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Proposed Changes to bylaws

Recommend changing para 2.6C from:

CURRENT 2.6C: Suspension of membership in the organization by a 4/5 vote of the Central Committee. This may occur only if a member has received notice and has had an opportunity to be heard before the Central Committee, and is found in noncompliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Central Committee, or has committed acts prejudicial to the purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc.

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Recommend adding a new paragraph to the Bylaws shown below.

2.8 Procedure for acts against FORR, inc by a member that are deemed detrimental or prejudicial to the future, purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc or other members within the organization. These procedures are for extreme incidents and should only be used when all other possibilities have been exhausted. The Central Committee must understand that any action against any member of FORR may have reverse repercussions that could also be detrimental to the organization.

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Notes From Katherine

Greetings! I hope while reading this, you are well. This is truly one of the times where writing of "the future" is almost at a standstill. I truly have limited info to update you with, as most of the events will transpire after the deadline this article is due at the office. Senator Schaefer will be sponsoring three very important issues such as the failure to yield the right of way (SB130), prohibiting the establishment of motorcycle only checkpoints (SB73), and designating May as Motorcycle awareness month (SB72), and Senator Brown will be sponsoring the Helmet Modification in the Senate chamber (SB187). House chamber is working just as hard, and I will send out email updates as soon as we have House Bill numbers on our issues.

To date, FORR has been in attendance to two bike shows (Wide Open Bike Show)...technically same show, but on opposite sides of the state. I believe both were well worth the attendance, as the gospel was shared, and the membership grew.

I am (almost) sure you should be reading this before March; March 1-2 (Fri-Sat) is 2013's Democratic Days in Hannibal, MO. It would be nice to see membership in full support. There will, also, be a 2nd bus trip to the Capitol in March; please contact District 4 leadership if coming in from the west side of the State and contact leadership from Locals 24, 25, & 42 if coming in from the east side of state for exact time and dates for the March trip.

Please be vigilant in contacting your State Officers (your House Rep & Senator) and keep them posted on our issues. Be politely adamant in their responding yes or no on how they will vote on our issues. Please feel free to contact your Legislative Dept to discuss ANY of our issues, talking points, how to get a hold of your Legislators/State Officers, etc. And as always, any questions/comments/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Legislative Dept, or any of your Board members... just please contact us, rather than a social media. You might be surprised with the results...

We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same. The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbor as ourselves: we do unto others as we do unto ourselves. We hate others when we hate ourselves. We are tolerant toward others when we tolerate ourselves. We forgive others when we forgive ourselves. We are prone to sacrifice others when we are ready to sacrifice ourselves...

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Fox,
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MARCH 2013 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**NOTE: ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MARCH,
2013 WILL BE HELD AT
EL ESPOLON MEXICAN RESTAURANT
2400 S LIMIT, SEDALIA, MO 65301**

**Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 12 noon, State Fairgrounds
(main gate on 16th St),
2503 W 16th St, Sedalia, MO. 65301
then at 1 pm move to El Espolon Mexican Restaurant**

**Legislative Meeting
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 2 pm – 4 pm, El Espolon Mexican
Restaurant**

**Meeting of the Minds 2014
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 4 pm – 5 pm, El Espolon Mexican
Restaurant**

**Officers Meeting
Saturday, March 9, 2013, 7 pm, Truman Hotel (exact
location TBA), Jefferson City, MO**

**Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, March 10, 2013 10:00 a.m., Truman Hotel,
Jefferson City, MO**

WHO AM I?

February's "Who Am I?" was Debra John, Local 31. Please submit your photos for future publications. If you don't have a scanner, snail mail them to me. I will return them to you. You will have to let ME know who they are.

Central Committee Meeting #199

January 13, 2013

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Rhodes, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local	Members Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	57	Rick Long
South Kansas City	Local 05	53	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	129	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	47	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	114	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	163	Deanna Rhodes
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	32	Kaime Johnson
Glasgow	Local 12	57	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	79	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	60	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	269	Les Morris
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	91	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	121	Doug Yearns
Dexter	Local 20	64	Mike Allen
Eldon	Local 21	23	ABSENT
Lincoln County	Local 23	17	ABSENT (excused)
St. Louis	Local 24	118	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	58	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	75	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	106	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	208	Steve Sagi
North Kansas City	Local 29	96	Ronda Fellts
Nixa	Local 30	67	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	23	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	116	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	48	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	35	ABSENT (excused)
Franklin County	Local 42	113	Keifer York
Members at Large	Local 00	62	
Total		2501	January 1, 2013
Corporate Sponsors		12	

Roll call of locals by Corporate Secretary

2013 State of the organization presented by Chairman Martin King.

Approval of minutes – Motion by Local 24 to accept minutes as printed, 2nd Local 27, approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAC donation advertisement – Legislative Coordinator Fox stated that the legislative department has been working hard on our 2013 legislative agenda, however the PAC account requires funding. No locals came forward with any information regarding how other SMRO are handling on line PAC donations.

Rider Education Coordinator vehicle – Coordinator Clawson replaced the vehicle he had with a used F350 pickup, that he uses to pull our safety trailer. Locals 26 and 16 recommended that we pay so many cents per mile on the vehicle driven with the amount to be determined by the CC. Right now we reimburse for fuel costs and have also covered some maintenance items such as tires, etc. Local 6 asked what percentage of the

vehicle use was for hauling our trailer. Coordinator Clawson indicated he puts around 7000-7500 miles a year on the vehicle and that about 90% of that is for FORR use. Coordinator Clawson presented a proposed 2013 Rider Education budget which includes \$3,000 for either the truck payments or to purchase motorcycles. Motion by Local 6 to approve the proposed Rider Education budget which includes the \$250.00 per month truck payment assistance with the provision that Doug continues to haul the state rider education trailer, 2nd Local 42. Coordinator Clawson stated it is his intention to continue to haul the state rider education trailer even if he steps down as the state rider education coordinator, motion carries by voice vote with two opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Toxic member policy proposal by Taz Moeller of Local 28:

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Motion by Local 24 to move to print, 2nd Local 42, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Secretary Garver presented the following proposed policy and procedure change:

Voting at Central Committee Meeting

A Local or Locals of a District will lose votes at Central Committee meeting for failure to comply with policies regarding sanctioning events. This will hold until Local/District complies with the insurance coordinator. Central Committee Representatives will be notified 2 weeks prior to Central Committee meeting if votes will be lost. (Note: paperwork must be complete within 30 days of event to be in compliance.)

(A Local or Locals of a District or Special Event will have their vote suspended at Central Committee meeting for failure to comply with policies regarding sanctioning/insuring of events or failure to remit release forms and accident/incident report forms within 30 days of the conclusion of the event. Vote suspension shall remain in effect until Local / District / Special Event has complied with all requirements regarding sanctioning/insuring of events and submission of all release forms and accident/incident report forms.

Central Committee Representatives shall be notified 2 weeks prior to Central Committee meeting if votes will be lost as a result of event non-compliance.)

Insurance/Events

2. Fliers must be approved by FORR, Inc., Insurance/Events Coordinator (General Office and event sanctioned and insured prior to distribution of any flyers and/or advertising of the event.)

3. Event application, copy of approved flier, 101 form and required fees need to be forwarded to Insurance Coordinator (FORR General Office at least) 30 days prior to the event date to request certificates of insurance. The Coordinator (General Office) will forward the necessary information to the Treasurer.

4. Information to add additional insureds must be sent with the application: Additional insured name, and address or FAX number. The Coordinator (General Office) will send a certificate of insurance to the additional insured.

(5. General Office will forward an event specific FORR general release form to Local designee along with confirmation of event sanctioning and insurance for use at event. All attendees of local event shall sign a copy of this specific event general release form.)

After completion of the event:

1. Mail all release forms and minor release forms to the Insurance Coordinator as soon as possible after the event. (General Office within 30 days after close of the event)

2. Note any and all accidents (minor & major (Complete and mail incident / accident report forms) and any reports of trouble with any person/ persons at the event (to General Office as soon as possible after the event, preferably within 24 hours after conclusion of the event.)

The Insurance Coordinator (General Office) will maintain a file for future reference for the event which will include: Flier, event application, request for insurance, 101 form, a copy of payment, release forms, and incident reports.

Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 6 to approve the proposed policy changes as presented, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Local 24 requested that approval and distribution of flyers should be a part of the sanctioning process. He is asking for this because their local recently had a situation where they had to delay an event because the local could not get a check for insurance into the General office to insure the event, therefore they were not authorized to distribute flyers and begin promotion of the event. Motion by Local 24 that flyer approval is not part of the event sanctioning process and that locals are able to start promoting their event immediately upon the flyer being approved, 2nd Local 30. Secretary Garver asked what he proposed be done in the event a local never goes through with the rest of the sanctioning process. His position

is that it's up to the corporate officers to enforce the rules regarding events. Insurance Coordinator Hawkins stated the release of the flyer does not create an insurance risk for FORR. Chairman King suggested if a local was unable to remit the insurance payment at the time the flyer was submitted, the local could contact a corporate officer regarding the situation and if approved, the corporate officer could contact the general office to advise of the officers decision regarding allowing the local to proceed with the event sanctioning process pending future receipt of insurance payment. Roll Call vote, Locals 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29, 30 voted yes; Locals 1, 14, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 35, 42 voted no; Local 8 abstained, motion carries with vote of 19 yes, 14 no, 1 abstain.

Based upon the above vote, the Central Committee was required to readdress the policy and proposal change that was previously adopted as it now conflicts with this policy. Motion by Local 6 that paragraph 2 be changed to "Flyers must be approved by FORR, Inc General Office and event sanction form submitted to General Office prior to distribution of any flyers and/or advertising of the event.", 2nd Local 30. Vote on motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Chairman King requested in the future if someone has a policy and procedure change they would like to propose to please put it in writing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

TREASURER – Steve Comeau – Treasurer Comeau is going to start enforcing that things are done as they are suppose to be done. He has several locals that are only submitting copies of their bank statements and no financial reports or receipts. This does not comply with the local financial requirements as set forth in the bylaws. Written financial report submitted: General fund beginning balance \$12,516.01 ending balance \$10,302.58; Rider Ed beginning balance \$15,505.28 ending balance \$13,050.35; PAC beginning balance \$8,221.21 ending balance \$13,449.44; Homecoming beginning balance \$10,495.57 ending balance \$4,470.57. Freedom Park balance \$12,570.05; Give a way balance \$4,000.43.

Proposed PAC and General 2013 budgets presented. Motion by Local 27 2nd Local 35 to accept proposed budgets, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Local 26 donated \$100 to general fund.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Vice Chair McWilliams was unable to attend the CC meeting or the FEW Seminar due to circumstances beyond his control. No Engineer of Freedom award presented this month.

