Donna (660) 815-0079 or Butch (660) 631-0803  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/463789827071828/>

Greeting to FORR Family

I'm sure everyone has been busy with the holidays . We want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday. Our Christmas Party was Dec. 5th I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed their meal. Its always good to see everyone and catch up.

I want to thanks everyone for trash pick-up. The weather was great. We have been luck with the weather so far this season.

We will have new officers the first of the year.

I would like for all local to say a prayer for Tami @ family for her losses in the pass few months she lost her dad and daughter. She is our event coordinator. We are going to have Benefit for her after the first of the year to help with funeral expenses. I will have in it in the newsletter at a later date.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday .

**LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.  
 For further information about meetings or membership  
 call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FORRLocal13/>

Hello everyone,

Well another year is just about gone, and with that comes family time, New Year resolutions that if you are like me will be broke by the end of January.

This is my last entry as Secretary of Local 13. It has been a interesting ride doing this spot in the local, and I will not miss it.. I hope I didn't mess things up to bad, I know I didn't do things near as well as Valerie did last year but I did my best. But I know Melissa Palmer will do a excellent job as our new Secretary.

Next year is looking good Raymond Palmer is leading us once again as President, and Rock Palmer is holding the 2nd chair as Vice President again, and Michelle Scheiderer will be taking over the reins as our Treasurer for 2016. If this past year was any indication on how things will be next year we will continue to grow and become a even closer family.

We have lost a few members this year for different reasons, but we have also gained some new faces with good ideas and the spirit to help move FORR forward as a hole. We must continue to work together for the greater good which is helping FORR grow and spreading the word on what FORR is all about and our mission.

Well I will bring this to close with a, HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FEW

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in January, and a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, until next time, Ride safe and Ride often.

Thank you, Terry "Bubba" Archer  
Secretary L-13  
Mexico, MO 65265

## **LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.**

**VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.**

**Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199315240260246/>**

Howdy everyone!

I am writing this the day before our auction and I hope everyone had a great time. If I can I may finish this a little later but not sure if I can or not so that is why I started it today. Now it is the next day and I need to get this finished. I don't have much information right now but only enough to introduce you to the new Local cabinet for 2016. The following are your new cabinet for next year:

Donna Hilburn – President  
Doug Hilburn – Vice President  
Chris Hilburn – Secretary/Treasurer/Membership  
Warren "Pete" Atchison – CC Rep.  
Rick Hilburn – District Rep.  
Ralph Davis – Sargent at Arms  
Joe Widmer – Newsletter  
Joe Widmer – Legislative  
Donna Hilburn – Product line  
Doug Hilburn – Historian

Well that is your new cabinet for next year and I and everyone in the Local wish them good luck. As of right now we are working on a pool tournament for February 27th at Side Pockets in Blue Springs again it will be starting at 6 pm and hope to see you all there. There will be more information to follow later on this. As I have said I don't have much to offer you at this time but our Christmas Auction is tonight and I will let you know how things went in February. There is a lot of good food there and a lot of good merchandise. I am sure everyone will have a great time. I would like to thank the following people for all their hard work and donations for this auction: Ron Keesee, Carolyn Keesee, Tricia Bernotas, Pete Atchison, Gail Berneking, a friend of Gail's I don't recall the name sorry, "KY" Mike Johnson, Ralph Davis, Greg, Larry and Rodney, Clayton Bernotas and last but not least Randy "Knobber" Garrison. Without your valuable effort and help we would have never got this done in a few short days. Thank you all for your help and I hope I didn't miss anyone. Oh I think I did, Linda Phipps for getting donations from the vendors from the VFW, Debbie Berneking and Donna Hilburn for the baskets for the silent auction.

I would also like to thank the following for their donations as well, HUB Cycle, V's Italiano Restaurant, Engle Motors, Donnell's Cycle, Blue

Springs HD, Worth North HD, I know there is more but I can't think of them all right now. Thank you all for your continued support. I also want to thank all who attended and made this event a wonderful success. Thanks so much for your support too. Without it we would not have a wonderful and successful event.

That is about all I have right now and I hope you all had a wonderful and joyous holiday season.

Down the Road and Movin' on,  
Smokin' Joe Widmer

## **LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**

**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.**

**Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson**

**Contact: 417-230-1020**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279926618687174/>**

With 2015 in the past, let us begin 2016 with fond memories of those we lost and focus on the upcoming opportunities. It is time to focus on our goals as an organization. In other words...let us focus on what each and every one of us can do individually and also as a united locals' to accomplish our political agenda...it isn't what your local can do for you, it's what you can contribute to the organization.

