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Happy New Year!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Attention:

If you are thinking about running for an office on the Central Committee level, you should contact me as soon as possible. There are many things that need to be passed along to the next office holders that cannot be taught in a couple of months. I highly suggest that at the very least you talk to the person currently in the office you are thinking about and quiz them about the responsibilities of their position.

If you do not feel comfortable contacting said officer then contact me. I will keep all conversations confidential.

Sincerely, Mark Chapman
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ALL FLYERS on FORR Sanctioned events wanting to be published in The Freedom Press need to have proper approval and submitted along with, (if any), necessary payment at the time of submission for publication.

NEW Policy - All event flyers except charity events and Fun Runs must contain the following two(2) statements:

1. Contributions and gifts to FORR®, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.
2. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.

A charity event shall be defined as an event where ALL proceeds are given to the charity and FORR®, Inc. receives absolutely no profit.

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Freedom Of Road Riders®, Inc.

The Freedom Of Road Riders®, Inc. membership patch and yearly chevrons can be worn only on the front of any garment.

This shall also apply to any patch or design created to designate a Local or District of Freedom Of Road Riders®, Inc. ONLY event patches may be worn on the back of garments. Patches created to designate FORR®, Inc., or Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc., Local District, or Event shall not be larger than 13 square inches in area.

**Central Committee Meeting #174
November 9, 2008**

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman Mark Chapman, Vice-Chairman Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix, Corporate Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer Dallas Chapman, Safety Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Managers Keith and Shirley Cronin, Webmaster Steve King, Give A Way Managers Darell and Susan Chavis.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. by reading the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman Chapman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	58	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Eastern Jackson County	Local 02	42	1 Vote	Linda Parish
Tri County	Local 03	26	1 Vote	John Carman
South Kansas City	Local 05	64	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	95	1 Vote	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	48	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	197	3 Votes	ABSENT
Hannibal	Local 09	41	1 Vote	ABSENT
Jefferson City	Local 10	136	2 Votes	ABSENT
Joplin	Local 11	48	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	129	2 Vote	David Kateman
Mexico	Local 13	124	2 Votes	Scott Fennawald
Independence	Local 14	22	1 Vote	ABSENT
Branson	Local 15	263	3 Votes	Skyler McWilliams
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	66	1 Vote	Martin King
Springfield	Local 18	29	1 Vote*	ABSENT
Kirksville	Local 19	266	3 Votes	Suzie King
Dexter	Local 20	23	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	21	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
St. Peters	Local 25	59	1 Vote	Tony Shepherd
Maryville	Local 26	58	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	21	1 Vote	Ty Cashell
Waynesville	Local 28	350	4 Votes	Steve Lincoln
North Kansas City	Local 29	112	2 Vote	Ann Dodson
Nixa	Local 30	81	1 Vote	Curtis Moore
Rolla	Local 31	39	1 Vote	ABSENT
Bootheel	Local 32	64	1 Vote	ABSENT
Highway 50 West	Local 33	113	2 Votes	JR DeGraffenreid
Poplar Bluff	Local 34	22	1 Vote*	ABSENT
Golden Valley	Local 35	53	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Bethany	Local 40	23	1 Vote	Mike Sims
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	67	1 Vote	Keifer York
California	Local 44	8	0 Vote	David Miller
Greater K.C.	Local 46	24	1 Vote	Dennis Stevenson
Members at Large	Local 00	58	0 Vote	
Total		2898		November 1, 2008
Corporate Sponsors		9	0 Vote	

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

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

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

Approval of minutes from the September Central Committee Meeting. Local 12 needs to be reflected as having 2 votes. Motion by Local 29 to approve the minutes as corrected, 2nd Local 35, motion carries by voice vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Secretary: Membership report. September 64 new members, 134 renewals and 1 life membership processed. October 63 new members, 158 renewals and 3 life memberships processed. Total membership 2898. Decrease of 34 members since last report.

Treasurer: General Fund beginning balance \$19,196.35 ending balance \$20,095.71; PAC beginning balance \$43,794.79 ending balance \$27,211.73; Rider Education beginning balance \$31,120.84, ending balance \$31,947.54; Homecoming Fund beginning balance \$1,178.62, ending balance \$23,621.08.

Homecoming Financial Report: Income \$38,758.39, Expenses \$25,149.31, Profit \$13,609.08. Donation to be made to PAC \$13,609.08.

Local yearly donations. This donation is not mandatory under the by-laws. It is simply a request that locals donate \$15 per

member up to 100 members at a cap of \$1500. Some locals go above and beyond this amount which is greatly appreciated. Membership amount is calculated as of November 1st for meeting contribution amount.

Proposed budget for 2009 general fund distributed to all CC reps. Question about whether expenses for an individual who volunteers to help with Capital Crusaders Days and has their expenses covered by the local, whether the local will receive credit for those expenses as part of their state contribution. Chairman Chapman stated that if any local wants to pay for an expense of an officer or other expense that does not have to come out the FORR general fund that the expense can be taken as an in-kind donation by the local. The local needs to submit the expense on a 101 with supporting receipts. Chairman Chapman indicated that if the legislative coordinator indicates this individual is working on his behalf, the Central Committee will reimburse for fuel expenses with submitted receipts. However, if the local wants to pay for these expenses they can do so as an in-kind donation.

The gasoline budget has been increased for 2009 based upon the current cost of fuel and what we actually expended in 2008. Payroll is paid by all three accounts so what is reflected here is just one third of the total amount. Also the general fund payroll budget reflects the general office payroll costs and the small stipend paid to the treasurer. Also the 2009 payroll budget more closely reflects what we anticipate spending whereas last years budget reflected an estimated base figure of \$10,000. The only other payroll related cost that might be more is the worker's compensation insurance expense. Bob Hawkins reported this coverage will be \$650.00 per year. Question whether anyone was taking advantage of the one newsletter at a household. Yes there are a few individuals who have opted for this service. In order to do this you must submit a request in writing. Motion by Local 29, 2nd Local 35 to approve the general fund budget as presented, motion carries unanimously by show of hands.

Donations: Local 12 \$1,500.00 to PAC; Local 19 \$299.99 to general fund.

Local 25 requested Treasurer Chapman try to come up with a close figure regarding how many people that attended Homecoming were members of FORR and report her findings at the next meeting.

2008 Give A Way: Project manager Susan Chavis thanked everyone who participated in the give a way project this year. We had a total income of \$17,272.00, Expenses \$18,142.91 for a loss of \$870.91. Motion Local 6 that we go back to a bike give a way. Request that we hold off on this for right now and readdress the issue after the report. Susan reported that she inadvertently ran out of checks and will have to mail or bring the remaining checks to the January meeting. Local 15 \$224.00, Local 33 \$162.00, Local 19 \$152.00, Local 12 \$151.50, Local 30 \$150, Local 16 \$145, Local 6 \$81.50, Local 29 \$61.50, Local 13 \$61.00, Local 28 \$58.00, Local 1 \$56.00, Local 5 \$55, Local 42 \$43.50.

It was requested at the September Central Committee meeting that all representatives take the give a way issue back to the local and decide whether we were going to do a give a way project in 2009. Roll call vote. A yes vote means we will have a 2009 give a way project, 11 yes, 17 no, 6 abstain. We can revisit this matter in the future but for next year there will not be a state give a way project. Treasurer Chapman suggested that we leave the money in the give a way account, that a monthly accounting still be done and this way when we readdress this issue next year we won't have to come up with seed money for the project. \$11,129.09 is what is left in the account. General consensus that we leave the money in the account. Project managers Darell and Susan Chavis thanked for all of their hard work on this project. Locals can do their own give a way project, however, the project must be approved by the state officers.