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally – JR DeGraffenreid presented a report concerning the activities of the committee. JR asked the agenda be changed to reflect the name Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally from this point forward. He encouraged everyone to treat other members like family. We may not always agree with each other but we must remember we are family. The Rally Committee met during the FEW Seminar because there were a lot of things that could not wait until March. If anyone has any questions please contact JR at 816-716-4350. If you have a legitimate problem with the rally or the committee please call, however please be prepared with a resolution to the problem. Chairman King reported on the status of the existing Shrine Club contract. He reported Taz has done a lot of work with the Shrine Club leaders and as a result of that work we have agreed to a \$500 per year (\$1,500.00) total release of the contract. A contract with the State Fair has been executed. A flyer is about 90% complete. Mike Allen is working on setting up a new web domain to get a website set up for the new event. Once that is done the flyers will be updated with the website information and they will go to print. It is very important to get these flyers out as soon as possible. We currently have two main sponsors – Yeagers Cycles \$750 and Kleinschmidt's Boots and Western Store \$500. We are going to have event and workers shirts but no decision has been made concerning the back of either shirt. If a sponsor comes forth that is willing to give us \$750 they could be the sole sponsor on either shirt instead of having 28 small sponsors. This is an entirely new event and there are going to be hiccups that occur. It's going to take a lot of work by everyone to plan and pull off this event. All of the committee meetings in March will be moved to Sedalia starting at noon. The general office will send out an email to the membership letting them know where these meetings will be held. This will allow everyone an opportunity to see the facility. The Sunday CC meeting will still be in Jefferson City. This will be a Friday, Saturday and Sunday event August 30th through Sept. 1st. The committee is going to be actively working on the event outside of the committee meetings. If anyone wants to be a part of this committee please get your name and email address to JR and he will add you to the committee list.

FEW Seminar – It was a good event, everyone learned a lot and it's a good idea to alternate officer training with other types of training. 99 pre-registered with 116 actually attending. Chairman King stated we really need to work on our proposals and committee meetings in the future and make sure we all work together, stay to the agenda and get the job done. Central Committee consensus that we have the FEW Seminar again next year. The FEW committee meetings will be held Saturday prior to the CC meeting. Remember March will be in Sedalia. JR, Kathy and Katherine thanked for all of their work on the event. Treasurer Comeau presented a rough overview of the event financials, expenses were around \$1,000 to \$1,100, with the money that came in from the auction, last biker standing, etc we made around \$1,500.00. This does not include the advance registration income. Reminder that a lot of the auction items come from the Mid South MILE and Meeting of the Minds.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – Coordinator Clawson introduced himself to the new CC Representatives and provided a brief overview of his job. The Rider Ed Department has two motorcycles for sale, a 2000 Honda Rebel and a Suzuki DR200 (no title). He may also have a Kawasaki KE100 for sale in the near future. This is down time for the rider education classes so there is not a lot going on right now.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Rhodes – Coordinator Rhodes asked every local to consider doing some type of motorcycle awareness event each year. If every local would do this we could really reach a lot of people over a year. We are still set up with MODOT for the awareness items so long as they receive the federal grant money. MODOT is changing how they are expending these funds to try some new items and to use of the money better. If anyone wants to get a copy of the awareness presentation that was presented at the FEW Seminar please send an email to MAC@forr.net. Suggestion that we copy the presentation to a DVD and distribute them to schools for teachers to use.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne - \$30 went into the FORR treasury from sale of FEW t-shirts. We made around \$3,000 from the product line last year. She is working on coming up with new products to keep things fresh. Calendars – we have about 490-500 left. Sent about 40 calendars as well as products to KC for the Wide Open Bike Show. A show is coming up in February in St Louis. Coordinator Payne presented a new awareness bumper sticker that Local 33 is doing. Last year we distributed about 200 calendars to the capitol. We are currently about \$200 short of breaking even on the calendars. Local 24 will take a few calendars and try to sell them. Motion by local 27 that we donate 200 to take to the capitol, 2nd Local 20, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Discussion that we might be better served by putting these calendars out to bike shops and other locations where businesses support us or where we might gain membership from the distribution. Local 35 purchased extra copies of the calendars with the intent to distribute those calendars to local businesses that support us. Other locals were encouraged to do the same thing. Shelly and Kevin thanked for all of their hard work on the Mid Missouri Rally flyer. Suggestion that if someone signs up at the bike

show they get a free calendar or reduce price of the calendars at the bike show. Katherine suggested that we give 100 for the wide open bike show and use the other 200 for the bike shops. Motion by Local 42 that we take at least 50 calendars to the Wide Open Bike Show for sale at \$5.00 each and that if anyone signs up they get a free calendar, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unopposed. Katherine stated we also have Lincoln Days coming up in mid February. Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 42 that we wait until the March CC meeting to decide if we want to disburse any remaining calendars, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

WEBMASTER – Mike Allen – MO-Rally.com will be the new website for the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally. Concerning the FORR social site there has been a huge decline in people using the site, www.forr.net/social. There will be an article in the Freedom Press regarding this site because we have been made aware that a lot of our membership does not know about the site. It was previously reported there would be a local area set up on the FORR social site, however he is not going to do this until it becomes apparent the site is being used. There has been a problem recently resetting passwords and he is working on the issue but can't fix the problem until he can find out what is causing it. If any locals are interested in having their local website hosted by FORR there are still a few positions available. Still working on product line store. Hopefully once that gets set up we can set it up promote local products as well. An issue was addressed concerning email address links on the webpage for locals. Mike stated that for security purposes it is not a good idea to put an actual email address on the website because there are programs that troll the web searching for this type of information for the purpose of sending out spam. Local 24 stated that they have their email addresses posted on their website and have not encountered a spam problem from those listings. Webmaster Allen is aware of some known issues with email links and Windows 7 and 8 and that in order to get these links you have to have Windows live.

Webmaster Allen read a letter to the Central Committee resigning as the FORR webmaster. This was prompted as a result of what someone posted on his personal social site. He reminded everyone that when you slander someone in a public forum you need to be aware of all the possible repercussions of the actions. We need to be respectful of each other, no matter what. Chairman King addressed the fact that the specific issue at hand doesn't matter. What does matter is that we all need to respect each other even if we don't agree. This public name calling and slamming has got to stop. FORR will need to find someone willing to fulfill the webmaster shoes. Mike is willing to help but will not continue to serve as the webmaster. He has done what he said he would do and was thanked for all of his hard work.

NEWSLETTER – Office Manager Chapman thanked for her efforts on the newsletter. Locals encouraged to try to submit their local articles in a timely manner. Discussion held concerning the letter to the editor that was printed in the Freedom Press.

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver – Membership Report November/December - 51 new members, 185 renewals, 12 life members, total membership 2,501, decrease of 25 members since last report.

Secretary Garver reminded the Central Committee that some of our computer equipment is starting to give us problems or is getting older and may need to be replaced in the near future.

LEGISLATIVE

Chairman King addressed the current situation with Matt Hill and renewing his contract for this year. Matt indicated by text just this weekend that he will not be able to represent us this year even though in the past he offered to represent us for \$500.00 per month January through May. This leaves us at this point without an individual to represent FORR at the capitol. Floor opened for suggestions on how we should proceed from this point forward and discussion was held concerning various options and recommendations, including FORR retaining Katherine as our government relations specialist, looking into an individual recommended by Matt and another group of individuals that had previously contacted John Stouffer about representing FORR. Motion by Local 24 that if Katherine will accept this position that we sign a contract with Katherine for \$12,000.00 per year, 2nd Local 20. Motion to table this issue by Local 42 and let this board decide what needs to be done, 2nd Local 35, roll call motion passes 25 yes 10 no, Locals 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 33, 35 and 42 voted yes; Locals 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 voted no..

Motion by Local 20 that this organization allow the corporate officers to proceed in the best way they see fit regarding our lobbyist with a \$13,500 limit on the amount of money expended for 2013, 2nd Local 24. The motion is to give the board a few days to check out the organization that John is talking about, allow Katherine to decide if she really has the time necessary to devote to the position and to allow everyone to make a decision based upon what is best for this organization. Motion carries roll call unanimously, Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41 and 42 voted yes.

Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 27 to pull the tabled motion from the table, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 30 to hire Katherine as our lobbyist, motion carries by voice vote with two opposed. Motion by Local 20 to rescind the last vote, 2nd Local 27, motion carries by voice vote. The corporate officers will make the decision.

February 2nd and 3rd Wide Open bike show in St Charles, Mo. FORR will have a booth at this show. February 12th is the first District 4 bus trip to the capitol. There will also be bus trip that day from the St. Louis area as well. February 15-17 Statewide Lincoln Days in St. Louis at the Renaissance Grand Hotel. March 1-3 is Demo Days in Hannibal. March 12th will probably be the second District 4 bus trip. Locals 24 and 42 are also doing a bus trip that day from the east side. All locals encouraged to get people to the capitol on one of these dates. If anyone wants to come to the capitol on another day please let Katherine know and she will meet you there. Please make appointments in advance with your Reps/Senators so you are ensured of a meeting. However if you're in town, stop by even if you don't have an appointment. When you visit make sure you do these things 1) sign the guest book; 2) be polite and ask for their support on our issues; 3) be appropriately dressed, be clean and respectful in your attire.

Coordinator Fox encouraged CC reps at the last meeting to talk with their locals about insurance issues. They had obtained new information at the MILE concerning insurance companies that were not insuring motorcycle riders. No one brought back any information.

Locals were asked at the last CC meeting to obtain email addresses for local newspapers so a letter to the editor could be submitted. Several locals have provided this information. However we need more information from around the state. Please get this information to Coordinator Fox as soon as possible so we can get truthful facts out to the general public.

Last year Coordinator Fox asked for assistants to step up to help with the legislative tasks. She received approximately 15 responses. This department needs help because we truly do need to get back to our grass roots. We are the motorcycling community and we need to let our neighbors know that we are a community but we are also individuals that have families too.

Coordinator Fox presented an overview of our current legislation and those individuals who have stepped up to sponsor our issues.

Motion by Local 35 to extend the meeting, 2nd Local 30, motion carries by voice vote.
There will be weekly reports from the legislative department. Some of these may be coming from the General Office so please do not disregard those. Coordinator Fox reminded everyone there are no FORR bills or FORR passed legislation. Any legislation passed is done so by the motorcyclists of this state.

CHAIRMAN – Martin King

AMA – no report

MRF – JR reported that due to the extended meeting time he has put out a few MRF Reports on the table. Please read these and he will cover what he needs to under the 2014 MOTM report.

Mid South MILE – Jim Scheele – Thanked everyone that attended and everyone that helped put Missouri's basket together. We were within 5 of having the most people. Next meeting will be February 10th in Joplin. Looking for suggestions for seminars. Jim reported when he went to pay Rhonda for the cost of the basket she told him to keep it and therefore it will be put towards this year's basket. Thank you Rhonda. Next year's event will be in Oklahoma. No date or exact city has been set. Jim thanked for his work on the MILE and also recognized for receiving the Buck Stops Here award at the FEW Seminar.

2014 MOTM – We did not have a meeting yesterday due to the FEW Seminar. 2013 will be in Columbus, Ohio. The 30th anniversary in 2014 will be in Kansas City, Missouri. The committee members are set and some very basic stuff was accomplished in November. We are going to need some people to step up and help pull off the event. If the financial situation doesn't change there may not be money available to send people to MOTM and MILE this year. This might be a great thing to use our FORR social site to talk about these issues. We also talked about the need to do a Washington DC trip this year and right now we simply cannot afford to do this. There has been a call to action by the MRF to try to get people to DC or to at least communicate with their federal elected officials concerning the ethanol issue and motorcycle checkpoint issue.

Steve Gallus' father passed away and as such he was not able to attend today's CC meeting. His absence from the meeting will be excused. Chairman King asked any CC rep who is not able to attend a meeting to please let him know in advance of the meeting.

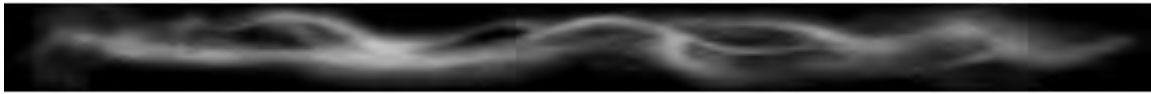
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Blacktop Rally is on track for June this year. Proclamation Run has been scheduled.