Get involved; with riding weather at its minimum, NOW is the time to read up on the legislature we are fighting for. NOW is the time to take advantage of your CC Reps., Legislative contacts, Presidents and Greybeards. If you don't know what to say when you call the representatives in Jefferson City, these are the people you need to ask for suggestions and information!

Local 15's December is generally a mild month. The changing of the officers, family gatherings, expectations for the upcoming year, and the birth of new ideas and plans for the 2016 riding year are already stirring in many of you. Voice your ideas, send them by email or face-book, call the local president or pass your information thru any officer. We want to hear your ideas.

January 1st 2016 Local 15 will have a New Year's Day Ride. We will be leaving the Veterans Museum on Hwy 76 (the Branson strip) at 1 p.m. January 5th Local 15's B.S. Meeting will be held at Johns Frosted Mug in Forsyth, MO at 7 p.m.

January 9th, Few Seminar held in Jefferson City. Thanks to Anna Kabler for acting as Vice Chair for this event. See Terry Cobb for last minute information.

January 10th, CC Meeting ...and with the Few Seminar and the CC meeting being back to back. There will be a Saturday night party.

January 18th, Local 15's Business will be held at Charlie's Steak House on Hwy 76 (the Branson strip) at 7 p.m.

Let's bring in 2016, safe, happy, healthy and together.

Love and Respect,  
Kimberly "Ziggy" Wise

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**LOCAL 16 - SEMO**

**Meetings: (Call for meeting info)**  
**Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Martin 573-576-6662**  
**Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**  
**https://www.facebook.com/pages/FORR-Local-16/196506447044237?fref=ts**

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....Before we move on to up coming stuff we have to thank the VFW of Perryville for hosting our annual Christmas Dance. Music was great, brother/sisterhood was the best and L16 got a new blast of positive mojo.

With the new year comes another election time for our Local. As is our tradition this meeting will be held at Bill's in Biehle. At the time of this writing the date had not been decided but what would an L16 post be without the "CALL WHITEY" message? This meeting will also be the first CC report under the new cabinet. I hope to be able to bring more positive mojo back from Jefferson City.

This entry is also to share the news of the passing of a 30 year member from our sister Local 20 out of Dexter. It is with a heavy heart I let you know Darell Swinger has joined all of our other brothers and sisters who have gone before. No one can say Darell wasn't a dedicated freedom fighter or a man of great heart. He rides free now and at this time of new beginnings we pause for a moment of remembrance of this dear man. Our prayers and deepest sympathies to Local 20 and all of Darell's family and friends.

Look for new event dates and meeting time in up coming newsletters. Our resolution for 2016 is to bring back the spirit which has kept this organization going for so very long.

We wish you all the very best for this fresh New Year!  
 Mel

**LOCAL 19 -KIRKSVILLE**

**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm**  
**Meeting Location Varies**  
**Contact: 660-342-5323**  
**https://www.facebook.com/groups/203378816472124/**

Well hello everyone again, hope you all are starting your Christmas shopping because it is only a few days away and if you waded through all that black Friday shopping you are a saint!

We just finished our December meeting and our new officers for 2016 will be as follows: President: Terry (Klon) Smith, Vice president: John Eichmeier, Sec/Tres: Barb (bomber) Rash, CC rep: Joe Epperson, Safety coordinator: Debbie Grgurich, Newsletter: Corena Lawrence, and our State line rep will be Fred Schwaner. Thank you everyone for stepping up and keeping our local running for another year. Also a big thank you to our cabinet members that are stepping down this year you did a great job.

FEW seminar is January 9th and we have several members who will be attending and we hope to see several members from other locals there also. It will be at the American Legion in Jefferson City doors open at 9 am.

Local 19 Auction will be January 16 El Kadir Shrine club in Kirksville. Doors open at 5 pm with \$5 entry fee. There will be food specials available during the auction. The band (New Crime Theatre ) will start playing directly after the auction and keeping our fingers crossed we'll have good weather again. If you are a donating business reading this letter our local thanks you for all your donations as it wouldn't be possible without you to do this each year. Your support helps us get our motorcycle awareness out there to keep our riders safe on the road.

Every year we are gaining hundreds of new riders on the road and we need to keep them in the loop of our meaning to belong to our organization for safety and motorcycle rights so lets get active and get them signed up. If you know someone who would like to sign up contact one of us by facebook or phone we'll get it done... with that being said I'm outta here.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Corena

Would also like to thank all who rode in honor of Danny (Chigger) Scott who passed away. He never met a stranger and loved all who rode with him.