Vice Chairman: We do not have an engineer of freedom award for this Central Committee meeting. Wayne Tipton stated when the Engineer of Freedom award was designed it was not intended for there to be one at every CC meeting. However, for the officers to be able to consider individuals for the award we need to receive nominations from the locals.

We really need to market FORR. If you have a PR person in your local great. If not consider setting up this position in the local. Just about every town has a town fair or other city wide event. Locals need to think about putting up an information booth at these events to promote FORR, recruit members etc. Request that we take a strong look at the letters to the editor and avoid bashing other organizations in our newsletter. Chairman Chapman stated that our newsletter is called the Freedom Press and he is not going to tell the editor to withhold publishing letters to the editor. Everyone has their opinion and they are entitled to have that opinion. If we censor what is in the newsletter then the chairman or editor is being a dictator. Suggestion that you are going to write a letter to the editor, have someone else in the local read it and get their opinion about the article before submitting it.

Legislative: Thank you to those locals who went above and beyond when calls went out and things needed to be done during this past election. If a local wants to put a political ad in a local newspaper the ad must be approved by the Chairman or Legislative coordinator. The local must then submit money to the Central Committee Treasurer so that they payment for the ad can be made from our PAC account. Locals can not pay for these types of activities per the ethics requirements from their local accounts. We have received a lot of thank yous from candidates for our campaign work. There were three republicans targeted by the Democratic Party and we were able to keep all three of these individuals in place.

As a result of our campaign work this year, FORR is being talked about as the third party state wide. Our defeat of Chuck Graham is a huge victory. Halfbreed thanked the Central Committee for having the faith in him to pull this off and spend the money. \$2,249.00 was the cost to run the ads. The Republican party told Kurt Schaefer that they would not give him any money until we ran the first ad, then they sent him \$50,000 which is a drop in the bucket of what they spent on other campaigns. We have talked with Mr. Schaefer since the election and he has indicated he will vote with us on all of our bills and will not filibuster us. Other people from ABATE for Missouri came to Columbia and handed out flyers. Senator Graham lost re-election by a little over 1,400 votes. Boone County is heavily democratic and this outcome shows that many democrats voted for Mr. Schaefer. This defeat lets people know that motorcycle rights organizations can have a direct impact on an election.

On the Senate side, Senator Charlie Shields is now President Pro Tem of the Senate, which is a higher position of power within the senate. Senate Majority Leader will be Kevin Engler of District 3, another friend of FORR. On the Democratic side the Minority Leader will be Victor Callahan. This position was supposed to have been filled by Chuck Graham. Governor elect, Jay Nixon after much talking, meetings and prodding agreed that he will not veto our helmet modification bill so long as it is a clean bill. He probably will not sign it but will allow it to become law on its own.

Capitol Crusaders Days - Two people have stepped up to help. January 20th, February 17, March 10, April 14, May will either be 5th or 12th depending upon what is going on at the capitol. These are not the hearing dates as we do not know when those will be until shortly before the date is scheduled. Each of these dates was carefully picked by Steve and Halfbreed to coincide with things that are going on at the capitol. Last year we had the lowest number of attendees at the capitol that we have had since

beginning to do capitol crusaders days with 94 people attending. We really need to step up and get these numbers up next year. Of those 94, many attended more than once. We have a chance in the Senate that we have never had before by defeating Chuck Graham, we have the number of votes to get the bills through this year and more. The deck is stacked in our favor. We can't do any more to ensure that our bills have a chance. It's now up to the membership. If every active member could make it to at least one capitol crusaders day or if every member of FORR just meet with their rep or senator just think of the change that would make. Local 3 challenged all CC reps to encourage their local members to give up one day to attend a capitol crusaders day. Local 29 accepted challenge.

Legislative budget for 2009. There have been some proposed increases in the budget this year. He has left \$5,000 in campaign contributions for next year because from time to time there are things that we need to attend. Office payroll is reflected in the budget to show the amount paid out of the PAC fund. The AMA and the MRF are anticipating hard fights with the federal helmet push, comments on new helmet testing and other issues with the TEA reauthorization legislation. Please check out the new helmet testing and make comments as appropriate. With all of these things going on it may be necessary for FORR to send 4-5 people to Washington DC to lobby on these issues. Motion by Local 29 to accept the legislative budget as proposed, 2nd by Local 42, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary Garver stated that in going through the evaluations from the FEW seminar there were several requests that the legislative power point presentation be placed on the website so that locals could access this information. Details will be worked out with Tanker and this will be placed on the website.

Local 25 asked if our PAC fund was also able to support a federal pac or if this was something we even wanted to consider. Halbreed reported that two years ago we looked into setting up a federal pac and after reviewing the information and what was required, it was decided that this was not something we wanted to do. We have in the past worked with the MRF on federal donations.

AMA Report: The AMA has gone through a major reorganization. They are back up and running, is a good functional organization with good clean people in place to run the organization. They are dropping a lot of their professional racing program, but are getting heavily involved in amateur racing. They are getting back to what they were originally designed for and that is representing motorcyclists and protecting their rights. Terry Cook is no longer with the AMA and has returned to Missouri. There are a lot of issues that the AMA anticipates coming up within the next year. Mandatory federal helmet requirements, helmet testing, mandatory safety requirements (ie body armor).

Anticipated issues affecting states: Aftermarket parts and right to repair – ability to obtain codes, information and tools necessary to repair your own vehicle; Motorcycle awareness; Definition of what a motorcycle actually is – where do the electric or three wheel scooters fall into the picture. Some states are including these as motorcycles others are not; Honors and declarations on the House or Senate floor to gain recognition; Insurance; Licensing endorsement; Lemon law for motorcycles; Using motorcycles as emergency vehicles; Crash research and safety awareness; Modulating headlights; Motorcycle parking – specifically assigned parking; Exhaust noise; Meters with red light cameras for noise; Motorcycle seizure laws; Motorcycle license plates; Motorcycle licensing; Stunt riding; ITS – toll roads, etc.; Distracted driving.

MRF Report: MRF State Rep. Jim Duyck reported it was discussed at Meeting of the Minds that the MRF may be facing some possible budget cuts because of the current economic situation. One possible cut is the loss of the MRF Reports newsletter. Jim stated he did not want to see these cuts take place and decided to do his part to help. To hopefully obtain new members for the MRF, he is proposing that for all new members or an inactive member who has been expired for more than one year, he will pay \$10.00 of the \$30.00 membership out of his pocket. On a new sustaining membership he will pay \$20.00 towards the sustaining membership fee of \$100.00. Kathy Garver and JR DeGraffenreid attended Meeting of the Minds as representatives of FORR. Kathy presented information about the OCED meeting that the MRF was invited to attend and how the outcome of this international meeting will be of significant help in our upcoming TEA reauthorization legislation. She is also working on an article for the newsletter. JR will be making his report concerning the seminar at the January CC meeting.

In the past FORR has paid the expenses for our state rep to attend Meeting of the Minds. However last year Jim did not perform the duties required of the state rep. Chairman Chapman asked the Central Committee if they wanted to go ahead and reimburse Jim for his expenses. Motion by Local 42 that we pay \$500 towards Jim's expenses to attend Meeting of the Minds, 2nd Local 1, voice vote, motion carries with two opposed. Jim given warning that as the State Rep he is expected to attend all of the CC meetings. Jim stated that he will attend or send an assistant to fulfill the requirements. Jim reported that currently he has three active assistant reps and one that has not been so active.