May Rally date has been set. It's not too soon to start thinking about Proclamation Runs and obtaining proclamations for the MAY Rally.

District 4 Crock pot cook-off is set for January 19th. This is a legislative fundraiser to help pay for the bus trip.

Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 42 to adjourn the meeting.



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History of FORR

The year was 1988. The following officers were leading the organization. Chairman Ed Dotson, Vice Chairman Wayne Curtin, Secretary Karla Dotson, Treasurer Jean Lorenz, Legislative Coordinator Dean Wilhite, Newsletter Editor Ron Popplewell and Safety Coordinator Smokey Strodman. The organization realized that it needed to be able to make campaign contributions and in order to do so had to set up a separate account from our LAF fund (legislative action fund). We also realized that protest runs were not going to accomplish what we needed and could in fact do more harm than good. A local bike shop wanted to buy our membership list and it was unanimously decided that FORR's membership list was not available for sale. A question arose concerning voting by members under the age of 17 and it was decided that if a child could speak, talk and make their own decisions they should be allowed to vote. It was also decided that FORR's standard colors that would be used on all FORR items would be red, white and blue.

At the March 13, 1988 meeting Local 29 North Kansas City was welcomed into the family.

The helmet modification bill passed out of committee 9-0 however we are facing stiff opposition to this bill from the insurance companies who are starting to spend a lot of time and money working against our bill. Our legislative coordinator, Tom Pauley summed the real issue up rather nicely by stating "Whether it was the helmet law, or a mandatory orange life jacket law, or anything else was not the real issue. The real issue was government regulation over an entire class of people - people who, through no action of their own, are boxed, labeled and discriminated against because of attitude and hype. In science, the truth never changes - for every action, there must be a reaction. Sooner or later the reaction had to come. Suddenly the 20 year old belief that Missouri bikers could be regulated, and that we would never push back began to crumble. FORR didn't invent political activism and we bikers certainly won't be the last to practice it in Missouri. But the mere gall of 2,000 bikers banding together to say 'enough is enough' has set in motion a chain of events which has placed all of us on a direct collision course with the prejudiced, the narrow minded, the would be regulators. Our enemies program is - we aren't going away."

District 4 was nominated for the United Way Outstanding Achievement Award and FORR won the 1987 AMA Road Promoter Award. In July of 1988 Wayne Curtin resigned as Vice Chairman of FORR to accept a lobbyist position with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Terry Allison was nominated to fulfill the remainder of Wayne's term.

The CC held a lengthy discussion about the direction of FORR's legislative activities. Did we want to retain the lobbyist? Do we continue to hand out campaign contributions? Do we actively campaign against politicians that do not support our issues?

Discussion was held about the need for a statewide fundraiser. We also need to be open to foreign riders and refrain from prejudging a member based upon what they ride. We also need to promote safety and rider education programs. We also faced the decision of what to do with the money that was raised for the Memorial Park now that a decision had been made to not pursue the purchase of property. It was decided the money collected would be returned to the individuals who contributed to the fund where possible.

There were some changes at the capitol this year as we moved from having a 4 month session one year followed by a six month session the next year to having a 5 month session each year.

A state party committee was established and were looking into the possibility of having a 4 day event over Memorial Day weekend in Freeburg, Missouri.

Our safety program was growing in leaps and bounds with several permanent sites established around the state.

To quote one of our former leaders - Class Dismissed.

Kathy Garver

Secretary Freedom of Road Riders

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076

Contact: Melany 816-633-7710 or Linda 797-9849

Melany is taking a break this month so I thought I would throw something together for the FP.

Our meetings have moved. The time, place, etc. is above. We miss you all. Remember it is just a short putt down the road and I know how you all hate to have an excuse to ride. LOL!

I will be attending the March CC meeting so if you have anything that you want brought up give me a holler.

This is short and sweet but it gave you something to read. HA!
Dallas



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

Greetings,

Isn't the weather here in Missouri interesting, freezing cold then riding temp. The 3rd Annual Crockpot Cook-off went off without a hitch, by FORR standards anyway. I don't have numbers just yet but we had a great time. Thanks again to VFW 3976 and Local 14 for hosting.

If you missed the FEW Seminar you missed a great time. Everyone who is or wants to be an officer should be required to attend.

Sorry I missed last month's submission anyone who would like write a guest column just like me know. I would be happy to let someone else step in for a bit.

The planning of the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally is moving along. We will have an onsite meeting at the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia on Saturday, March 9 at noon. We need sponsors, so if you would like to solicit some businesses in your neighborhood I can email the forms or I will have some at the next meeting. Maybe, Local 5 can be a sponsor (hint). Happy belated birthday Doug Cornett whose birthday was February 15 and Doug and Cindy's anniversary was February 19. March birthday's are Cheryl Hanlon, March 6, Tony Morris, March 11 and Norman Pursley, March 21.

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

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

Abide!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****First Ward House, 2101 St Joseph Ave****Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

So, it's February already. Only a few more weeks of dicey weather before the wheels can start rolling on a more regular basis. Hope Punxsutawney Phil was right. But for it being the middle of winter, we've have some pretty good riding days. This write-up is due in to the publishers before the Indoor Bike Show so I can't name the trophy winners. Look for them in the next issue. Hopefully we had a good turnout. Talk is in the air about spicing it up for next year. Let's hear some of your ideas.

The FEW Seminar at Jefferson City, in January was a BLAST (and I even learned a few things). I'm sure I will become a regular attendee. A BIG thanks to Local 15 for the hospitality room Saturday night and the American Legion for the great food served during the day. Local 6 was represented by 10 people; Nick Sr and his wife, Sam W, Darrell C, Tim E, Sheila E, Tom E and his wife, John T and his wife. There was A LOT of hot air going on around the ducks, but it kept us from thinking about the freezing rain.

Our January meeting had a pretty good turnout. I didn't count but I would guess it was around 30 members. Remember the place has changed to the basement of First Ward House in the north end. Our next meeting will be on March 17th at 12:30 Make sure you wear your GREEN. You never know where I'll pinch you!

Shaky would like to wish his better half, Okie, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY this month. He said something about being older than dirt but I didn't catch the whole story so I'd better leave well enough alone.

Some dates to remember:

March 17th – Local 6 meeting

April 21st – Local 6 meeting

April 27th – Proclamation Run

April 30th – Mike Sloan Memorial Ride to the Capital

May 19th – Local 6 meeting

June 7th – 9th – District 1 Rally at the Pony Express RV Park south of Maysville.

Till next month, keep those leathers oiled.

Sheila E

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627**

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:

Will now meet at Ollie's at 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536

Greeting's Local 7

Every January Local 7 invites local charities to our meeting. This year we had three organizations come. S.C.A.N which is a group who is raising money for things such as special chairs for children in restaurants & special equipment at the city parks for children with special needs. We will be sponsoring our third annual Kannon Ball Run June 2nd starting at the Harley Davidson shop. Next the Hughes center is a community center for senior citizens. We will be having a Scavenger Hunt Oct. 6th starting at the Lebanon Suzuki-Kawasaki shop. Last will be the Local 7 Toy run Nov. 3rd starting at the Lebanon Cycle Center with all toys & can goods going to the Share Your Christmas Program. Last year this organization was able to help 483 families. At our January meeting the head of Share Your Christmas presented Local 7 with a plaque thanking us for our past contributions.

Well everyone get ready to ride because spring is just around the corner. Local 7 will start off the riding season with the Lebanon Area Riders Group's 35th (sort of) annual Freeze yer Buns Run, March 3rd starting at 1 pm at the Bell Motel-Restaurant parking lot on city Route 66 East. And our last bit of news is that the Shoney's has closed so we will be holding our meeting at Ollie's on Hwy 64 just 7 miles out of Lebanon towards Bennett Springs.

Until next time, be safe

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**

Greetings from Local 8:

Mother Nature has been teasing us with spring like weather. I hope some of you are able to take advantage of it. Look out for the loose sand and gravel. You can go down hard.



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Plans for Spring Fling are well under way. Bands lined up Contract ready to sign and beautiful weather ordered. Mark your calendars for Fathers Day weekend at the Peanut Barrel. We are making some changes from last year that will make it better than ever.

We have a new member. Barry Smith from Chillicothe. Welcome. Gilbert Clawson was the winner and loser of the membership drawing. I guess Texas is a long way to come for a meeting. Would have come in handy for your wedding. Congratulations any way

Everyone wanting to take a BRC class this year watch for the schedule. Classes will be limited this year. Carl won't have any classes in July and August. I strongly recommend taking this class. Learn to ride the right way and you can save on your insurance.

Larry Starrett and Louise Reasoner are our new Life members. We have a total of 27. A Life Member plaque has been donated by Alexander Trucking { Meredith and Eugene Alexander}.

A reminder our monthly meeting is the first Sunday of the month. Currently we meet at Royal Inn Pizza in Chillicothe at 1 pm.

The Spring Fling committee meeting is at 11 am. We have time for a meal and visiting before the meeting. We will start our ride in meetings. The first one is planed for Trenton with a tune- up ride if everything works out. The last few years it has rained hard.

Until next time enjoy all the riding time you can.
Foxy Gama

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899

It's get ready for Rally time.

Everyone in Local 11 is thinking of bigger and better ways to make the Freedom Of Road Riders Local 11 Southwest Missouri Motorcycle Rally a huge hit this year. June 14th, 15th, & 16th 2013 is going to be best yet. We have three great bands lined up: Friday night, BIG SKILLET....Saturday afternoon, THE TAILGATORS....and Saturday night, SOUTHERN GREEN. Come out and enjoy some great sounds....not to mention, ROMANTIC DELIGHT'S LOVELY LADIES in the fashion show, a live auction, bike games, ride-in bike show, the delicious food served up by CHEF LES, a potential on ground tattoo shop and a camp

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ground full of some of the best people you'll ever want to meet. We are looking for more vendors everyday and would love to hear from anyone interested. If you are interested in vending at our rally call 417-825-0766 or 417-310-6619. We love to have a good time and meet new people as well as party with all our bros and sisters who come out each year. Members of Local 27 have come out and been a fun addition to our rally....some great people!!!!

Bring your friends...camp all weekend for \$15.00 per person....enjoy yourselves. Only leave attitudes and grudges at home. We don't want them, don't need them and won't tolerate them. Flyers will be posted soon and signs will be placed in key areas to guide you to the rally..

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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

Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information



This month's minutes start off with a HUGE thank you to Laura Adcock for taking the minutes for me when I was unable to make the meeting last month due to a family reunion. Laura did a fantastic job, much better than my chicken scratched notes I usually bring home. It's the first meeting I've missed in years but Gloria and I had a great time meeting people we hadn't seen for many years.

Laura told me they had a great meeting at the Slater American Legion on January 6th. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm with 20 members present. Because Smokey was absent Laura read the minutes and they were approved with one correction. Laura gave the treasury report and it was approved.

John gave the legislative and C.C. reports and said that there would be a meeting next week and that if anyone wanted anything from the product line he would try to get it. Pork Chop thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the Legion for allowing us to have it there. Socko also thanked everyone for attending.

In the district report it was stated that there would be no changes and everything would remain the same as last year. In the event coordinators report, Tami was sick but sent word that nothing had changed since last meeting.

In old business Joyce asked about the Adopt-A-Highway program on the stretch of 240 from the Glasgow Bridge to two miles west of it on Hwy. 240. If we agree to keep it clean, we can get a sign with local 12's name put on it. No one at the meeting had any information on this.

Boz asked about the 20th Anniversary flyers and was not sure he had a computer program that would do this. All ideas are needed for food and other necessities. We will check to see if local 12 can fund some of the expenses, like meat. It will strictly be BYOB, local 12 will not buy booze.