Our next meeting is January 2 at 6 pm. ( check for location )

**LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**


**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.**  
**Eagles Club on Hwy 25**  
**Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012**  
**https://www.facebook.com/groups/189905384430744/**

Happy New Year

We at Local 20 start our 2016 on a sad note we lost one of our lifetime members and extremely dedicated member to our local and Freedom of Road Riders. Darrell Swinger passed peacefully on December 4, 2015 at 1:35 PM he passed from a severe infection, pneumonia and complications from a broken hip. Mary Reeves, Billy Freed, Dave Garner and myself were with him when he passed. Thank you to everyone that visited him in his final hours and to all those that sent thoughts and prayers along with kind comments. We are planning a special send off for him in the Spring please watch face book for details.

We are planning another busy year here at Local 20 starting with the FEW seminar by the time this letter gets to you the seminar will be over and I hope many were able to attend. We are also planning to visit the capital along with Local 22 in April it will be my first time so I plan to watch and learn. We will keep all informed of the other events.

Mindy Reif has been battling different cancers this past year and at this writing she is improving and we pray that remains to be the trend we aren't ready to let go of her yet. The benefit at the Eagles turned out good and the money was a big help to Rob & Mindy. Thanks to the Eagles for



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Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those that have celebrated or will be celebrating in the months of December and January. I'm running late this month so will close for now and as always....

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Mona

(Motor Mouth) Morgan L20

*My Brother*

*When I am gone do not weep for me  
Be glad because my spirit is finally free  
Do not weep or cry for me  
Because that shell laying there.....is no longer me  
Mine will be the face you see in the moon  
I will be the sunbeam in the room  
I will be the whisper in your ear  
Letting you know I am always near  
Do not mourn for I am not lost  
The body was the only cost  
At last I am free  
Listen to the dove for it is me  
When you see a star shoot across the night sky  
It is me on a midnight ride  
A member of the Ghost Riders now am I  
When you hear the thunder roll  
Know it is my Harley sounding so bold  
My spirit now is free  
The body laying there is not me.*

*Mona Morgan July 20, 2011*

## LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.**

**Senior Center, West Plains**

**Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 / Valerie 573-291-1465**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreedomofRoadRidersSouthCentralLocal22/>

Happy New Year Brothers, Sisters and Friends of South Central Local 22,

This is the time of year that we look back on the past year and as I look back I see people we have lost and who gave us inspiration to go forward. In our Local we lost Joe Ceresini, he was one of our first returning members in South Central Local 22 to transfer from 00 to be a part of our Local. He was a soft spoken man but at the same time a driving force. Joe was very passionate about laws that affect our daily lifestyle, he will be greatly missed. As we go into this new year and turn the page so to speak we are looking at ways to get the word out in our communities (I say committee's because in South Central we have plenty to choose from) about Freedom of Road Riders. We will be taking part in the Stroll of the Square which is a monthly event in West Plains. Our hope is to be able to talk with other motorcycling enthusiasts and make them aware of what we are trying to do as an Organization. As BL says at every meeting "Take a moment and talk to someone you don't know." By stepping out of the box we hope to open the door to new members. After all Brother and Sisterhood starts with a simple hello, this is our goal for this year.

I know it seems that because most of us have put our bikes up for the winter there is much going on in the way on in the way of motorcycling. Well that simply is not true. Although it is bitterly cold this time of year there really is a lot going on as far as what is going to affect us this spring. This is the time of year that we set the pace for what will affect us throughout the year. Bills are already being filed. This is the time to find out where your Senators and Representatives stand on the issues at hand. HB1464 and SB 694 are the helmet modification bills, they have already been pre-filed. We need to contact our Local people and find out their stand on these proposed bills. This only means, that we ask that you talk to them. Tell them your thoughts, share your story. Remember they are the employee, you are the employer. They are just people and if we aren't diligent in our pursuit we can not expect to overturn these laws. It will not happen if we aren't taking action. If we truly want to make a difference now is the time. If you don't know who these folks are ask someone in the Organization that you know or trust to help you, these are the issues at hand and this is the time to pursue them. FORR will be helping our Local's to go to the Capital this year by reimbursing funds for gas to Locals that go to the Capital to speak with their Representatives, we have spoken with Local's 20 and 30 as they are closest to us and we have decided that ridesharing would work for us as well as keep cost down. By doing it this way we can cover more people at once. Bill Kempker has asked that we try and be there on a weekly basis as far as an Organization as a whole. We will be discussing what weeks would work best for us at our next meeting. Last year having people in the halls throughout the session helped FORR as far showing our presence. The hope is to do the same this year. The date has not been set for the May Rally but we ask that you keep that in mind because it will kick off Motorcycle Awareness month. It usually falls on a Tuesday possibly Wednesday. Not to worry, we hope to give you plenty of time to plan around it. The reason it is done in the middle of the week is that is when we can catch our Senator's as well as Representatives at the capital. These are their working days. It would be nice to have a good turnout of Motorcycles for this event.