Product Line: T-shirts still on sale. Long sleeve flame shirts \$10. There are a few locals that have not picked up their yard signs.

Newsletter: Chairman Chapman asked if there were any problems or issues that needed to be addressed concerning the newsletter, other than the letters to the editor issue. Report that the agenda in the newsletter said the Central Committee meeting started at 10:30 which is incorrect. The meetings start at 10:00 a.m.

Rider Education: Rider Education Courses – BRC there were 25 courses, 273 people taking the course and 260 completing and passing. ERC had 6 courses scheduled, 3 classes cancelled, 16 took course and 16 completed and passed the class. Class dates for 2009 should be posted by the first of the year.

Doug reported that in Columbia there was a letter to the editor that said the lit up sign caused him to have an accident because he was writing down what the sign said and ran off the road. Then a week or two later he ran into another vehicle while trying to write down what the sign said.

Proposed Changes to Rider Education Program. Beginning rider course increase tuition to \$200 from \$175 effective 11/9/08. Increase range aid pay from \$50 to \$100 effective 11/9/08. This would still keep us in the ball park with what other sites are charging. The range aid fee is designed to reimburse the range aid with transportation and food costs to help at the site. This is a per course fee (for BRC includes both days). Range aids are there to help the instructors on the site, set up and pick up cones, get bikes out, etc. They can be a big help for the instructors during a class. ERC costs would stay the same. Tuition reimbursement amount will remain the same. Motion by Local 46 to accept the proposed changes, 2nd Local 30, motion carries unanimously by roll

call vote.

Rider Education 2009 proposed budget presented to the Central Committee. Motion by Local 46 to accept proposed rider education budget, 2nd local 40, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Local 10 thanked for their donation of the projector and projector screen which was used yesterday in the FEW Seminar and will be used for the safety program and future FORR events.

Doug has a purchaser for the training bikes that were for sale based upon us being able to get a title for one of the vehicles. He is taking the steps necessary to conclude this sale.

Webmaster: Webmaster King reported he has been working on the on line event registration so that locals can pay for event insurance on line. Also on the members services tab there is an area where you can make an electronic payment. Locals that have websites that are active and not linked on the state website please contact Webmaster King so a link can be developed. Reported the link to take you to state legislators is not working. This will be addressed and the link fixed. Chairman Chapman asked that a tab be placed on the front page that says Join FORR which takes you directly to the membership application. This will be developed.

FEW Seminar: Thanked everyone who attended this years event. Attendance as far as pre-registration was up from last year. However actual attendance was only two higher than last year. Many who were pre-registered had valid reasons for not making the event. It takes a year to plan this event so need direction from the CC as to whether this is something we want to continue doing. Motion by Local 29 that we continue doing this next year, 2nd Local 1, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. This will not be the same seminar each year. Federal legislative issues is something that the CC floor would like to receive more information on. Local 25 asked that Local 29 representative Ann Dotson and Local 16 Martin King help JR and Kathy with the planning of next years seminar. JR thanked the locals, MAFR and ABATE for Missouri that donated money towards this years seminar. Patches for this year were ordered and shipped from Helen in Arkansas but are lost somewhere in shipping. These will be available at the January CC meeting. JR DeGraffenreid and Kathy Garver thanked for their work on this event.

Mid South MILE: 125 pre-registered for the seminar with a few registering at the conference. Mark Chapman built the basket for the event. It was pretty awesome. It was a wooden, horse drawn manure spreader (candidate promise disbursal unit). It went to the state of Kansas. A lot of the items that were in the auction at the FEW Seminar came from the Oklahoma and Kansas baskets that Missouri purchased at the MILE. We need a volunteer to build Missouri's basket for next year's MILE. We have had a still, outhouse, train, wine basket. It can not have a gasoline engine and it must fit through the doors at the hotel. It can be taken apart and reassembled in the banquet room. Next year's conference will be in Kansas, somewhere between Topeka and Wichita and is anticipated to be the 3rd weekend in October. In two years it will be the 20th annual Mid South MILE in Missouri. Probably will be in the Springfield area. Speakers this year from the MRF, Iowa, AMA, US Senator gave a keynote speech on Saturday morning, a State Rep spoke at the banquet and Theo came from Belgium. Overall it was a very good seminar. There is enough money in the bank to fund next year's seminar. This event was never intended to be a money maker. It was designed to train people and help fund lobby trips to Washington DC.

Thanked ABATE for Missouri with their help on the MILE basket.

General Office: Chairman Chapman asked if anyone was having any problems with the general office regarding membership issues, contact etc. The theory behind this office was that memberships would be processed on the day they are received. Local 35 reported they sent a new member in about 2 weeks ago and got very fast turn around. Member received patch in approximately 1 week. Local 2 placed a phone call to office and received a return call the next day. The November rosters have a few problems and the state officers will be working next week to get those problems corrected. Safety calls are being handled by the office manager which has helped reduce stress and time for the safety coordinator. If there are any problems or concerns with the office please contact Chairman Chapman or any of the state officers for assistance.

Homecoming: Chairman Chapman reported he has contacted two of the three places that we were looking at as possibly sites for the event and has not received a reply back from anyone. Had considered having a Homecoming meeting in December but not sure it would do any good. If anyone is interested in coming to a Homecoming meeting in December let Mark know. At the last meeting we decided to go back to a lottery on work shift assignment. This will be available at the January meeting so there will be sufficient time for locals to get work shifts filled. Treasurer Chapman reported that she has been asked to give local 25 a breakdown of the number of FORR members that attended the event. Two months ago she was asked to look into what it would cost to purchase electronic cash registers. Electronic cash registers which can be programmed to have specific keys designated for member, non member etc. can be obtained for approximately \$100.00 each. This would allow us to more easily track. Motion by Local 25 to purchase two electronic cash registers, 2nd Local 15, motion carries by show of hands with one opposed. Since these would be owned by the central committee they would be available for locals to use at their events just like the state radios.

Homecoming 2008 t shirts distributed. If someone says they worked and we know they actually worked we can get them a shirt. We are working on getting this years t-shirt supplier to come to Homecoming next year and have the shirts done on site. Suggestion that locals whose reps are not here take shirts that go to a close local and take their shirts to them.

At the FEW Seminar it was discussed that in order to keep a local going you must have a minimum of two members. No matter what the size of the local, you are required to have a monthly meeting and turn in monthly financial reports. Financial accounts must have two signatures on the account. It is highly recommended that the two people on the local account not be from the same household. If you have less than 10 members you do not have a vote on the floor.

Local 44, California, reported that after the first of the year they will be closing the local. They have fought a hard fight but have not been able to get people to join the local, to ride with them, etc. Sometimes this is just the way things happen. Please try to stay focused and upbeat on what we are doing and not become bitter against the organization as a whole when this type of action takes place. Even Animal who founded this organization says that his life has gone in a different direction and he simply doesn't have time for the activities of the organization. However, he still supports the organization.

Old Business:

Phil Spieser patches are available from Local 35.