In new business, the Feb. 3rd meeting will be held at 3 pm at Poodle's II Palms in Boonesboro. The March 3rd meeting will be held at the same time at the Fish Beak in Glasgow. On April 7th we will meet at the K-Bar Restaurant and Bar on Main St. in Emma at 3 pm.

We still need to figure out where the 20th Anniversary Party will be held. Stump Island was suggested and it was also suggested to rent a building. It was decided to gather as much information as possible before the next meeting and make a decision then. We will also figure out the food then. Barry talked about a local ride to the district 1 Pony Express Party at Maysville.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. There was no winner of the membership pot so it was rolled over until next month.

Upcoming events:

March 3rd, 3 pm- Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow

April 7th, 3 pm- Local 12 meeting- K-Bar bar, Emma

April 13th- Local 12 20th Anniversary Party, time and place to be determined, watch this space.

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

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

Hello Local 13 !

Welcome new officers: Ron "Rock" Palmer, President. Jeff Cupp, Vice-President. Raymond Palmer, Treasurer/CC Rep/Legislative Rep. Dee Herdeg, Secretary/Newsletter. B.L. McDonnell, Safety/Freedom Rally Rep./ and Chaplin! Not a typo! Anita Servos, Freedom Rally Rep.

A big welcome for three new family members of local 13, Doug & T.J. Carter, from Columbia, Mo. and Sharla Higgenbotham of Mexico, Mo. So glad to have you join us!

We had a fairly nice turn out at the Christmas Party and a good time was had by all!

There were 6 members from local 13 at the FEW Seminar. We appreciated being sent and found it very informative.

Demo-Days has been set for the 1st weekend in March.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of every month, held at Stacey's Place on Hwy 54 Mexico, Mo. @ 3 pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to bring guest.

Eleven (11) members attended the meeting on 1/20/13, come on brother's & sister's, let's get the attendance and memberships up...2013 is OUR year local 13! Remember, ninety percent of success is, ... SHOWING UP!

Join us in supporting other locals events as well, like Rock said ..." I've never visited another locals event, where I did NOT have a good time".

Continued prayers going out to Tom Cutsinger, during what we hope is his speedy road to recovery.

FORR-EVER!

Dee

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Ron Keesee 816-898-4302**

Merry Meet, Local 14, various nomads and wanders in Local 00,

January meeting was held on January 20, the day after the District 4 Legislative Fundraiser and Chili Cook-off. There were many attendees at the fundraiser and 20 people at the local meeting. Attendance was down at both due to colds, flus, and numerous stomach ailments and chilblains. Here's wishing every one better.

In case I missed anyone's name in the December newsletter regarding our work crew prepping for the December Christmas Party and Auction, I want to thank Gail Berneking, John Helms and Ken Brady for your assistance. I didn't go back to see if I missed you the first time, but wanted to be sure I recognized you for your efforts and now I can throw Debbie P-O'Hare's note away. And if you are a repeat, then more people will learn your names! Thanks, Guys. Further regarding the Local 14 auction, Ron Keesee, our Prez, stated his thanks to everyone for the funds we raised for our adopted families this year. Rents were paid, presents were bought, food was procured and everyone had a great Yule holiday. 2013 Christmas Auction December 7th.

Our June meeting will be June 9th, 2013, instead of the 16th, due to Dad's Big-Roaring Day (Father's Day). Same bat time, same bat channel. See you soon.

April 20th is the date for our Local 3-Ball Tourney and Poker Night. We did this last July but have added Poker for those who don't play pool. See the flier on FORR's page or in the newsletter. You have almost 60 days to fit it on your schedule.

Legislative: Representative Eric Burlison, Dist. 166, 573-751-0136, Room 313-3, is sponsoring a helmet modification bill. At this time, we do not have a bill number. Please contact the below Representatives and Mr. Burlison and thank them for their efforts on our behalf. I want

to personally thank all active parties for working so hard on these co-sponsors. You know who you are. Time for that later!

First	Last	Dist	Party	Number	Room #
Jones	Caleb	50	Rep.	573-751-2134	233A
Cornejo	Robert	64	Rep.	573-751-1484	115J
Lant	Bill	159	Rep.	573-751-9801	235BA
Cox	Stanley	52	Rep.	573-751-9774	200A
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Norr	Charlie	132	Dem.	573-751-3795	105D
Rowden	Caleb	44	Rep.	573-751-1169	201C
Reiboldt	Bill	160	Rep.	573-751-9781	235BB
Justus	Jeffery	156	Rep.	573-751-1309	115H
Fitzpatrick	Scott	158	Rep.	573-751-1488	135AB
Love	Warren	125	Rep.	573-751-4065	201A
Morris	Lynn	140	Rep.	573-751-2565	200BC
Bahr	Kurt	102	Rep.	573-751-9768	409A
Marshall	Nick	13	Rep.	573-751-6593	134
Keeney	Shelley	145	Rep.	573-751-5912	313
Fitzwater	Paul	144	Rep.	573-751-2112	110B
Conway	Kathie	104	Rep.	573-751-2250	114B
McCaherty	John	97	Rep.	573-751-3751	304A
Schieffer	Ed	41	Dem.	573-751-9459	101A

Also legislatively, Senator Kurt Schaefer (R), 573-751-3931, Room 221, is sponsoring a bill to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints and a bill to designative May as motorcycle awareness month in perpetuity. Please be sure to support Senator Schaefer and thank him for his efforts as well.

I hope you guys like the legislative information. My source deserves most of the credit for the motorcycle-only prohibition bill sponsored by Sen. Schaefer as well as the MAY Awareness month bill.

That's it for now. See you in the wind.

The Scooter Tramp

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

Hey everyone,

I was so glad that there was quite a showing at the F.E.W. Seminar last month. We actually had 20 member go. Everyone that went said they were so interested in the offices that we discussed. My local had

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just about every officer there. So now I guess we don't have any excuse for not doing our "jobs" right. I was glad to finally meet Halfbreed and a bunch of other members! My husband and I will be coming up and attending other events and Committee meetings now that we aren't strangers any more.

I know Duane Harrison, our Local Legislative Officer came back all fired up! When we went to our business meeting he handed out stamped postcards ready to write out our own personal note to our State Rep. and then challenged us to fill a bus headed to the State Capital! Yeah!!! That's what I'm talking about!!! Let's show them who we are and what we want!!! In a nice friendly manner I may add. I hope everyone else got the same motivation!

Last Month, Jan. our BS meeting place was packed full. It was at the Jct. Bar and Grill. I bet we had at least 25% accounted for. Our next March BS will be at B.T. Bones in Branson. Maybe we can get the word out and get 50% of our Local there. This may help. We are checking out the place for a possible meeting place. Last business meeting was at "The Rowdy Beaver" and while I personally LOVE the place, it was very hard to hear. It is a very open room. Tami McMinn said the "B.T. Bones" has a separate room down stairs away from everyone that may be more suitable. Sounds like we need to check it out for ourselves. As for now we will be going back to "The Beaver" for Feb. and March's meeting. Remember we meet the 1st Tues. of the month for our BS and the 3rd Monday for our business meeting.

Well I think that's all I have for now. I will be talking about our Swap meet that's coming up in April.

See you soon, Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



What a busy 2013 it has been so far. Since the last newsletter entry we have had our election, celebrated Whitey's 50th birthday (good job on the surprise Sarah) and the annual Broomstick Tournament is behind us. Wow is all I can say.

Our January meeting and election was held at Bill's in Biehle. This is always a favorite especially when the meeting is on Friday during the catfish feed...YUM!

Thanks Bill for everything you do for Local 16 throughout the year. The election saw a couple of changes. Whitey will continue as President, Lisa Hengst has assumed the role of Vice-president, Sarah is still Treasurer with Karen as Secretary. Kris and Paul will maintain the Product Line with Doug and me sharing the duties of Central Committee Representative. I



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guess you know I'm still doing the Newsletter and hope to keep the whole Local informed of what is going on with motorcycle rights in Southeast Missouri with little to no controversy. I make no promises on that one and am chuckling silently to myself right now.

Since the time of the meeting Freedom of Road Riders has had their first Bus Trip to the Capitol. For anyone that has never attended an event in Jefferson City, you owe it to yourself to participate. To see that many freedom fighters in one place, with one mission is truly remarkable. The brother and sisterhood shown during these trips is something that must be experienced. There is no way to share the feeling of seeing dedication to our goals in action.

At the time of this writing I do not have the results of the Broomstick Tournament. This year's event was held at the Pink Galleon in Cape Girardeau. Broomsticks have a way of leveling the playing field so that even the best of the players have to struggle to maintain their skills. I always look forward to telling you about how the mighty fall during this competition. Look for the results in the next Freedom Press.

Our next event will be the April Fool's Dance, March 30, 2013 at D & K Trucking. Yes, I've been there, no I still can't tell you how to get there but I do know it's on State Highway B off of I-55. I would suggest you call Whitey for directions. Our March meeting will be held before the dance beginning at 6:00 pm. This is always a wonderful social event and even though it is the day before Easter, it gives us a chance to share the renewal of spirit that comes with Spring.

We have many new events to look forward to with the warming of the weather. I will share the details in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I hope everyone gets the chance to enjoy sunshine and smooth roads..... stay safe out there!

Melanie



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm
Golden Eagle Hospitality Room
Contact: 660-988-1708

Greetings Local 19 members;

Let me introduce myself, I am John "IKE" Eichemier, and I am going to try my hand at writing your newsletter this year.

Our annual auction and dance was a big success. There were a lot of people we haven't seen for some time. We are happy for the turnout. The Old Dogs with Attitude put on a rocking show, and everyone was dancing the night away. There were some that went above and beyond, like Melinda Lewis for her time and effort in putting this event together, Golden Auctions, Kevin Lawson Auctions, Klon for being the MC, Terry & Ron Robinson for taking care of the front gate, Joni James for the two handmade quilts that were donated, Cherie Coin & Sonnie Findling for donating a new Harley Davidson riding jacket, Glenda Newell for taking pictures which can be seen on our website (FORR 19) and the lingerie models as well for being there, they were lovely. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and or items to make this year such a success.

On Feb. 2 we had our monthly meeting at Jacobs Winery and Vineyard. Thanks to Russell & Shelia Pruett for hosting. It was nice to have such a large turnout for the local meeting. We had many issues to discuss.

The road captain, Kenny Lambert has new rides planned for spring and summer to look forward to. Check our website for times and dates. Our next meeting will be at the Golden Eagle hospitality room 1401 S. Osteopathy March 2 at 6:00 PM.

Until next time stay out of the wind for now, it's cold out there.
 IKE

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

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



Hello FORR Family

In keeping up on Face book it appears this is going to be one busy Spring and Summer for everyone. It has been a real job trying to schedule events so that we will have an opportunity to enjoy some of the events at other locals. Locals 16 and 24 don't be surprised if some of us show up with bed rolls and pillows.

Thank you to Martin, Melanie, Treetop and Kenneth for attending our meeting we love having visitors a thank you also goes out to the new members and those that have renewed. It is great to see the numbers increase at the meetings and everyone coming together for our common cause.

I am of the mind set that as long as a person remains positive all things are possible and the creative ideas of people are a great way to meet and greet new people opening doors that we may have noticed being there before. Negativity gives way to frustration and bogs everyone down so let's all get those positive attitudes going and reach for the moon and stars this year. We can become unstoppable as long as united we stand and while we may not agree about everything there will be common ground and we will come together to meet our goals and achieve great things. Until next time.....Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20



Cletus Leake's bike taking 3rd place in "The Rat's Hole Custom Bike Show" at Sturgis and that he gave props to FORR for a television episode about Sturgis that was aired early in December.