The meeting have been changed in order to better accommodate members outside of West Plains, We will be meeting at the Senior Center at 1:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month until further notice. The FEW Seminar is this month, I hope many of you will be there to get a better understanding of what Freedom of Road Riders is about. If you would like to go with BL and I please contact one of us and we will see what we can do to help you.

Until next time Live Life to the Fullest and be FORRever Free,  
Valerie "Windy" Taylor  
FORR Secretary South Central Local 22

## LOCAL 21 - ELDON

**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.**

**Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO**

**Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989**

During our last couple of meetings we have combined our considerable brain power and focused on the upcoming rally currently known as the "Dam Rally" during Bike Week at Lake Ozarks. (You make think it's a little early for this but it's only about nine months from now and I know how ya'll like to procrastinate!) We came up with some interesting ideas as follows:

There may be a legal reason that effects our insurance if it's called a rally so it may have to be called a "Run" or something else. A suggestion was made that it be called Freedom of Road Riders "Freedom and Safety Run". The key word being freedom should peak the interest of the other bikers in the state and promoting safety is also our objective, but we remain open to suggestions.

Find a high profile location for a pavilion somewhere up on the strip with complete info on the run and the organization.

Have a free or low cost swap meet towards the entry part of the campground. What biker can resist a bunch of shining chrome parts any ways?

Suggest to product line that we have signs made up similar to the yellow MoDot yard signs that we get from the state only with the winged logo on them to promote 'brand awareness'. That could be over 2,000 high visibility logos all over this state if everybody had one in their yard. I have seen a lot of the MoDot signs around.

Coordinate a publicized run on Friday on a yet to be determined route thru Jefferson City around the capital building and perhaps south to the Dam Rally 40 miles away. 500 bikes would be impressive, 1,000 would be epic! What politician can ignore a traffic jam on Friday?

Wait a minute... do they work on Friday?

Any ways, we was just sittin' here thinkin'....

Happy New Year Ya'll

Dan

P.S. That will be \$5,000 please... Thank you. Har Har!!! :)

**LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW Post 4105, 410 Rue St Francois, Florissant, MO 63031****Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624****<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225526100855350/>**

Salutations Freedom Fighters.

Well by now Holidays have come and gone, time to get back to fighting for our rights. Get to know your reps in the Capital, email, snail mail, call and visit. Find out if they are for or against us. By now should also be Local officers vacating and filling positions.

Local 24 New Officers for 2016 are:

President/Alt CC Ken "Squirrel" Lewis 314-546-1624 kalewis88@yahoo.com

Vice President Dion "Noid" Devan 314-550-9172 knomadness@yahoo.com

Secretary Kathleen "Dutchess" Whirley

Treasurer/Product Line Amanda "Nina" Brown

Membership Secretary Kat Duncan

Safety Ian "StinkWeasel" Brown

Historian Kerri "Mouse" Lewis

Events Kathleen "Dutchess" Whirley

Web Mistress Monica "Felecia" Seidner

CC/Legislation Bill "Treetop" Duncan

News Scribe Robin "Newbee" Brown

Sgt@Arms Danny "Tastykakes" Whirley

Thank you to all 2015 Officers and Congrats to all the incoming.

Make sure if you have questions on how things work-contact one of the Officers, they are not just pretty/handsome faces to look at once a month. That is just a bonus.

Want to give kudos to the most recent awardees of the Local 24 Staple Award-Steve and Monica Seidner, whom have always gone above and beyond in their dedication to our Local. Thank you for what you do. If you know of anyone whom you believe share these characteristics-send nominations to one of the 4 Officers.

Takes you as members to keep our Local Rockin, each one has something they can bring or something they can offer. Don't hesitate to learn, to inquire, for you as members are leaving a legacy for next generation of motorcyclist. Lets leave them one they will be proud of.

Till next time and as always-take care and be good to one another. We are in this together.