License plates – Steve King received an email a while back that says you can now get specialized plates but you must get a bill passed through the legislature authorizing the plates. Specific language requirements for the bill have been sent to us. We can specify that the person must be a member of FORR to obtain one of these plates and the organization can charge a fee for the specialized plates. Once we get a bill through the legislature it will cost up to \$5,000.00 for the plate set up fee. Then we need to get 200 people to submit applications for the specialty plate and pay the registration fee before they will be processed. These can be for any motor vehicle except apportioned or commercial vehicles or trailers. Central Committee Representatives asked to find out if this is something the locals want to pursue and if so what fee do they want paid to FORR for the specialty plate if we have that option. Also need to obtain a list of members who would be interested in participating. The cost to obtain these specialty plates is \$15 more than standard registration tags plus whatever fee FORR decides to charge. Will be placed on the January agenda for further discussion.

New Business:

Proposed by law change.

Delete Section 6 in its entirety and enact in its place the following:

- 6.1 A new Local for members of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. may be established by meeting the following criteria:
 - 6.1A Submit a letter of intent to establish a new Local to a Corporate Officer.
 - 6.1B Submit ten (10) memberships with the following documentation.
 - B1 Original or renewal application completed by the members. Renewals must have been inactive for at least 24 months;
 - B2 The yearly membership fee for each member.
 - 6.1C After being contacted by one of the Corporate Officers:
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Motion by Local 29 to print the proposed by law change, 2nd Local 35, show of hands 22 yes, one opposed. This will be printed in the January newsletter as the December newsletter has already gone to print. Therefore it will not be able to be voted on until March. Effectively what this proposal is trying to accomplish is rather than having to get ten new members a prospective new local would be able to get a mix of new and renewal members that have been expired for at least two years. It also sets forth the requirements for the merging of two locals. And it removes some of the hoops that a new local has to go through. It will put more

work on the state officers to meet with the potential local members and determine whether or not the local should be established. Clarification that merging locals can use either of their existing numbers or can be assigned a new number. They will not get to pick their new number.

District chairmen: No Report

Abate for Missouri: Mid South MILE was wonderful. Our basket brought around \$1100.00. Marilyn Tipton donated a quilt to the basket. There were a lot of Missouri products donated to the basket. McCormick got involved in the basket. Alcohol goes over well in baskets. Need to start collecting items now for next years basket. Also need silent auction items. Halfbreed and Tony worked together on a lot of campaign issues this year. Abate focused on the union side of the campaigns. In two years we will be looking at elections for off year Representatives. There is a lot that we can do for those representatives seeking re-election in the off year. We did a fantastic job this year and won some hard battles. We can smile and celebrate our victories. The Missouri Highway Department was thanked by Chairman Chapman for their flashing sign that said "You drink You drive You lose" his response was yeah unless you're Chuck Graham. This is where the idea came from.

Run for the Wall: Jim Duyck presented a certificate of appreciation from Run for the Wall for FORR's help at the Oak Grove Run for the Wall lunch stop. Next years event will be in Concordia.

Gordon Becton from Local 8 hit a deer last weekend on the bike and it messed him up really bad. He is in ICU in St Joseph. They think he will be ok but he suffered some very serious injuries. Everyone asked to keep Gordon and Lisa in their thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting #173
January 11, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Preamble
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - d. Put cell phones on vibrate
 - e. Roll Call of Locals
 - f. Approval of Minutes
- II. Department Reports
 - a. Corporate Secretary
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Membership Secretary
 - d. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - ii. Legislative
 - a. Sub Committees
 - b. AMA
 - c. MRF
 - e. Rider Education
 - f. Product Line
 - g. Newsletter
 - h. Webmaster
 - i. Chairman
 - i. Homecoming
 - ii. F.E.W. Seminar
 - iii. Mid-South MILE
- III. Old Business
 - a. Specialty license plate
 - b. By-Law change
- IV. New Business

- V. Connections
 - a. District Chairmen
 - b. ABATE for Missouri

Legislative Meeting
 Saturday January 10, 2009 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
 Saturday January 10, 2009 3:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting
 Saturday January 10, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
 Sunday January 11, 2009 10:00 a.m.

Central Committee Representatives are asked to make sure their membership is current before the meeting begins. Contact your Local Secretary to be sure. Only current members are allowed to conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

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

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke - Free

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings: Local 10, 14, 20, 32, 34

Benefit Dinner & Auction

The Friends of Gordon & Lisa Becton are hosting a dinner & auction to assist with medical expenses he incurred from a motorcycle accident on November 2, 2008



Saturday January 17, 2009

5:30 pm

Princeton High School Cafeteria, Princeton MO

Free Will donation (\$5 Min.) Dinner

Auction will follow.

Monetary donations can be sent to:

Great Western Bank of Princeton Hwy 65 & 136 Princeton MO 64673.

Make checks payable to Lisa Becton

For more information contact:

Jamie Lowrey (660)748-8134, Glenda Ely (660)247-5713, Louise Reasoner (660) 646-4197.

Proposed By-Law change

Delete section 6 and enact in its place the following:

6.1 A new Local for members of Freedom of Road Riders, Inc., may be established by meeting the following criteria:

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B1 Original or renewal application completed by the members. Renewals must have been inactive for at least 24 months

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Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. V.F.W. (3rd & Douglas) Lee's Summit, MO.

Contact: President - Larry 816-690-8822 or Rebel 816-850-4511 or Local1@FORR.net

Hello one and all! Hope that your Holidays were GREAT!

Our plan for our December meeting is heading up to Lexington again to the Boyce/Clancy B&B. I'm sure it will be a good time. Speaking of Darral Clancy - Congratulations you have reached the 1/2 century mark! Keep up the good work...

Now it's into another year - wow 2009! Local 1 is doing well, as we are again planning a group effort at the Oak Grove City Wide Garage Sale this Spring. So if you have items that you would like to donate, or you would like to help with the garage sale itself, contact Mark Chapman at 816-690-4200.

Big thanks to Indian Charlie and his family for their wonderful hospitality at Novembers meeting. Wonderful company and wonderful food! We'll be back at Charlies for our January meeting also.

Officer Elections will be at the December meeting, not in enough time to report here sooooo you'll just have to wait, or be at the meeting!

Well, it's deadline and I better finish this thing up under budget and on time - cool.
Have a good one - then have another!

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157

LOCAL 2 - EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant

Oak Grove, MO. Contact: 816-228-2656

Happy New Year!

You missed a wild christmas party just prepared for you.

The auction went great and there was some excellent Christmas items. Everyone had such fun & merry at that time.

LARRY AND HIS THONG WAS THE HIT OF THE PARTY!

Santa got a bail out - so Christmas is still on. With so many members past and present from local 2 and 14.

Linda got to bed late last night & Larry can we have our lamp shade back, please? Hey I need my clothes back! Has anyone seen them? If you weren't there you really missed out - be there next year!

The nominations at the after party were amazing. Now were going to have a few drinks to celebrate. Then next morning everyone woke up sticky and wet.

We are Local 2 - and we approve this message.... Hey CB sorry for the stiff neck!

Linda

See photos on this page of Octoberfest 2008!



Octoberfest 2008 Drags...

*Pictures submitted by:
Linda Parrish
Local 2*





Local News

LOCAL 3 - TRI-COUNTY

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

Contact: Dour Edmisten 816-516-5869

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

Contact: 816-454-9470 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

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

Howdy Folks,

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

There were several people that met Santa Claus for the Toy Run. They were Joe Day, Harry and Glenda Cline, Mike and Okie Daniels, Ron and Joyce Canfield. They all rode from the North Pole to McBride's Yamaha Shop on Nov 2, 2008. There were 43 bikes and 10 Jeeps. The St. Joseph Jeep Club joined us for the ride and we want to Thank them for their participation. Everyone had a good time during the ride and Santa passed out candy along the route to The Noyes Home. The weather was fantastic with over 100 people arriving at the Home. The Kids enjoyed checking out the motorcycles and the Jeeps. Santa passed out the presents with items purchased from lists of things the kids wanted. Lunch was served with pizza, hot dogs and chili, chips and drinks.