What's unbelievable about this bike is it was totaled just 3 weeks before this show. Mitch Dukes worked his tail getting it rebuilt for Sturgis as did Curry's Hot Roads in Nixa Missouri

(the paint crew). PS: That is an actual antique 12 Gauge Double Barrel Shotgun attached to it as well.

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

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

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.
Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369
Contact: 636-665-5004

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114
Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092



Hi everyone, we had a great success signing up new members and informing folks what FORR is all about and what we do at the Wide Open Bike show.

Thanks to our President Bill Treetop Duncan, Vice President Ken Lewis, Secretary Kathleen Duncan, Treasurer Amanda Brown, Ratwinger Brown, Robin Newbee Brown, Kerri Watt-Lewis, Alyssa Duncan, Tristan Duncan, Pinky Winston, Jim Carey, Dion and Missi DeVan, Johnny and Cathy Livengood, Bill Yowell, Steve and Monica Seidner, Craig Ferguson,

Jane Campbell, Ben Butler also Katherine and David Fox from Local 27, Blinker & Mark from L25 and Keifer York from L42, and to the other members of Local 42 that offered a helping hand, great job.

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Don't forget our 2nd annual St. Patty's Day Massacre Dance Saturday, March 16th at the VFW, 10817 Midland Blvd, 63114. Live tunes from The Blend, food and drinks, it's going to be a blast.

I am so glad to see our membership numbers coming up, but we need more people to show up. Sign up new members and get the word out folks, keep fighting the good fight and we will prevail.

Big Sid

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268



Hello All,

I'm sure many of you were as happy as I was to hear Little furry Groundhog "Punxsutawney Phil" did not see his shadow ! This is suppose to mean winter is just about over, and we will be having an early spring. Let all hope he is right !!!

St. Louis Wide Open Bike Show

The Wide Open Magazine Bike Show was Sat. & Sun. February 2nd and 3rd here at the Family Arena where FORR had a booth set up for the weekend. Three locals were represented and twenty-four members helped work the booth. We would like to extend our gratitude to the following FORR members for giving of their time to share with, and recruit new members.

From Local 24 were: Bill "Treetop", Kathleen, Alissa & Tristen Duncan; Pinky Winston; Ratwinger, Newbie and Amanda Brown; Kenny & Kerri Lewis; Steve & Monica Seidner; John & Cathy Livengood; Dion "Noid" & Missi Devan; Bill Yowell; Craig Ferguson; and Jane Campbell. Local 25 Members were: Lynne Adkins & Mark Roloff; and Dave Wooler who signed up at the event and gladly jumped right in and began working. Local 27 Members were: (State Legislative Officer) Kathleen & Dave Fox.

I hope no one got caught out in our unexpected Snow Storm coming home Saturday night... Myself & Mrs Rascal were on the bike all day, but luckily opted out and traded the bike for the truck later that evening. Our CC Rep Mark Roloff was not so fortunate, he did get caught out in it and had to leave his bike at one of the bars that evening. But you can't keep Mark off the bike for long, he was back on it the next day and was the only "True Biker" who showed up to the show ON BIKE.

Ice Bike Races

The Ice Bike Races were at the Family Arena on Sat. January 26th where Myself, Lisa Mrs Rascal & Devin Lil' Rascal attended along with all the Thunder Roads Magazine group. Magazine Owner Dennis martin was rink center, and I was rink side for photo shots, so watch in the March issue for our ice sprayed photos.



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Ride To The Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting will be on March 9th @ 12:00 Noon. If you would like to ride out with the group please get a hold of either CC Rep Mark Roloff @ (636) 578-1707 or President Chad Seng @ (636) 299-3268 for meeting place and time. If you choose to just meet everyone there, the address for your GPS is: 2503 W. 16th Street Sedalia, Mo. 65301

Membership

We would like to welcome our new members Daisy Chain & Brian Adams who moved their memberships to Local 25 from Local 24 at the last meeting, and Dave Wooler who signed up with Local 25 at the Wide Open Bike Show. And last, but certainly not least, we had 1 renewing member Issac Meier.

Thunder Roads Ad

As most of you know I work for Thunder Roads Magazine. Owner Dennis Martin and myself have come up with a way for Organizations / MC's / & MM's to advertise effectively. Each Local of Freedom of Road Riders will be able to post an ad just slightly smaller than a business card on a page called "The Bikers Bulletin Board." Local 25 has already locked in their card for the March issue so watch for it. After the next CC meeting all the other locals will be able to jump on board also. This will allow the biking community to see your meeting location and meeting time. If anyone wants more info about this ad please feel free to call me. Rascal (636) 262-6338 Also our CC Rep Mark Roloff will be taking informational paperwork to the next CC meeting to pass out to all the locals.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 17th @ 1:00 pm at Hobo's @ the American Legion Post in Old Town St. Peters. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.

As Always Remember... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN !!!

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Greetings from Maryville and Local 26

With the new year comes new officers, new committees and new plans for the future of both our organization and our local chapter. As noted in the January Freedom Press, we have a new secretary. Please bear with me as I try to take up the mantle held so admirably by my predecessor.

January birthdays: Paul Jones, Peggy James, and Warren Tate

February birthdays: Pat Null and Sandy Steeby

March birthdays: Rick Frampton, Marie Walsh, Richard Hanson, Miranda Spurgin, and Rob Wilson

If I missed anyone, I apologize and will try to do better in the future.

January hasn't been great for riding, but we still managed to get together on several occasions. Jan. 15th we got together for a Pot Luck dinner and Safety Seminar. We had 21 members and 4 guests share dinner, conversation, and watch several educational videos on improving you safe riding techniques. On the 19th, two of our members hosted a get together for Souped Up Saturday Night. The hosts provided 10 different soups and the guests arrived with sides and desserts. There were also board games scattered throughout the tables. The weather might have been cold, but the food and camaraderie was warm and satisfying. Good times. It isn't all fun and games on Jan. 21st the Eat & Ride Committee met at Movie Magic to plan this years even calendar. Pending confirmation by the establishments, we have our destinations planned from April until the end of July.

Spring Fever Fling - Feb. 2: Will tell you all about it next month.

Potluck & Safety Meeting: Feb. 19th, 6 pm@Harold & Janis' house. Call 660-254-9690 if you need directions.

Until next month,

Harold

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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 2:00 pm****Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941****V.P. Olin Meadors 417-777-2883**

I sincerely apologies for not getting last months letter in on time, some times our schedules get pretty crazy.... But so you wont miss out on any of the happenings here it is; **January newsletter:**

BURR!!! The weather is getting colder, and yet I am still seeing people out riding their bikes! Our monthly meeting went great. We voted to donate the money we had previously

raised and split it in half and give totwo local families in the Sac-Osage area for the holidays. These two families are having financial troubles this year due to medical bills and or recent deaths. All the toys we raised from our toy run were personally driven up to the Missouri School for the Deaf by our newest Local 27 member Clark Youngblood. We appreciate what you did, thank you!

Local 27 took up a collection at our monthly meeting and came up with \$41.00 to donate to "A bookcase for every child" a program trying to promote more reading at home rather than just at schools. With that they will build two bookcases and they will be given to children in the head start program with their name on them and also they will have a plaque stating that they were donated by Local 27.

We will have had our annual "Polar Bear Run" ride on new years day and also our annual "After Christmas Party" by the time you read this, I'm sure they will have been a blast as always.

Well that's about it for this time, have a safe ride and remember why we do what we do....-Kimmie

February newsletter;

Now for February, so we had a great meeting in Jan. with a good turn out, we discussed the need to continue with our membership drive, which at this point has been going great. However we need to keep going out and recruiting people!!! Order forms are in for T-shirts! Make sure you see LeAnne.

We had a few bikes at this meeting, glad to see that. I would like to see more in the very near future! All of our riders have been given a challenge. Our challenge from here on out is to ride our bikes to every meeting, those who ride, and if weather is permitting of course. I'm sorry its a short update for Feb. but not a lot is new to discuss just updates. I again apologize for not getting January's letter out on time. Hope we have lots of riding weather. Remember to be safe. -Kimmie

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Mike Moeller 573-528-1528, Vice****President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Shrine Club 573-774-5454**

On the second of February at 7:24 a.m., Punxsutawney Phil, the King of the Groundhogs, Seer of Seers, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, Weather Prophet without Peer proclaimed that it would be an early spring for you and me! But, I think that all of us who live in this great state of Missouri already knew that!! With spring flowers starting to bloom and the temperature climbing, it has been a very mild winter for us all. January even saw a great weekend with a fun run to the lake. It was a great day of riding!! Be safe out there if you decide to ride. Just the other day, the weather went from sunny and cool to snowing in just a matter of hours.

Highlights from the meeting held in January:

The safety officer, Spuds Boies, started the meeting with a word of caution when riding during the winter months. He stated that frost bite and hypothermia could be a real concern. He advised everyone to dress

accordingly, ride appropriately, and be prepared for the changes in the weather. He had magnetic decals available and was ordering signs that could be placed in the yards. Product line stated that cost estimates had been received from two different t-shirt vendors. There was also a proposal given to the Local 28 by Splash Design. It was to build a web site where we could host the Local's designs. Steve Sagi, CC representative, told everyone that the next CC meeting would be held on 9-10 March. He stated that he was gathering a list of local media contacts. He said that there was a by-law change for toxic members being made. It would be voted on at the next meeting. He stated that the FORR does not have a lobbyist right now. There was mention made at the last meeting to pay Katherine for acting as the FORR lobbyist. The decision would be made later. Steve also said that as more information was available on the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally, he would pass it on. Larry Wheeler, vice president, reminded everyone about the Valentine's Day party on the 9th. He also mentioned several other events being hosted by other locals around the state. The president, Mike Moeller, had sign-up rosters for the Freedom Rally at the front if anyone was interested in signing up now. He asked everyone to submit ideas for t-shirt designs for the Local 28 FORR. He would like to vote on the designs at the March meeting. He asked for volunteers to help paint a mural on the back of the stage for the Freedom Rally. If anyone had any ideas or questions, they could talk to him, Glitter, or Sue. Taz introduced an incentive policy for the Local 28. There was a bit of heated discussion about certain points of the policy. It was suggested that the incentive policy be placed on the web and a forum be opened up to allow for more discussion. It will be tabled until the next meeting. Taz also made a suggestion to create a plaque which would show all of the past presidents from the Local 28. He asked everyone to thank Spuds for saving the roof of the pavilion. He also asked everyone to think about some ideas to make our pavilion better. He reminded everyone about the Valentine's Day party on the 9th of February. He asked for volunteers to help with the decorations. He reminded everyone that the 12th was the Capitol Crusader Days. If you were interested in going, we would meet up at 8:00 a.m. at the Road Ranger. Outside announcements were made. The American Legion Riders were hosting an Indoor Poker run on 23 February. Raffle tickets were being sold for the Motorcycle Rights Foundation. See Taz if you were interested in purchasing them. John Washburn was the membership incentive winner of the night. The winner of the 50/50 was Vivian.

New Business:

1 – A phone roster is being created for sending and receiving text messages about upcoming events and any runs that come up on the fly and are not posted to the web site. If you are interested in being added to the phone roster to receive notification about events, contact Mike Moeller at 573-528-1528.

2 – If you want to have your birthday or anniversary announced at the meetings, please get with Melissa Miller, membership, and update your information.