Newbee

**LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.****BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St, Maryville, MO****Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742****<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-26-Freedom-of-Road-Riders/210883762255451?fref=ts>**

Greetings Riders,

By the time you get this winter will be upon us. You knew it was coming, but I do miss those unseasonably warm days we had in November that allowed us to get in some late season riding.

Some of our brothers and sisters to the south may still get in a few days of riding over the next few months, but for most of this area, the riding season is over. The bikes are tucked into the garage with their batteries tended and, hopefully, their oil changed and maybe covered until spring. If you were good, maybe Santa will bring you some new gear or accessories for Christmas. For the rest of us, it's a good time to condition our leathers and other gear so they'll be ready for the first warmish day of the year when we can catch a little wind.

I don't have much to report on the riding front. No a lot of riding after the first week, and nothing as a group. Our oldest member turned 91 on

November 21st. Happy Birthday Dave Carter. He was up for a visit with his Family and even managed to see a few of the other members. There was cake. He drove the car instead of the bike due to the weather, but he is still looking forward to spring and the next riding season. Planning on riding from Tulsa to New York for the BMW national rally in July. Figures it will take a bit longer than his trip to Billings Montana last July. Remember, we still have meetings even though the Eat & Rides are over until spring. We still have business to discuss and next year's activities to plan. It's also a time to hear about the issues that affect us all as riders in this state and the Nation. Some tend to forget that FORR is first and foremost an MRO: Motorcycle Rights Organization. Your participation is essential for keeping our freedom to ride intact.

Until next month,

Safe Journey's

Harold

**LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE****Meetings: Call for information****Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres.****Leland Seymour 636-497-2814****<https://www.facebook.com/Local27FORR?fref=nf>****LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE****Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Shena Flick 573-433-5122, Vice****President Eric Johnson 573-336-7679, Shrine Club 573-774-545****<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150?fref=ts>****LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook: FORR Local 29 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/106652842710031/>**

Greetings Local 29 members and friends. I hope everyone had a Happy Holidays.

At our November meeting we took nominations of officers for next year. I am pleased to report that we have eager candidates for every office. We will again take nominations at the December meeting and we love to have contested positions. Officer candidates nominated and accepted so far



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Had Cindy Crozier been present at our October meeting she would have won our Attendance Incentive and had Mike Daugherty been present at our November meeting he would have won our Attendance Incentive. We will have our last drawing for the year at the December meeting. It will then go back to \$10.00 for the January meeting. Steve Williams picked out a gift after winning the drawing for Bob's Grab Bag for October and Jim Duyck won for November. Congratulations Steve & Jim. There was no Membership Incentive drawing at the October meeting. Janet Williams won the Membership Incentive drawing at the November meeting. Congratulations Janet. In other business Local 29 voted to donate \$50 to District 4 to support their Salvation Army Christmas party. We collected an additional \$25 to sponsor a child. We also voted to donate \$50 to support District 4 with the Orrick City memorial.

Our meetings are the third Sunday of each month, 1:00 PM, The Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Road, Kansas City, MO, 64117. All are welcome. Call President Bob Neal, 816-809-7184 for information.

## **LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**

**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.**

**Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd**

**Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373004336052023/>**

## **LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**

**Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm**

**Sputs Place, Hwy 63, Vichy, MO**

**Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129**

## **LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.**

**AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.**

**President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;**

**Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403**

**<https://www.facebook.com/FORRLocal33?fref=ts>**

Wow, January, really! What the hell happened to the 12 months prior to this one? 2016, you have to be kidding. Well, there's another nail in my coffin!! We didn't get anything passed last year legislatively, although Bill K. work his tail off and did a great job trying to work the system.. The rallies were a dismal disappointment, with the exception of the "DAM RALLY" which reportedly pulled in over \$10,000.00 and yet everyone seems a little apathetic. It's another year and we need to get enthused, spiteful and determined, otherwise we're going to go the way of the infamous "Goony Bird". A famous California 1%er said; If you can't get your shit together you probably need more toilet paper. I have no idea what that means, but I thought it was a cool saying so I threw it in. I guess it means we need more toilet paper?

November 1st of 2015, local 33 had it's annual Christmas toy run. We only had about 10 riders but we sure did have the toys. One of our members couldn't make the run but sent down a large selection of toys for the kids. Thank you brother or should I say "Santa". I was a little disappointed that only three of our officers showed up for the toy run. Dedee Smith Mark and myself, Our Pres. Vice Pres. Treasurer, Secretary, Road Captain. CC Rep. all were conspicuously absent for, who knows why. Not even a phone call with some kind of lame excuse.