We have submitted pictures and an article to the local paper with toy run information but it hasn't been published yet. We had a request that we publish our mailing address in the newsletter. Local 6 of FORR can be mailed at PO Box 881, St. Joseph, MO 64501. If you want to drop us a line, feel free to do so. The PO Box is checked at least weekly.

Happy Birthday to a couple of members. Doug Plowman 11/25/08 will be 46 and Galen Jackson 11/13/08, he will be 53 but he thinks he is 23. Galen, who is one scary little biker dude, talked me into putting his birthday in here. (Gotcha Galen). Members who need to renew are: Shawn Dille, Ed Harris, Bob Jackson and Kim Tullis.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THE LOCALS IN FORR AND ALL THEIR MEMBERS. THANKS TO ALL THE STATE OFFICERS FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB KEEPING FORR ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

Happy Trails, til we meet again. Ride safe, *Dan*

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

Contact: 417-286-3845

Greeting Local 7.

Well for a weather update. The beginning of November was great. It seemed almost like spring for the Local 7 toy run. It has gone down hill from there. It is starting to look a lot like winter. It was cool for the Buffalo toy run but some of us made the ride. Guy, Don, Charlie, Watermelon Ron and I made the ride. There were other F.O.R.R. members in attendance as well. The Springfield toy run is this Sunday, not sure if I will make this or not. There is a chance of rain and the temp is supposed to be around 30 degrees. Burr....

Well that's all folks. Hope everyone has a great holiday. See you next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the *Geezer and his Queen*



Local News

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Diner, 1 p.m. (call for info - location varies)
Contact: 660-646-7296

Happy Holidays Local 8!!! What a busy month we've had. I'm sure most of you have heard by now about Gordon's accident. He is on the mends and coming along well. It will be a long road of rehab and work, so keep the prayers and good thoughts going for him and Lisa both. Hopefully by the time you get this he'll at least be home, or close to home and progressing just as nicely there. There is a benefit being held for them on January 17, 2009 at the Princeton High School Cafeteria. There will be a free will donation diner (\$5 minimum) starting at 5:30 and an auction following. A flier with more information should be on page 9 of this issue.

I do not know at this time who the 2009 officers will be, as our meeting is not until Sunday and I have to have this to Rebel by today. Watch your email or our local website www.forr8.net for that announcement. I will say THANK YOU to our 2008 officers; pat yourselves on the back for a job very well done. We have our bumps in the road and moments of insanity, but I think as a whole our local comes together very well.

We set the date for Cabin Fever at our November meeting. It will be held on February 7, 2009, the location has not been decided yet. Due to this our February meeting will be held on February 8, rather than the 1st. Go ahead and write that on your Calendars. Our January meeting will be held on January 4, probably at Rumors, but I am not sure of that, so watch your emails and mail again for that exact location.

I want to welcome our new member Diana Lyon and thank our members who renewed, Lee Boyles, Stan Lazenby, John "Superglide" Lisby, Michael Miller, Roger Nivens, Bob Reasoner, Louise Reasoner, Rhonda Tedrick, Ted Tedrick & Pete Wooden. It's great to have you with us for another interesting year!

Sorry this is so short, with our meeting not being until Sunday I don't have a lot to report. I will congratulate our 2009 officers in advance, and thank them for volunteering their time for Local 8.

I'm going to be politically incorrect and wish everyone in FORR land a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Until Next Time ~ Keep Smilin ~ *Glenda*

LOCAL 9 - HANNIBAL

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Elks Lodge, 411 Broadway, in Hannibal, Mo.
Contact: Raymond Nicosia 573-221-3417 or Joyce McArthur 573-231-5540

Hello I am the new editor for local 9, Tracy Lockey. We are very happy to say, we had our election of officers for 2009.

Mike Lockey is again our president, Raymond Nicosia is our vice president, secretary is Linda Lockey, treasure Joyce McArthur, CCrep is Bruce Nicosia, Safety coordinator is Don White.

We had a wonderful Christmas party to end the year. We are hoping for a great year this year. Happy New Year!
Tracy Lockey 573 795 3357

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes.
Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr. Contact: 573-635-7964

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Moose Lodge #905,
5056 Douglas Fir Road. Joplin, Mo.
Contact: 417-781-1784 OR www.FORR11.org

Hi Ya'll from Southwest Mo, well its wintertime.. But a new year.
And with a new year we have new officers in place so here is your





Local News

election results:

Chairman - Rick Johnson

Treasurer - Larry Hale

Secretary and Membership - Kaime Johnson

Productline and Historian - Janese Johnson

Safety - Robert James

Vice Chairman - Les Sanders

CC Rep and Newsletter - Mark Capps

Sgt. at Arms - Cliff Conway

Legislative - Don Maki

Events - Bob Owens

Thanks to the outgoing officers and the work they put into the local, welcome to the new officers and good luck. 2009 looks to be a promising year for local 11, warmer bike show date for starters, we got some excellent officers in place some have a new mission in mind. There are more to be expected of some offices, we have members who were once active, went inactive, are now stepping up.. I am excited about that.

Local 18 leather and lace is coming up Feb 14th, as always local 11 will be there, exciting and fun times that is. Looking forward to a new year for local 11, hope to see ya'll around. Til then ride warm, wear some leathers and hope for some sunshine.

Mark A Capps - Local 11

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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

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

Greetings again to all our friends out in FORR land and local 12 wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Of course our biggest Christmas present came on Nov. 4th when the voters in the 19th Senate district handed Sen. Chuck Graham his walking papers after years of being a thorn in FORR's side. It couldn't have happened to a nicer fellow and I personally think FORR had a lot to do with his defeat. Way to go, folks!!!

Since we have had no meeting since the last newsletter, this one is going to be short and sweet. By the time you read this the Christmas banquet will be over and I'll have a full report next month. Knowing Buddy as well as I do, it's probably going to be a great time. Our next regular meeting will be at the Hogs and Heifers Saloon, one mile south of the Fayette courthouse square on hwy. 240 at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Jan. 22nd. The February meeting will be held at 7:30pm Thursday, Feb. 26th at the Fish Beak Saloon in Glasgow. For those of you on the other side of the river, we have set aside a \$50 fund to apply towards a ferry fund for those on the Saline county side. Also folks, please remember we have about \$200 in the membership incentive drawing pot and half of that could be yours if you attend a meeting and your name is drawn.

I'd like to close this month by getting up on my soapbox and say a few things about another motorcyclists' rights organization that I belong to and believe in. We have discussed the Motorcycle Riders Foundation at meetings in the past and all the good work that they do. This year they stopped the national D.O.T. from taking funds designated for motorcycle safety training programs and applying them towards helmet law propaganda. They have been leaders in the fight against insurance discrimination against motorcyclists. Each year they put on the Meeting of the Minds motorcycle rights conference, the most important event of its' kind in this country. Right now they are involved in an effort to modify the new proposed D.O.T. helmet standards that would make many helmets now in use illegal.