3 – The email contact roster was deleted. If you wish to receive email notifications, please contact either Shena Flick, Secretary, at secretary@

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Upcoming Events:

- 9 February 2013 Valentine's Day dance (Against the Grain)
- 23 February 2013 American Legion Rider's Indoor Poker Run
- 1 March 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 9 March 2013 FORR Legislative meeting
- 10 March 2013 FORR CC meeting
- 19 March 2013 Support the Troop Run (dates/times not known yet)
- March 2013 Waynesville Street Fest – booth set up
- 5 April 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 3 May 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 18 May 2013 American Legion Riders Spring Poker Run
- 24-27 May 2013 Mid America Freedom Rally
- 7 June 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 15 June 2013 USO Ride
- 5 July 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 6 July 2013 Buckhorn Blast/Passport Run
- 2 August 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 10 August 2013 Memorial Ride
- 30 August – 2 September 2013 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally (Homecoming)
- 6 September 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting / Officer Nominations
- 4 October 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 5 October 2013 Pop's Ride
- 19 October 2013 Pre-build for the Halloween Bash
- 26 October 2013 Halloween Bash
- 1 November 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting / Elections
- 11 November 2013 Veteran's Day Parade
- 23 November 2013 Wal-Mart Toy Run
- 1 December 2013 Waynesville Christmas Parade
- 6 December 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 7 December 2013 Toy drop off
- 31 December 2013 New Year's Eve party

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO

Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or

Ursula DeMoss 816-550-9591

Website: www.forrlocal29.com

Our January meeting was called to order by our new President Steve Williams. Present were 25 members and four guests. One of his first official acts was to recognize the Local 29 Outstanding Members and Member of the Year for 2012. Congratulations to Outstanding Members

LeRoy Coe, Norb Wiederholt, Connie Kephart, Paul McCormack, and Steve Williams. Congratulations to Member of the Year Ursula DeMoss. We had available an excellent meal of ham, green beans, Mac and cheese and desserts provided by Jim and Donna Duyck. Next month our meal will be provided by Steve and Janet Williams. We had four visitors from across the state from Local 24. Thank you for attending our meeting Ken and Kerri Lewis and Kathleen and Bill "Treetop" Duncan. We discussed our upcoming Kearney Bike Show on April 28, 2013. Venders will not be charged a vending fee this year so if you know of someone who would like to vend for free let them know. There are sponsor forms, vendor forms, T-shirt sponsor forms, and a flyer available for download on our Facebook site. If you are not a member search for: FORR Local 29. Or email me at HonestBobL29@hotmail.com and I will email you whatever form you want. We have had a couple of officer resignations. L.A. Ross has been elected to be our CC/Legislative Rep. By the time you read this we will have elected a new Treasurer at our February meeting. Speaking of our meetings we are moving to a new location with our February meeting. We will meet at the American Legion Post 61, 5125 N. Bellaire, Kansas City, MO. This is just outside Claycomo to the West on Vivion Road. Turn South on Compton, which is the road with the red light. If you get to I-35 you have gone too far. The American Legion is just to the right after you turn onto Compton. There is a map on our Facebook site or email me and I will send you a map. Had Gerald Asbell been at our meeting he would have won the \$20 Attendance Incentive.

There was a vote to donate the locals half of our Membership Incentive of \$25 to the District FORR Bus Trip to Jeff City. Janet Williams was the lucky winner of the other half.

Till Later: Honest Bob

Tomorrow is never promised, so today I want all of my family and friends to know how thankful I am for each and every one of you, and how lucky I am that you are a part of my life



Congratulations to our 2012 Outstanding Members and Member of the Year Ursula DeMoss. Left to Right: Outstanding Member LeRoy Coe, Outstanding Member Norb Wiederholt, Outstanding

Member Connie Kephart, Member of the Year Ursula DeMoss, Outstanding Member Paul McCormack, and Outstanding Member Steve Williams

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

I am an official procrastinator. Years ago when I was taking college classes, I would complete several assignments the first day I received the syllabus. Not today. Today I choose to put things off until the very last minute, even if it means staying up into the wee hours of the morning to accomplish the task, which is how I am writing this month's addition to the newsletter.

So, here we go. Local 30 has officially changed our monthly meeting place. You can find us at Logan's Roadhouse on Battlefield Road the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Thank you Shawna for hooking us up. At January's meeting, we welcomed two new members, Jessica and Toby Williams. Good to have you aboard.

January's meeting primarily focused on the Leather and Lace party on February 9th, which was held at the Oasis Convention center in Springfield. We were excited to share the evening with all of you and hope you were some that decided to attend this year. As always, good food, good fun, and good friends. Here's hoping you had great luck with your bidding in the silent auction.

As I think about what else to share with you my fellow riders, my mind drifts to the bald front tire on my Shadow, brakes that never made it on in the fall, and the fact that tax season has begun. I think I'll gather those W-2s and get down to business tomorrow, although, even as you're reading this my procrastinating self tells me I have at least six more weeks before the deadline. And as far as the brakes and tire; you can't tell me you've never looked at the tires and said, "Oh, it's good for one more ride".

Ride happy,
Christine S.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.****Location varies - call for info****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or****Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385**

We held our meeting on the 25th of January at Penelope's in Rolla. We started our meeting talking about the upcoming Rally in May. Everyone is really looking forward to going.

There was a lengthy discussion on having a Bike Show/Swap Meet in August.

We went over the changes of Homecoming being moved to Sedalia.

Since the weather has been nice off and on, Marty was able to take a short ride on his bike. He said he really enjoyed being able to get out and ride.

Our next meeting will be at the Gravel Bar in Rolla on Friday the 22nd of February at 7:00 pm. We always hold our meetings the last Friday of each month.

The local is always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting to see what we are about.

We can't wait until riding season and summer fun.

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625**

On January 20th, Bo conducted his first meeting as President. And as President he did not raise anyone's taxes or take away their guns.

Bo presented Doug with a plaque thanking him for his service to L33.

We discussed the Sedalia Motorcycle Association Show-Me Bike Show where L33 will have a FORR info booth And speaking of info booth L33 has decided to have one at the 2013 State Fair. In 2012 we signed up 22 new members. Maybe those 22 told 22 and then those 22 told 44, not including how many might sign up on line. The math of possible new members is making me dizzy and proud.

Debbie gave a Freedom Rally report. L33 will need people to work 35 shifts. Come to a meeting and see Bear to sign up.

Events

Feb. 12th Dist 4 Bus trip to Jefferson City. There will be another one in March. The bus makes two stops in area. Warrensburg and or AmVets and Sedalia. More info in Freedom Press or contact L33's Dist. 4 Rep Sarge.

Feb. 16th L33 Moose's Chili Cookoff and 9 ball tournament. 9 ball starts at 5 p.m., cookoff at 6 p.m. All this fun at one place, AmVets. I can't believe it neither.

Feb. 17th Local meeting. We will discuss the new proposed bylaws change regarding toxic members

We discussed the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally. Which in case you did know will take the place of Homecoming in Buckhorn. The new FORR rally will take place Labor Day weekend 2013 in Sedalia at the Fair Grounds. There will be motorcycle & ATV games & dirt drags. There will be day passes or camp over night. There will be a family camp area.

We talked about a FORR info booth at the Jeff Williams Swap Meet at the Fair Grounds, March 3rd. L33 is all about reaching the public with FORR gospel.

Mark this on your calendars. The June meeting has been moved to the 9th because of Mothers Day

At the last meeting the membership incentive pot was won by Bob Barranger. In the amount of \$34. Doug Weiss won the George Washington pot. \$46.50. Don't ask these guys for a loan as it has already been spent.

L33 sends our deepest condolences to Elaine Guy with the passing of her father. We are sorry for your lose.

If you are tired of getting local news after it has happened, please come to a meeting.

Just a thought. If you don't take the time to do it right when will you have the time to do it over

Safe Travels

Cowboy Roy

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

This is the month we welcome spring, and yes, we are ready!!!! We had our first meeting with our new officers and it went well (and the food

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was good too!) I'd like to encourage every member to try and make our Meet and Eat meetings. We have been doing this for some time and it's been good company, good food and a good time. Come join us! Visitors welcome! We are all looking forward to our spring poker run in April. We will be proud to once again use part of the proceeds for Missouri Veterans, come ride with us!!!! Details next issue.

Ride Free!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

March's quote is by a man who took it to heart when someone told him to go fly a kite:

"This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties. A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins." Benjamin Franklin

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

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

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

Local 41 was sorry to hear about Steve Gallus's dad passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

We haven't had our Feb. meeting yet so there isn't much to write about. The District Rally has been canceled for this year.

Our meetings are going to be held in different places each month due to the fact we lost our regular meeting place so we thought we would move them around for awhile. Kind a goes along with our ride and eat that we are going to start having. Our meetings have been changed to the First Thursday of the month. First Thursday will be Ride and Eat and have meeting, and the Third Thursday will be Ride and Eat, Meet and Greet at different places each month. Like to have as many people show up as possible. It's a good way to make our local stronger and hopefully get us some new members. Like Connie said it's about being seen in a good way. I'm kinda excited about the new changes with homecoming. New name and new location. The date is the same.

Dates to remember:

March 7th-----Potluck and Safety meeting at Weatherby Community Center. Eat at 6:00 meeting at 7:00

March 10th-----CC Meeting at Jefferson City 10:00 A.M.

March 23rd-----Local 41 Anniversary Party, McCorkle's in Cameron at 6:00

April 6th-----Local 41 meeting at Camero's in Bethany at 3:00

April 27th----- Proclamation Run starting in ST. Joe.

April 30th-----Mike Sloan memorial ride to the capital

SWAP MEET DATES at Twin Drive-in in Kansas City.

April 28th, May 19th, June 23rd, and July 28th.

PEACE and LOVE

STEMS

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164

Hello everyone... Sorry I didn't get my last article submitted in time... I sent it to the wrong e-mail address... well you know. First time I missed an article since I took it over...Welcome to David and Barb, Russ, and Welcome back Thurman...

Went to F.E.W. Seminar and sat with Ditch, Dave, Keifer, Paula, and Kim... Enjoyed talking to everyone and had a really good lunch prepared by the American Legion in Jeff City. Attended the seminars on Chairman and Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, Historian and Newsletter writer upper, and Webpage hosting... Listened to a State Patrol Officer go over statistics and gave a short lecture on safety... Then we had our Banquet Dinner and it was very good... Due to bad weather setting in I didn't stay for the rest of the festivities and if ya want to see em just go to Local 24's page and look at their pictures...we're in em... Overall I personally enjoyed the time I spent there... Wished I could have stayed for the C.C. Meeting the next day... I did manage to sit in on the Homecoming Committee meeting before I left... It was interesting to listen... I plan on taking time off and working there cause I think the title will bring in a lot of participants... Mid-Mo. Motorcycle Rally... Hell yeah...

We had an Officer's meeting last Saturday that I couldn't attend cause I had to be in the hospital for a few days, but I got the lowdown from Kenny the next day and was able to catch up a little bit... Am looking forward to moving on and accomplishing great things together...

We had our meeting the last Sunday of January... Working on our Leather & Lace event... We are gonna need more volunteers to make this event more of a success... Heard a lot of good things at the meeting... spoke about the F.E.W. seminar... Keifer gave an excellent talk on C.C. If you really want to know what is going on with the Local you really need to attend these meetings. There are things going on the rest of the year and you don't want to be left out...

We have a visit to the Capitol on the 12th of February... and we have our L&L at the end of March... Be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible... Til then... Be Responsible and be safe... Talk later, Tex

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday

Check with your local rep for location

District 1 Blacktop Rally has been canceled for this year. There is so much going on around the state that it's going to be hard to find a date that nothing is going on. We'll just wait and see what happens.