After we delivered the toys to the Knob Noster Bank to be distributed along with the toys they have and continue to gather, and Pat graciously handed out "bank pens" to everyone who was present. After we hit the bank we had to stand in line for quite a while until Doug yelled; Lady pick suspect already so the rest of us can leave. Being such a beautiful day, Mark suggested we go for a ride. So we saddled up with Pat leading the way. We took a nice ride around the county and ended up at the End Zone in Sedalia, I was a little short of cash so I hit the ATM. So here's to all the ATM's in the world that charge a fee to get your own money! We all ate lunch and shot the bull and then all rode off into the sunset.. All in all, it was a great day and we all got free bank pens!

November 16th brought our local meeting for the month to a wonderful gathering of members and guests. There was a lot to discuss and we got it done in less than four hours. To put things into perspective, the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 was accomplished in a lot less time. But what a great way to use up our invaluable time. After all the preliminaries were out of the way and the business meeting began, Doug Weiss had an announcement to inform the members that anyone who is not a member of AM-VETS will be charged tax on food and drink from now on. I am guessing someone got a heads up from the accountant or the IRS. A very special thanks went out to Sarge and Shelly for all the unselfish work and dedication they put into gathering donations for the Harley give-away. The entire membership gave a round of applause and a big thank you.

Cowboy Roy, had a friend he has been trying to get to join our group for some time now. It seems he is a little P.O'd about never receiving his trophy or ribbon for winning first place in the bike show two years in a row. The state dropped the ball both times and this individual has been kiddingly groveling to poor Roy over this failure by the state. So J.R took it upon himself to have Shelly Payne make two special beer mugs as TROPHIES for this individual. They were adorned with an etching of his Bikes on them and FIRST PLACE Winner. These Mugs were quite awesome. Hopefully, this puts that dog to rest and we will get him as a member and Cowboy Roy can put away his steel pot and flak jacket.

The next order of business was the outlined schedule for next years activities and events for Local 33.

February 27th 2016; Moose Chili-cook-off and Pool tournament.

March 26th 2016; Moose Crock-Pot cook off and shuffleboard tournament.

April 3rd 2016; April Fools Day Poker Run. ( Just a little late)

May 15th 2016; "Free" Porker Run and roving meeting. ( FREE to all members with/ paid up dues)

June 25 & 26th 2016; Out of State (no helmet) overnigher.

July 24th 2016; \$1,000 dollar poker run. (I never win)

September 23rd & 24th 2016; In State Overnight Ride.

October 29th 2016; Halloween Party with/live band (Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt Kicker 5)

OK Not really, just a little trip back to 1962, But we will have a band!

After J.R gave out the schedule for next year, each officer gave their report of where we stand at the closing of the year. In all sounds like we did OK according to Kim, our Treasurer, we have money in the coffer and we're heading for another good year with two more give-a-ways in the planning stages right now. Cowboy Roy, gave his CC report and evidently the Mid-South Mile hasn't made any money for the past 5 years, so we can expect to see a price increase for next year. In 2016 it will be held here in Missouri again. I'm telling you if you've never been to the Mile you really should go. You will learn much and have a great time doing it. Promise! Not to mention the great people you will meet and have a good time with. Roy put out a lot more information, but I'm not going to cover it here, since it will be in the minutes and besides, I fell asleep for the next four hours of his report. Just Kidding Roy. I was awake at least part of the time. Either that or it was a bad dream. Roy actually does an outstanding job as our C.C. Rep. I just like giving him crap. Somehow it's just in how I was drawn I guess. Don't tell him I said that.

The final order of business was Local 33 officer elections for 2016.

They are as follows.

President: J.R. "Moose" DeGraffenreid  
 Vice President: Patrick "I'm not Irish". Green  
 Secretary: Kathy "Mrs. Moose" Garver  
 Treasurer: Donna "Math Wiz" Carper  
 Membership Secretary: Deanna "I'm Cookin" Baty  
 Historian: Nancy "slim" Brown  
 C.C. Rep. Roy "Cowboy" Hoard  
 District 4 Rep. Denise "The Cane" Lesley  
 News Letter, Ed "The Spinner" Carper  
 Sergeant at Arms: Bob "Mad-Rad" Lambert  
 Product Manager: Shelly "Shirts" Payne  
 Web Master: Sam "Boundary Man" King  
 Historian: Nancy "slim" Brown  
 Road Captain: Mark "Grumpy" Baty  
 Asst. R.C. Pat Green, Mike Walsh,  
 Bob Lambert, Jared Greenhanin.