M.R.F. is not an organization with a highly paid staff of officers. Most of it is volunteer work and they operate on a very tight budget. An annual individual membership is \$30 and I know John and I have been members for years; hopefully more of our local members will join, too. One thing we can do as a local to support this fine organization is to become a sustaining member as a local. Right now the FORR Central Committee, the Mid-America Freedom Rally, Steve "Wildman" Howard, my friend Stephen Morris, local 29 and local 33 are the only sustaining members in the state. For \$100 we could become the third sustaining member local in the state and continue in the leadership role that local 12 has played. Sustaining members get their names printed in each issue of the bi-monthly MRF reports (a very fine publication) as well as on the MRF website. I would be very interested in hearing the opinions of other local 12 members on this subject. Perhaps we can discuss it at the January meeting.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 22nd- local 12 meeting, Hogs and Heifers Saloon, Fayette.

Feb. 26th-local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow



Local News

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.
Contact: 573-685-2369 or 573-581-7677

By the time you receive this, our Christmas Party and elections will have already taken place and I am sure everyone will have enjoyed it. Thanks to all the members for making our Local so successful.

As 2008 comes to an end, I am also writing my last newsletter. We will have a new newsletter editor next year. So, I just want to send you all a short note and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope to see you all when the weather warms up and we can ride again!

Happy Holidays! - *Stephanie Fennwald*

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 3976
on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Hello from Local 14, I just wanted to write a short note to everyone and let them know that Local 14 is not dead. Thanks to a few members that are willing to step up our Local will continue. I, on the other hand, am stepping down to take a break. Also Ron Keesee is taking a break. I would like to applaud the individuals that have stepped up to continue our fight and keep this Local alive. Thank you all very much.

I would also like to thank all the members that have supported me over the years and have given their all to help at every event and attend every meeting. Special thanks goes to, Ron Keesee, Cheryl Buell, Al "Kickstand" Smart, Louis David Copeland, and Tricia Bernotas. Thanks everyone.

Our Benefit Auction is upon us and I'm sure it will be a great success. There will be more on this next month. I would like to thank everyone that supported this event.

I've had a great ride and I'll see you all, Down the road and movin' on,

Smokin' Joe Widmer

Look for pictures next month from our Christmas Auction!

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON/ TRI-LAKES

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Downing Station, Hollister, MO
Contact: 417-334-0775

December has been a pretty quiet month for us. There were no meetings held. We did celebrate the holiday season with a big time of the year Holiday Party which was held at the Midnight Rose in Branson West. Attendance was standing room only for (Continued on page 19)

FINANCIALS

NOTICE To All Locals

As of 12-1-08

This is The Standing
On Financial Statements

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Dist. 6	10/08
Freedom Rally	9/08
RFTW	10/08

Don't forget - District & Special Events
Are Subject to the Same Rules
As Locals Regarding Financials

If you don't agree with this report,
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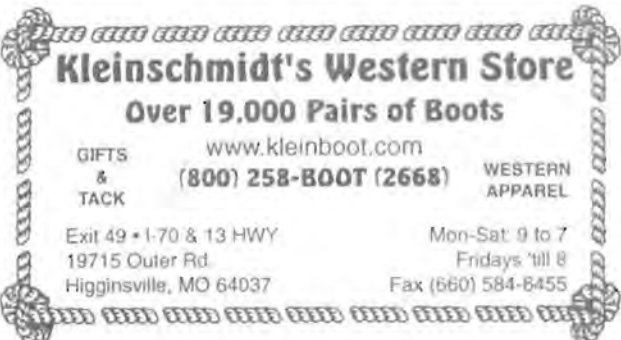


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from the Editors desk...

Hey all;

I again wanted to thank all of our Local Editors for your hard work and efforts over the past year, you have done a tremendous job.

2008 has been an ever changing year for a great deal of us, some good and some not so good. Since it's conception, *The Freedom Press*, has always been constantly changing, moving forward, and gearing up for what's down the road. Looking through many past issues shows me just how far we have come in such a short time.

In December 1995 I started my first of many issues. No e-mail - can you imagine!!! All submissions were sent by US Mail or by fax, and most of them were hand written. "Computers are so coooooooooooool!"

So my hats are off to all of you - Local Editors, Photographers, Advertisement chasers, Historians, and those that just always have a good story or photo to share. Keep it coming, and more.....

All of these are vital to any publication, and each is just as important as the other.

As I always say - It's greatly appreciated!

And 2009 Editors - don't forget to look for the 'NEW Editor Info' coming to you in January.



Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157
Senior Editor - The Freedom Press

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awhile and everyone had a dandy time it looked like!! A record breaking number of 5 new Ambassador's were inducted this year. Congratulations to Randy Stovall, Ed & Tam Danley, Howard "Swede" Reese, & Gary Russell for your support and service to help our local stay strong and to grow.

January 1st 1:00 pm is to be the traditional New Year's Day ride. There will be dual meeting places depending which side of the counties you live or how much you want to ride. The Westerners over in Stone County and that direction will meet at the Midnight Rose in Branson West and ride in. The Easterners and Taney county riders will meet at the Spirit Shop at Business 65 in Hollister by the College. Of course, the weather may influence some people and if you aren't up for the ride then come on out to the ending spot, Doc's Sports Bar, on 165 Hwy east of Tablerock Dam where there will be a gathering and free Chili.

January 6th BS meeting will be at Big Al's in downtown Reeds Spring 7:00 PM.

January 17th birthday Tracy Davis President of Local 15! Thanks for all you do and have done for years and years!!

January 24th Midnight Rose in Branson West is having a Chili Supper for Local 15 and their fellow Locals and friends. There will be great food, Live band, silent auction, GOOD TIME!

Remember Local 18 has their annual Leather & Lace Valentine's Party up Springfield way in February.

Anyone wanting to throw a party or plan an event – call Tracy or Randy and let's "Get 'er" planned. Your help with ideas for things to do and places to go are appreciated and needed.

2009 has a few new Officer Faces. New officers are: Recording secretary Tammy McMinn, Sergeant of Arms Bill Loyd, Legislative representative Larry Glover, Safety Officer Darla Stovall, CC Rep Skylar McWilliams, Event Coordinator Brian Crone. Thanks to the returning officers that will be serving another term. Their dedication and hard work is appreciated. They are President Tracy Davis, Vice-President Randy Stovall, Treasurer Tam Danley, Membership Cindy Morris, Local Newsletter Dennis "Rodeo" Pick, Product Line "T-shirt Dave" David Lisby, Pastor Fred Zemalt and State Newsletter Rose Atchley.

Please put the following dates on your 2009 calendar. April 26th Forsyth Swap Meet; May 14th – 17th Branson Motorcycle Rally; September 20th Forsyth Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet; November 8th Toy Run.

Looking forward to great New Year.....*Rose Atchley*

(See Local 15 Christmas party pics below!)



LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This will be a year of changes for our state and our country. It is going to be an interesting year. It will be a change for many of us too as we see where the economy is going. Maybe we won't be able to take that extra long vacation that we had gotten used to doing. We may have to do shorter trips to keep our expenses lower. Missouri has many great roads to go riding on. Maybe we may have to put off buying the extra accessories that we had hoped for. One thing you can't skimp on is the things that keep your bike safe to ride and dependable (tires, brakes, etc.).

I want to welcome all of the new members that have joined up with our local in the last couple of months. It is good to see



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new folks that are interested in keeping our freedoms of motorcycling alive. We also look forward to your ideas.

The Toy Run in Nov. turned out to be an almost perfect day. I couldn't have ordered better weather. There were around 50 bikes in the parade and a bunch of toys and cans of food were collected. The meeting had one of the largest turnouts in a long time. It was good to see that many people there.