The Proclamation Run will be April 27th, starting at ST. JOE then Maysville, Cameron, Gallatin, and end up in Maryville. I sure hope that during the riding season our district could come together and have a district ride for a meet and eat. Having a family get to gather is always great.

Looking forward to seeing you in the wind and I just hope the wind is blowing us in the same direction.





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DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all my riding and non-riding brothers and sisters

Well, it is getting to be SPRING TIME pretty quick. This means for some of us that the riding season is either starting, or it will continue. Did you service and check your motorcycle? In some places winter was harsh and your bike may have been stored for a while. Please make sure that all is in order before you ride. **WE WANT YOU SAFE!**

It is my greatest hope that EVERYONE exercised their right to contact their Senators and/or Representatives. Which leads me to this: **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and/or contributed to the Crock-Pot Cook Off, our legislative fundraiser. We had a great turnout and a super good time. Belated congratulations to the winners.

Another **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who came to the Capitol in Jefferson City.....remember: **UNITED WE STAND, divided we fail.**

My hope for *YOUNGBLOOD* in Local positions in 2013 did not come true in many places.

I think, that it would be nice to know who ALL the officers are in ALL Locals.

Disinterest, apathy or whatever other name you want to tag it with, is truly a shame in our motorcycle riders communities.

Our freedom, our rights are slowly taken away each and every day in some way.

Does nobody care or worry, or do you think the OTHER rider will fight for YOUR rights?

Anyway, I have a few more things to accomplish and don't want to bore you with my feeble-minded ramble.

Everyone enjoy each and every day, because life is short. Most of all **STAY SAFE!!**

Meetings will be every 2nd Tuesday each month starting at 7 PM in the Iron Skillet Restaurant. (Take I- 70 to exit 28 and pull into the Petro Truck Stop, South of I -70). If you wish to grab a bite to eat, please come earlier or stay later.

Hope to see many of you at the meetings

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss

FORR District 4 Chair

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The District 4 3rd annual Crockpot Cook-off was fun. Winners are as follows:

Main Dish 1st – Tristen Utter, L-29

Main Dish 2nd – Amy Fifer, L-5

Dessert 1st – Shelly Kertz, L-33

Dessert 2nd – Amy Fifer, L-5

Presentation 1st – Mardi Gras Party, L-5 (Amy, Rebecca & Geezer)

Presentation 2nd – “Sarge” Salyer

Then Tristen also won the Last Biker Standing, little stinker. I hope everyone was on the bus to Jefferson City. But don't despair, another trip is planned for March 12, I hope you plan to ride along. We have several issues we need to follow, helmet modification, May as motorcycle awareness month, prohibit motorcycle only checkpoints, increasing penalties for failure to yield the right of way. There are other issues to watch that are of interest to all Missouri citizens, such as electing the Gov & Lt Gov jointly and seat belt increase from \$10 to \$50. I will do my best to keep you current. But do not rely on me, check the website read for yourself.

Abide!

Amy “Sunshine” Allmon

Thank you District 4

This note is to thank everyone for their help at the Christmas Party. We had 19 happy children this year. They all received exactly what they wanted from Santa. During these tough times I appreciate all your efforts. All always thank you to Mr & Mrs Santa, you're the best. There are too many elves to name so I'll close with Bless You! See you at the Easter Party - Rebecca Sutton, Local 5

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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, Kathy Garver, PO Box 308, Oak Grove, MO 64075-0308 or secretary@forr.net

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

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

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

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

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- I want you to be happy day - March 3
- Courageous Follower Day - March 4
- Toy Soldier Day - March 4
- Fun Facts About Names Day - March 6
- Learn What Your name Means Day - March 8 or 10?
- Get over it day - March 9 - website
- Panic Day - March 9
- Mario Day - March 10
- EarMuffs Day - March 13
- National Open An Umbrella Indoors Day - March 13
- International Fanny Pack Day - Second Saturday
- Check your batteries Day - March 14
- White Day - March 14
- Pi Day - March 14
- Save A Spider Day - March 14
- International Ask A Question Day - March 14
- Brutus Day - March 15
- True Confessions Day - March 15
- Buzzard's Day - March 15
- Lips Appreciation Day - March 16
- Everything You Do Is Right Day - March 16
- Campfire Girls Day - March 17
- Awkward Moments Day - March 18
- Lets Laugh day- March 19
- Snowman Burning Day - March 20
- Great American Meat Out Day - March 20
- Proposal Day - March 20
- Memory Day - March 21
- National Common Courtesy Day - March 21
- As Young As You Feel Day - March 22
- International Goof-Off Day - March 22
- Kick Butt Day - March 23 - website
- Letting Go Of Stuff Day - March 25
- Make Up Your Own Holiday Day - March 26
- Quirky Country Music Song Titles Day - March 27
- National "Joe" Day - March 27 Everyone who hates their name is called "Joe" today.
- Viagra Day - March 27
- Hot Tub Day - March 28
- Weed Appreciation Day - March 28
- Gone-ta-pott Day - March 28
- Texas Loves the Children Day - March 29
- Grass Is Always Browner On The Other Side Of The Fence Day - March 30
- Pencil Day - March 30
- Bunsen Burner Day - March 31
- National She's Funny That Way Day - March 31

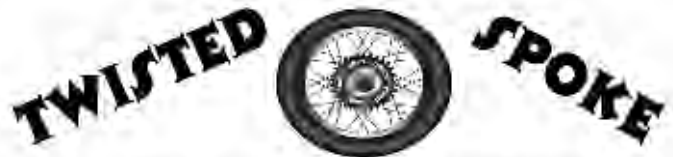


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12NR35 - MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR MRF SUSTAINING PARTNERS AND MEMBERS

As we close our 28th year in operation, let's take a moment to reflect. Using a measure of "engagement through participation" I would say our motorcycle rights community and the MRF are running strong, straight and true. We are operating on all cylinders thanks to the direct involvement, in so many ways, of our Sustaining State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, our Sustaining Organizations and Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs, and our Members.

This year we saw the highest participation and the most Congressional Offices visited in a single day by motorcyclists at our national biker lobby day in Washington D.C. during the MRF's Bikers Inside the Beltway event.

We realized another first during our successful Best of the West Conference as the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs hosted the event. Furthering on that theme, the MRF Board of Directors voted unanimously to add a Motorcycle Club representative to our Board in September. A nomination for Still Ray Fitzgerald to fill this new position came out of the Sustaining Motorcycle Club meeting. We expect to seat him during the upcoming January 5th Board meeting. These impactful changes couldn't occur without the highly valued input and direction from our sustaining partners for which we remain very grateful, as we have through our long history.

ABATE of Georgia (Beast of the East) and the Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of North Carolina (Meeting of the Minds) significantly contributed to our cause by hosting excellent conferences for the MRF in 2012. And I feel it is necessary to include a genuine nod of appreciation for the HEARTLAND STEAM SMRO's hosting their 23rd Annual Conference as a fundraiser for the MRF.

Importantly, the MRF had its highest participation ever by voting State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations at our Legislative Strategy session during our Meeting of the Minds Conference. The voting resulted in a very clear and very strong agenda to unite and direct our work. It can be reviewed on our website at www.mrf.org.

Additionally, we have seen a significant growth in membership since our Meeting of the Minds Conference. As we know membership is the pipeline to the motorcyclist rights community and the source of roughly half of the MRF's operating funds. I would like to take a moment to thank ABATE of WI as they have almost completed their second round of offering and funding 100 new MRF memberships to first time ABATE of WI members. What a perfect way to get motorcyclists involved. We have learned over the years the more involved a motorcyclist is the more effectively they can represent our work.

We have also seen the highest number of non-MOTM donations from State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations come in since we called for donations to fund the Vaughn EPA study in 2002. This is how we can maintain our office in Washington D.C. The office is a few blocks from the United States Capitol and employs two of the finest people we could imagine, n our Office Manager and our Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. I would also like to thank ABATE of Indiana for their immediate response to fund a MRF Board member from another state when the opportunity was revealed. It is a good time to again thank all of our partners that fund the travel and expenses of MRF Board members; it would be very difficult to operate without this funding.

A final congratulations to all of our 2012 MRF Award winners and MRF Champions. It is through these efforts, contributions and careers that we can accomplish what we do to protect and enhance motorcycling and our lifestyle in our nation's capitol. These can also be seen on our MRF website, 2012 MRF Awards .

Lastly, I would like to thank the leadership of our sustaining organizations for communicating the importance and relevance of the work we do in Washington D.C. For the number of highly engaged MRF State Representatives and Assistants that act as our boots on the ground and our membership that goes the extra mile repeatedly. For

me personally, I am extremely appreciative for the diversity, dedication, expertise, and passion that our Board of Directors brings to the table every day.

When adding all this up, it is clear that together we all Ride with the Leaders™. The MRF Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank you for your impactful contributions as we close out 2012 and move into what I am sure will prove to be an exciting 2013. I am confident through your demonstrated "engagement through participation", we are ready for the challenges ahead that are facing our nation of motorcyclists.

13NR01 - MRF News Release - 113th Congress

Last week both the US House of Representatives and the US Senate swore in its body for the 113th Congress. Washington D.C. has a whole lot of new faces with this Congress. The US House has 82 new freshman members out of 435 and the Senate has 13 new Senators, out of 100. That's a lot of new people for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to get to know. The majority remains the same, albeit more Democrats were elected than Republicans in both chambers. The House remains under Republican control and the Senate continues to be led by the Democrats. Speaker Boehner and Senate Majority leader Harry Reid were both, as expected, re-elected to retain their positions.

In the House we have a new Transportation Committee Chairman, Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania. If his name sounds familiar it's because his father Bud ran the same committee from 1995-2001 when the national helmet law was repealed.

It has only been a week but this Congress is expected to be a busy one filled with controversial legislation. Especially considering the lack luster performance of the 112th Congress.

Fiscal Cliff

What a difference a week makes. This time last week you couldn't swing a cat without hitting some media reference to the "Fiscal Cliff", or the point in time when many tax cuts expire and many new taxes are implemented. This would result in a sharp increase for almost every American's personal taxes. The Congress and the White House did reach a last minute deal that would push the so called "cliff" just a little farther down the road. This solution was done so at the expense of the American people. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has stated in the deal that the ratio of spending cuts to tax increases is 1-44. So we will be revisiting this same situation in a few months.

Some estimates say the bill will cost \$620 Billion over ten years. One of the new tax credits is for motorcycles, but only all electric motorcycles. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon insisted that the electric motorcycles be included as part of the deal. The tax credit was not something the MRF advocated for. The credit was the result of direct lobbying by the electric motorcycle manufactures. The credit is good for 10% of the purchase of a brand new electric motorcycle.

2013 Bikers Inside The Beltway is scheduled for May 16th, 2013 in Washington D.C. Mark your calendars now.

13NR02 - MRF News Release - Definition of a Motorcycle

What is a motorcycle anyway?

We all know what a motorcycle is, ; question is do we know what is not a motorcycle? I am not trying to intentionally confuse you, this is a serious question. Look around and you will see many two, three and sometime even four wheeled vehicles all carrying a motorcycle license plate that vaguely resemble a motorcycle

The motorcycle vehicle category has become a catch all for misfit vehicles that are not traditional cars. This has led the Federal government to refine what a motorcycle is when it comes to accident reporting. The definition in the past has been as loose as "a vehicle with two or three wheels in contact with the ground that is designed to carry one or two individuals".