So that's what we have to work with for the next 12 months and then it's going to be your turn!

December of course was the month of yule tide cheer and giving and every year I understand old Ebenezer better and better, and yes I too fear the spirit of Christmas's yet to come the most, because of what the increase cost is every year. "Humbug"! But we at Local 33 do hope everyone had a great thanksgiving and Christmas because we sure had a hoot with our four adopt a family Christmas.

The Local voted yes to support the District four Christmas party by donating \$50.00 to the project and three of our members pledged to help the project by purchasing gifts for the foster children. Watch for this event next year as District four will have flyers and it will be posted in the news letter so that everyone will know of this revamped event.

Our own Local 33's dinner was a great time and we again helped four local families through an otherwise dismal Christmas. We supplied a great Christmas dinner for the families and the local, toys for the kids and enough food to last several months while the families get back on their feet. Even Santa showed up to thrill the kids on a bright red and chrome Harley. It actually wasn't Santa's bike, his was still up at the pole and wouldn't start.... Again! Thank the stars for Local 33 and Yeager Cycle to cover for Santa.

During our Adopt-a-Family Christmas dinner, several of the ladies were sitting up at the bar talking, when I over heard one lady say; My boyfriend is an Angle! Granny spoke up and said; Damn girl your lucky, mines still alive. Ouch!

The Ed-itor



## **LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**

**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.**

**VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735**

**Contact : President- David Nelson (660) 678-2034**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043516439034654/>**

Merry Christmas to everyone in FORR Family. Yep you're right I'm not politically correct. So if this bothers you quit reading now.

By the time you read this it will have happened.

Local 35 will be having our Local Christmas dinner and meeting Dec. 19th at 6:00 pm in Calhoun at the Calhoun Colt Show Building.

We will also have made our trip to Warrensburg to deliver Our gifts to the Veterans Home for Christmas.

We had election of officers at our November meeting and boy did we have a lot of Volunteers step up for every position.

President: David Nelson; Vice President and District 4 Rep.: Rick Greer; Secretary; Becky Silvestro; Treasurer; Linda Hawkins; Membership; Ken Kuszak; CC Rep; Ken Kuszak; Road Captain; Troy Greer ; Newsletter; Bob Hawkins.

Don't forget the F.E.W. seminar coming up in January for training of our officer and members.

We also voted on having a Chili & Soup Dinner February 27th from 5:00 pm to 8 pm to raise money for Veterans' Home Bus Fund.

I'm hoping this weather will hold at least till March as I love hearing the bikes go by the office. If you are riding please remember the road is cold and tires don't grip as good as warm weather. Be real leery in the mornings for old man frost especially on the bridges.

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Bob Hawkins # 5960



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**LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm  
 Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1043516439034654/>

Hello Local 41 ! We just had our December meeting so it is time for the newsletter. I stated in last months letter, the Local has a member "Dave Fry" that was going to set us up on Facebook. Well I was told at the meeting it is DONE! So type in Local 41 and Facebook away. Being as off the grid as I am not for sure what all this means? I think that this is good? I am doing good to get this letter to print so you can read it. Now we can "facebook" too, thank you Dave, I think. Well on to other things We had our Annual Cameron Crossroads Classic Ride In Motorcycle Show back in July. The results were not relayed to the newsletter, so now for the drumroll First place winners were William B. Cunningham Jr, Ed Pugh, Bob Hartline, Skyler Kintter, Mike Knab, Judy Cunningham, Meredith Alexander, Bill Vicki, Joy Provance, Eugene Alexander, James Maddock, Ron Robert, and Lorie Brown. Second places went to Roger Linder, Matt Hodges, Mark Provance, Mark Brown, Aaron Walker, Kevin Bruns, Robbie Provance also placing was Bob Isbell, Dale Pugh, and Steve Gallus. Now to thank the sponsors that help us to put it on McCorkels, St Joe Harley, MV Auto also with donations from Bud Linder, Roger Linder, Bob Thompson, Bob Isbell, Mike Knab, Steve Gallus, Kevin Bruns And Martin Terry. Thank You! On with other things, with the Sessions starting in January new bills will be introduced and other Legislative Items so I will try to keep you up to date. Now if you have anything that you would like to have mentioned in the newsletter contact Angie at 816-449-2707 or 816-724-0098 or Steve at 816-449-5037. Like birthdays, anniversary's, or trips. I Guess the next thing to happen will be Christmas then New years So Happy Holidays! If you can ride Be Safe! Next meeting will be at Dino's 1/7/16 mark it so you can be there. SO RIDE SAFE AND FREE! Steve G VP till next time

**LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.  
 Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact:  
 President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164; Vice-President  
 Kevin King 636-236-6601  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/118270741593141/>

**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am  
 Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151  
 (also known as Platte Woods area)  
 Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100791843447368/>

**DISTRICT 1**

Meetings: 2nd Thursday  
 Check with your local rep for location

Information to the district HAPPY HOLIDAYS, GOOD WISHES, GOOD RIDING and GOOD FRIENDS! We will be trying to have a meeting in January on Wednesday the 13th 2016. Give Roy Brown or Steve Gallus a call for location and time.