Next the Christmas Dance was a lot of fun. A short meeting was held before the dance. The drawing was a success for the local. I want to thank everyone that helped out getting the donations for the drawing; it helped to make the checkbook look much better.

The Toy and Food Drive looked to be slow on the start but it is starting to pick up. There seems to be a lot more people needing help this year. Again this year we took small stuffed bears and animals to the sheriff's and police departments to carry in their cars to give to the kids to help make them feel a bit better in case of an accident or whatever might happen. Thanks to everyone that donated toys, food, or other items of need. Also a big thanks to Linda, Steve, Christi and her mom for going around to the barrels locations and collecting.

Everyone should have received a calendar of events for the first part of 2009. If not give me a holler and I will get one out to you.

Jan. 23 will be the next local meeting to be held at Bill's Place in Biehle. Meeting starts at 7 pm. Part of the meeting will involve election of officers for the coming year.

In February on the 21st the Annual Broomstick Tournament will be held at West End Tavern in Frohna, MO. Make a note of it because this will be the first time that I know of it will be held in Missouri. Meeting will be held before at 1 pm and the pool tournament will begin about 3 pm.

Some of you may have seen the yard signs that are popping up around the area. They have a motorcycle on them along with Look Twice, Save a Life. It is one way to get the attention of other drivers that we are out there on the roads also. All of the signs that we had gotten are out and about. The local is considering making our own up. If you have an idea of something else to put on them let us know.

I guess that I am probably over my limit of space for this month and also I can't think of anything else that needs to be added. One last thing; I recently read a quote that I wanted to share with you. "There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist or to accept the responsibility for changing them." So once again have a safe and prosperous New Year. **Dudely**

LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

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

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

Our monthly meeting has been moved to the 4th Tuesday of the month thru February with the possibility of that becoming a permanent change. Same location and time.

Leather & Lace is going to be a joint effort of Locals 18 & 30 this year so it should be bigger and better than ever. Date is February 14th (Valentine's Day). Location is Summer's At The River. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner specials and a full bar. Band will start around 9:00 p.m.

We still need raffle and giveaway items so lets get out and hit up the people you support all year by patronizing their business and let them have a chance to show their support for FORR.

"The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is proposing to amend several aspects of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218, Motorcycle Helmets. Some of the amendments would help realize the full potential of compliant helmets by aiding state and local law enforcement officials in enforcing state helmet use laws, thereby increasing the percentage of motorcycle riders wearing helmets compliant with FMVSS No. 218. The amendments would do this by adopting additional requirements and revising existing requirements to reduce misleading labeling of novelty helmets

that creates the impression that uncertified, noncompliant helmets have been properly certified as compliant."

This is another effort by the Federal Government to force their will on the states. If you are riding with a noncompliant helmet (beanie) you need to get one of those Doing Our Thing (DOT) stickers so you'll be in compliance. All this will do is make it easier for the 20 states that still have helmet laws to increase their revenue.

The deadline for posting comments has passed but check out this web link to see what Faye Barksdale from the



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Springfield Police Department posted.

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=NHTSA-2008-0157>

You'll be able to see all the other post once you follow this link.

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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

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

Shrine Club

Contact: President, Darek Fowler 660-665-5983 or

Jon Rader 660-216-5322 or Sally Schwaner 660-665-2083

Hello all,

By the time you all read this we will have had our elections so congrats to all the officers.

Our auction is vastly approaching and we still need volunteers to help. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Our auction is January 24th at the Shrine Club. Come out and support the local and have a great time.

I want to apologize for those few newsletters I missed getting in. Hopefully the next person to do this will be better at it than I was. Thanks for being patient with me.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Be safe.

Kelly

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagle's Club Hwy 25. Contact: 573-293-4754

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post

below Bagnell Dam. 573-365-5118

Contact: Lane at 573-392-5636

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post

313 at 200 Main St., Olde Town

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

Contact: 636-299-1032

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7p.m.

(Call for info location varies) Contact: 660-582-4599

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Freedom of the Road Riders, Local 26 presents TCW representative with the toys and \$125 collected during the Annual Toys For Tots run on Sunday, November 3rd. The group also donated to the local Ministry Center \$300, a \$50 Hy-Vee gift



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card, a \$20 Walmart gift card and 65 pounds of food.
See picture to the right....

Submitted by: Kathryn Rice



LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

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

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

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

Happy Holidays! The holidays are going to look much brighter this year for several area families and organizations that assist those in need.

Local 28 participated in the state wide Toy Run on November 1 and held their own toy drive at the St. Robert Walmart store on November 29, raising money, collecting toys and nonperishable food items all given to the Good Samaritan resource center. The items helped provide food baskets and Christmas presents for the Adopt-An-Angel program. The Local also dropped off food and gifts to our adopted family.

We all should be proud to belong to an organization that comes together like this to help others when times are tough. Let's do all we can to keep our Local strong in numbers and in our activities.

Winter is upon us and it is a good time to do yearly bike maintenance to ensure they are ready to go in the spring. Also, if you are riding this winter watch for deer, animals and drivers who aren't expecting to see bikes on the road.

Don't forget the long-sleeve Local 28 shirts are in stock. See your Product Line Representative about buying. Another date for the Adopt-A-Highway needs to be selected. We are required to do two pickups a year, but four are recommended. This may be something we need to think about for spring 2009.

The annual Polar Bear Run will take place January 1, 2009. Check your e-mail for updates about the time, route or inclement weather worries.

It's been a pleasure serving Local 28 as the newsletter editor in 2008. See you at the next event - *Connie*

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.
Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Brent DeFord 816-365-9615 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Did you happen to see in the December Issue of the Freedom Press that the requirements for the Newsletter Editor receiving CC Recognition at the end of the year are more rigorous than those for keeping a local open, or for being eligible to run for Chairman? All I can say is, "WOW!" and I am truly sorry, folks. It doesn't appear that ANY Local Editor will be recognized this year!

PAST: Local 29 has a current roster of 112 members. There were 23 members and 2 guests (Lois Adkison and Damon Smith) present at the November Meeting. Thank you all for attending!
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: LeRoy Coe, Brent DeFord, Ken DeMoss, Jim Duyck, Ronda Felts, Bob Neal, Steve & Janet Williams, and NeQuelle Wolfgeher are still eligible for getting their 2009 dues

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paid for by L29; they have attended every meeting for the year! 14 members (and friends of members) received a refund during the meeting for helping to set up and/or tear down at Octoberfest. Thank you for all your help! With the money L29 has received from Octoberfest (the money gets sent to State) we have met and exceeded our required minimum State Donation. Elections for L29 Office will occur during the December meeting, we will publish the 2009 Officers next month. The Bowl-A-Rama is going to be on February 8th with sign-ins at 11am. More information will be published next month. A membership incentive of \$70 would have went to Liz Doolittle had she been present to win (December's incentive will be \$80). Ronda Felts won the attendance incentive of \$18.