The problem with that definition is that it makes no mention of enclosures, riding position over seated position, seat belts, and other

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add ons that may fit the definition, but is clearly not a motorcycle. In and around Washington DC I have personally noticed vehicles that bear a motorcycle license plate that have a full enclosure, windshield wipers, bench seating, seat belts, doors and windows.

I realize that we are not talking about a great number of vehicles here but it's important to delineate these vehicles as something other than a motorcycle. Why? Because the motorcycle fatality column on safety reports do not need any additional numbers. We need to make sure that these vehicles remain separate from the motorcycle category.

The Federal definition did improve upon the old definition but falls short in some ways. They created new categories that include break out groups for mopeds, Segways, scooters, motorcycles and motorcycles with enclosures. This gives the States a little more structure when defining two and three wheeled vehicles. But in my opinion anytime a three wheeled vehicle has doors, windows, and a steering wheel, it's definitely not a motorcycle anymore.

Picture those European and Asian delivery trucks that have one wheel up front and two in the rear. Under the Feds standards those could be considered a motorcycle-with enclosure. We still have some work to do

13NR03 - MRF News Release - Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood resigns.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports; Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, the lone Republican in President Barack Obama's Cabinet, is leaving the administration.

The departure of LaHood is the latest of several changes in Obama's administration since the President won re-election in November. Secretary of State, Treasury, Defense, Interior and Labor have all been recently vacated.

Possible LaHood replacements include Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Jim Oberstar, a former Democratic Congressman from Minnesota and chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

LaHood, 67, was named Transportation Secretary in January 2009. Before that, he served seven terms in the U.S. House as a representative from Illinois.

The MRF has always enjoyed a healthy, positive, working relationship with Mr. LaHood both during his term in the House and now as he served the White House.



Frankfort, Ky.: House Bill 137, sponsored by state Rep. Kelly Flood (D-Lexington), would prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that causes a collision and serious physical injury or death to a "vulnerable

user of a public roadway." The bill cites motorcyclists, among other types of users, as "vulnerable users of a public roadway." It would also provide for enhanced penalties ranging from a fine of between \$6,500 to \$12,500, a jail term of up to a year, or both for anyone convicted of, or pleading guilty to, a collision resulting in serious injury or death to a vulnerable roadway user.

A community labor program of not less than 100 hours and not more than 200 hours, plus successful completion of a traffic safety course, may be substituted if approved by the court. In addition, the offender's operating privilege or operator's license would be suspended for no less than 30 days and no more than six months.

Jefferson City, Mo.: House Bill 103, sponsored by state Rep. Mike Kelley (R-Lamar), would grant authority to municipalities to allow all-terrain vehicle and utility vehicle operation on streets or highways under the governing body's jurisdiction, subject to certain restrictions.

Also, Senate Bill 130, sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia), would provide for substantially enhanced penalties for anyone pleading guilty to, or convicted of, a right-of-way violation that results in physical

injury, serious physical injury, or death to another roadway user.

Lincoln, Neb.: Legislative Bill 393, sponsored by state Sen. Dave Bloomfield (NP-District 17), would allow motorcycle operators and passengers at least 21 years of age to make their own decision regarding motorcycle helmet use.

Also, Legislative Bill 181, sponsored by Sen. Bill Avery (NP-Avery), would prohibit motorcycle passengers under the age of 8.

Trenton, N.J.: Senate Bill 1685, sponsored by state Sen. Jeff Van Drew (D-Dennis), would prohibit law enforcement agencies from conducting a roadside checkpoint or other systematic inspection of vehicles along public roads, streets, and highways if the checkpoint or inspection is established for the sole purpose of inspecting motorcycles.

The amended bill passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee on Dec. 17 and awaits a second reading in the Senate. A companion bill, Assembly Bill 508, sponsored by Assembly Member Nelson Albano (D-Vineland), remains in the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.

Columbus, Ohio: Senate Bill 114, sponsored by state Sen. John Kasich on Dec. 19, changes the maximum height of motorcycle handlebars or grips from 15 inches above the operator's seat or saddle to no higher than shoulder height of the operator when seated in the operator's seat or saddle. The bill also changed the definition of a motorcycle by creating a "cab-enclosed motorcycle" classification for two- or three-wheeled vehicles having an occupant compartment top that is either permanent or removable. The changes take effect March 19.

Pickerington, Ohio: The AMA honored the accomplishments of hundreds of AMA champions from all motorcycle racing disciplines on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Aladdin Event & Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio. The banquet celebrated the 2012 racing season and announced the recipients of a number of special awards that recognize the best of the best.

Speaking at the banquet, AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman thanked all AMA competitors for their contributions to the sport of motorcycling and congratulated them on an unforgettable year.

Emceed by Laurette Nicoll and Greg White, the banquet awarded national championship trophies, placement medals and AMA No. 1 plates to competitors from disciplines ranging from land-speed racing to motocross to woods racing and everything in between. Special awards included AMA Athlete of the Year honors, which went to Taddy Blazusiak (AMA National Championship Series Athlete of the Year) and Zach Bell (AMA Grand Championship Athlete of the Year). World and AMA national speedway champion Billy Hamill was presented the AMA Sportsman of the Year award.





News From Around the Globe

KMA/KBA - Trimble group wants motorcycle awareness signs - Renee Bruck, Courier Staff Writer

Several people addressed the Trimble County Fiscal Court on Tuesday to request motorcycle road signs, while others talked to magistrates about plats of land between KY 36 and the Ohio River in Milton.

John Dolby with the Kentucky Motorcycle Association spoke to the Fiscal Court about posting "Share the Road" signs in the county. Dolby said the state passed legislation in 2005 to allow signs to be posted throughout the state to warn drivers about the potential for motorcycles on the roadways. Several members of the local Kentucky Motorcycle Association chapter were in attendance to show their support for the road signs.

"For some reason, the public doesn't see motorcycles," Dolby said. "People who ride motorcycles watch for motorcycles. People who don't ride motorcycles don't."

Carroll County posted the signs this year to bring awareness to the issue, Dolby said, becoming the first county in the state to purchase and post the signs.

"We have to start somewhere to educate the public," Dolby said. "We would like to see these signs put up."

Magistrates unanimously voted to approve the signs for Trimble County roadways. The county will contact the state Department of Transportation before the next steps.

KINGMAN, Ariz. - Her husband's membership in a motorcycle club has cost the job of a human resources technician with the city of Kingman in northwest Arizona, according to Phoenix lawyer David Kresin.

He is representing Melissa Summerson in her bid for reinstatement before the city Personnel Board.

The city served Summerson a notice of intent the day after Christmas and terminated her employment Dec. 28, he said.

"She was terminated for the stated reason of her husband's membership in a family motorcycle club - the Desert Roadriders," Kresin said. "There's no allegation that Ms. Summerson personally did anything wrong in her job or engaged in any conduct personally that violated any of the city's rules, and we believe there's no cause for termination as she's been an outstanding employee with a great record for her entire employment."

Kresin said the dismissal violates Summerson's constitutional right to freedom of association. He said she will exercise her right to request that her personnel hearing be conducted in public.

Summerson's boss, Human Resources Director Jackie Walker, said the city is unable to answer questions about the personnel matter. Summerson's employment with the city spanned about 11 years, interrupted over a five-year period as she attended to an ailing family member.

Utah Helmet Legislation Pulled!

ABATE of UTAH is happy to announce that Senator Weiler has decided to pull his proposed mandatory helmet law for Utah.

We would like to thank the MRF, U.S. Defenders, The Confederation of Clubs and everyone else for all of their support. The phone calls and e-mails definitely made a difference. Senator Weiler has assured us that a Helmet Law bill will not be run in Utah this year; we look forward to working with the Senator in the future.

We will continue to work at keeping Utah the Motorcycle Friendly State that it is by continuing to watch for Legislation that may interfere with our right to ride free.

Once again, thank you for all of the support. We will of course return the favor when needed.

For Further Information contact Steve Thompson @ (801) 690-1338 or visit our website at abateutah.com

Bay County, MI - Six months of crash data shows that fears of a rise in

fatal motorcycle crashes since riders have had the choice to go without helmets have so far not borne out.

There were fewer crashes involving motorcycles, and fewer fatalities in those crashes, in Bay County over the six months after the helmet law repeal than in the same amount of time in past years.

From April 13, the day the helmet repeal went into effect, until Oct. 13 of 2012, there were 30 crashes involving motorcycles in Bay County.

In 2010 and 2011, there were 48 crashes during the same period each year. In years before that, the number of crashes was higher.

The number of fatalities in that period is also down from previous years. However, the amount of incapacitating injuries went up to 11 for those six months of 2012, compared with seven the year before.

Despite helmets no longer being required, there were four crashes involving helmet less riders.

Bay City Police Chief Michael J Cecchini, a motorcycle rider himself, said he wasn't aware of the state statistics.

"That doesn't surprise me," he said when a reporter told him about the findings. Before his return to Michigan in 2006, Cecchini lived for 21 years in Arizona, where he said laws simply required riders wear protective eye wear.

Saginaw, MI - So far, predictions of a rise in serious and fatal motorcycle crashes since the repeal of the state's helmet law have not come true in Saginaw County.

The number of crashes involving a motorcycle was not higher after the helmet requirement law was repealed than it was in previous years, when motorcyclists were required to wear helmets.

"We have some really safe riders in our county," said Saginaw County Sheriff William Federspiel, who is a motorcycle rider.

"I still see riders wearing helmets. Most people I know who ride still choose to wear, but I also know some people who don't."

Data provided by Michigan State Police - from April through October 13, there were 76 crashes in Saginaw County involving a motorcycle, one fewer than in the same period the year before.

In 76 motorcycle crashes during the six months of April 13 to Oct. 13, 2012, 21 riders were not wearing helmets, according to data from the Michigan State Police. One person, who was not wearing a helmet, died in a Bridgeport Township crash.

Helmet use was unknown in four of the crashes.

During the same period in 2011, there was one more motorcycle crash and two fatalities, from crashes in Buena Vista and Thomas townships. Both of those riders were wearing helmets.

Saginaw Township Police Chief Donald F. Pushehl Jr. said he and his department have noticed a significant number of riders without helmets.

"It is noticeable the number of riders that are not wearing helmets. I would guess about 50/50," Federspiel said.

Federspiel said he supports the repeal but thinks riders should be "well educated" about the dangers of riding helmet less.

"I'm a rider. I've been riding for years," the sheriff said. "I used to live in Florida, where there is no helmet law."

"There were times when I chose to not wear a helmet, like riding down the beach. But a majority of the time on streets, I wore a helmet. People like the choice. Everyone has an opinion."

"A lot of people just don't like being told what to do."

Federspiel added that he was well educated on the serious injuries that can occur without a helmet.

"I have a good friend, a neurosurgeon, Dr. E. Malcom Field. Dr. Field believes we need to take care of our precious brains. He believes that by wearing a helmet, it takes away that chance," Federspiel said.

"Education, not legislation, will make a difference. People need to be educated and say on their own, 'Hey, I should save my brain.'"

"In general, it doesn't seem that there have been more accidents this year than years before."

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16 Local 24 St Louis St Patty's Day Massacre Dance 636-667-3061

30 Local 42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance 636-584-5481

APRIL

7 Local 33 Hwy 50 West April Fools Poker Run 660-441-0625

20 Local 14 Independence 3-Ball & Poker Tournament 816-898-4302

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

28 Local 29 North Kansas City Kearney Bike Show 816-550-9591

MAY

20 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Fun Run & Picnic 660-441-0625

23-27 Mid American Freedom Rally 660-596-3019

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