**DISTRICT 4**

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm  
 Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011  
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Q. Who may receive the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## EPA Raises Ethanol Blend Levels

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that the Obama administration, along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), last week raised the amount of ethanol and other renewable fuels that must be blended into the nation's gas supply, announcing that 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuels must now be blended into the nation's gasoline supply in 2016.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), as directed by our Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO's), does not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 (10% ethanol) or any other newly developed fuel blends, including alternative renewable fuels, without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific

recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use.

This increase comes as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard, a mandate that was meant to encourage the use of domestic ethanol in U.S. gasoline supplies, and supporters claim it helps reduce carbon pollution and cuts American dependence on foreign fuel. Higher ethanol blends, however, void new motorcycle warranties and have been reported to cause damage to motorcycle fuel systems and other engine components.

Interestingly, while the EPA announcement of the 18.11 billion-gallon figure is significantly above the 17.4 billion gallons initially proposed in May, it falls far below the 22.3 billion-gallon amount laid out by Congress in 2007 legislation and raises new questions about the viability of the controversial Renewable Fuel Standard moving forward.

As part of its 2016 Legislative Agenda, the MRF will continue to call for further motorcycle engine testing with these blends and seek manufacturer recommendations regarding their use, and as always, the MRF will continue to keep its members apprised of any actions regarding the ethanol issue.

## MAC Membership and NHTSA Ban Targets on the MRF Radar

As previously reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the U.S. Senate approved the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act within a few hours of the U.S. House voting in favor of the same legislation. Now that the bill is in front of the President for his signature, it's important to note two very important issues on which the MRF will be working vigorously.

- The language within the FAST Act that reestablishes the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation on motorcycling infrastructure issues does not, unfortunately, spell out the motorcycling organizations that will make up the membership of the Council. Instead, organizations that wish to be included now need to lobby the Secretary of Transportation to be a member. The MRF had been a member of the original incarnation of the MAC, and we will be actively lobbying to be once again included in the MAC membership. The MRF already has the commitment of several members of Congress to support our efforts of inclusion, and we will work diligently to ensure that the voice of motorcyclists is included in the Council's makeup.

- While the MRF was not successful in our effort to include language within the FAST Act to expand the ban on lobbying States (without invitation) using taxpayer dollars to all of the DOT, the ban that prohibits NHTSA from doing so remains intact. The MRF will continue to closely monitor NHTSA to ensure that they adhere to the limits of the ban and that your tax dollars are not used against you, and we will be working to expand the ban to include all of the DOT.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank our supporters within Congress for their upcoming efforts to have the MRF included as a member of the MAC, and our members who tirelessly support the cause to defend motorcyclists' rights.

## Federal Highway Bill headed to the President's Desk

The U.S. Senate approved the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act by an 83-16 vote within a few hours of the U.S. House voting 359-65 in favor of the highway bill compromise - one day before the current funding extension was set to expire.

It now heads to the President's desk for signing. Indications are that he will sign it, giving us the first highway bill spanning longer than two years since 2005.

The 5-year bill is a \$305 billion dollar fully funded reauthorization of federal highway and transit programs.

- Re-establishing the Motorcycle Advisory Council to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation on motorcycling infrastructure issues

- Continuation of the funding of motorcycle safety grants

- Funding distracted driving grant programs

- Language titled Share-The-Road Model Language that requires the Secretary within 1 year of passage of the FAST Act to provide to the states model Share the Road language on the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists

- Stops Motorcycle Checkpoint federal grant funding for any program to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers

- Limitations and owner definition on data retrieval from vehicle event data recorders

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank our former lobbyist, Jeff Hennie, for the tremendous effort he put into the positive measures of this highway bill. Additionally, the MRF would like to recognize in appreciation our membership who worked tirelessly for several years in Washington D.C. and back in their home states to further this important bill.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, MRF President

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