PRESENT: I'd like to remind the following members that their membership is due to expire in January: Jim Duyck, Randy (Knobber) Garrison Sr., Sharon Jackson, Dan Martin, John Newberry Sr., John Owen, Charles Quackenbush, and Kathy Wilson. I'd like to acknowledge all the January Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: Not much is happening in January! The 2009 Kearney Bike Show Meeting is on the 2nd at 7pm in Kearney. The January Local Business Meeting is scheduled for the 18th. We are currently working on the 2009 Calendar and will have more "Future Events" next month.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forrlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings, where the Rides Rule and the Riders Reign! "Talk to ya" next month, *NeQuelle*

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LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Locations varies - call for more info)

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

How y'all doin? Are you freezin' to death yet? I know I am. I'm already looking forward to spring. I suppose we ought to make the best of it, so we have some stuff planned. For some of you who haven't been with us long, on Jan. 1st we have a ride. We try and ride one mile per degree it is outside. This year were gonna change it up a little bit and have some lunch mixed in. The plan is to meet at Wendy's in Nixa around 11 a.m. and ride a short distance, stop and have some salad. After that we'll ride a bit further enjoy the main course of our meal and then end somewhere for desert. I think it'll be a great time. If anyone wants to lend a hand with this you can give myself or Pops a call.

Saturday, Feb. 14th. is Valentine's Day as most of you probably know. It is also the night of Leather and Lace at Summers at the River. We will be helping Local 18 out with this event this year, so let's try and have a good show of support. There will be a live band, not sure who as of right now, but I assure you they'll be good. We will need some help from at least ten of our members, anything from selling giveaway tickets to helping setup and decorate. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer give one of us a shout. Also, there will be drink and food specials. We will have more info later.

I guess that is about it for this month. I hope everyone looks forward to making the new year as good as it can be. We'll



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see how well this "Change" works out for us. As the old saying goes "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." I'm ready for whatever. Ride Hard, Ride Safe, **Hardcore**

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Phelps Co. Choppers 210 E 6th Street Rolla, MO

Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or Debra John 573-762-3808

Hey Guys & Gals, We're starting a new year & I hope it is a good year for all of us. At our last meeting we elected our officers & planned a very active year.

Unfortunately some events have not decided on or posted their dates as of yet. I've done the best I can at this time. This is our proposed calendar of events & I'm aware some of you are saying "No way I can't ride on all of those" but, for those who like to ride a lot, this is your year. I will however post the accurate dates as soon as possible. Please be patient?

Events Calendar '09

(Dates with * beside them are confirmed dates)

Feb-Mar Bike Week, Daytona *2/27-3/8

Apr FORR Free Poker Run ???

FORR Local 15 Swapmeet, Forsyth 26th?

May Bike Week Myrtle Beach *8th-17th

Pulaski Co. Bike & Car Show 9th?

SEMO Lesterville *16th-17th

Mid America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn *22nd-25th

June Summerfest, Rolla & FUN RUN (Elephant Rock) 1st Sat?

USO Ride 2nd Sat?

Hog Rock, Cave In Rock, IL *11th-14th

FUN RUN (Lake of the Ozarks) 20th?

July Buckhorn Blast 3rd - 4th?

Bike & Car Show, Licking 11th?

Little Sturgis, Sturgis, KY * 16th-19th

FUN RUN (Clearwater Lake) 25th?

Aug Sturgis Sturgis, SD *3rd - 9th

FUN RUN (Herman) 15th?

Salem Ave. Car & Bike Show, Rolla ???

Homecoming ???

Sept FORR Local 15 Swapmeet/Bike Show, Forsyth & FUN RUN 19th?

Blues, Bikes & BBQ, Fayetteville, AR 23rd -26th?

Bike Show, Houston 26th?

Oct Backyard Bash & FUN RUN Mammoth Springs, AR 2nd -3rd?

Toy Run, Licking 10th?

Halloween Bash ???

Nominate '10 Officers 27th

Nov Elect Officers ???

Dec Christmas Dinner ???

Once again I want to say Thank-you to the '08 officers for a job well done. And our new officers for '09 are as follows:

President & CC Rep. = Brian Swift

Vice-President & Product Line = Debra John

Secretary = Sabrena Shivers

Membership Sec. & Treasurer = Christy Craft

Editor = "Kickstand" Sue Daniels

Web page = Allen Shivers

Safety Officer = Kevin Suter

We're looking forward to a great year of riding. Till next time this is "**Kickstand**" saying "Be free, be safe & be alive!" See Ya!!!!!!



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LOCAL 32 - BOOTHEEL

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. The Vikings I, 1104 Independence Ave., Kennett, Mo.
Contact: 573-695-1785

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.
Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949
For newsletter input Contact: Marti Walbom 660-563-0494

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a great holiday and rode into the new year safely.

Officers for 2009 are as follows. President/Doug Weiss, Vice President/Craig Scroggins, Secretary/Debbie Farris, Treasure/Elaine Guy, Member Secretary/Elie Omenski, Newsletter/Marti Walbom, Road Captain & Safety/Mike Walbom, Product Line/Randy Farris, Sergeant at Arms/Eric Wolfe, CC Rep/Sam King, District 4/Hans Hoffman, Recruitment Officer/Nina Scroggins, Historian/Allen Miller, Web Page/Sam King.

More next time. Had a good month. *Marti Walbom*

LOCAL 34 - POPLAR BLUFF

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6 p.m. Leathers By Fish 1413 Walnut St. Doniphan, MO
Contact: 573-996-2229 (Day) or 573-85-2406 (Night) e-mail: leatherbyfish@windstream.net

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Tebo Lodge & Bar on PP Hwy in Leesville, Mo.
Contact: Bob 660-694-3589 or Travis 660-492-0910

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Well to start this month, let me apologize for last month. I was too busy, going to grandson's basketball games, to write this report. By the way, they took second place in their district and ended the year with a 10-4 record.

It's December 5th, as I write this and what a time it has been. The know it alls, just this week, told the other people that we have been in a depression since last December. When and the hell are the politicians and the financial guru's going to learn. Ask the working man and we'll let you know now, not 12 months later.

Now to the good news, our helmet bill has been pre-filed. So keep an eye on SB 27.

Local news; We had our election in November and the new officers are:

President - Bob Hawkins;	Vice President - Randy Nations;	Secretary - Linda Browning,
Treasure - Linda Hawkins;	CC Rep - Randy Nations;	Membership Secretary - Linda Hawkins;
Newsletter Editor - Bob Hawkins.		

We still need some positions filled. So if you would like to come and volunteer, we will give you a choice. I want to give Randy Nations a big THANK YOU, for volunteering to take on two very important offices, as well as Freedom Rally Rep. This quote is close to what Randy stated "I did not join just to be a member, but to be a vital part of this organization". Now, all we need to do is find about 10 more people, with this attitude, to go with the core we already have.

I want to thank the officers, that did not run again this year, for the job they did last year. Vice President Ken Sabine, Freedom Rally Lyle Browning, Local Newsletter Editor Linda Browning and Secretary Tammy Jones.

We will be having our Christmas Dinner at our January Meeting. Contact Linda Browning to see what she will need you to bring.

Till next spring, Ride when you can.

Bob



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LOCAL 40 - BETHANY

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

Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

Seasons Greetings Local 40

Dan Daniels has been under the weather and we have been thinking about him and pray for a speedy recovery. I just got done helping my third grader with her home work and I think I'm going to get a passing grade. I could have been a doctor but I didn't have the patients. Well it looks like old man winter came to visit and he brought his suitcase. The local voted to stay a local and I'm hoping that it works out but we got to have officers and I'll know more on how that works out after our December meeting. We had eight members from local 41 at our Nov. meeting and ten members from our local. We had a potluck supper and we had plenty of good food. Thanks everyone for showing up. I don't have much news because we're in the middle of moving. Stop by and see us sometime.

We may not answer the door but you'll enjoy the trip. PEACE and LOVE **STEMS**

Have a wonderful Christmas and a good 2009

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.

(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information)

Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037

Hello, Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday!!

We will have our Jan meeting on the 2nd Thursday which is the 8th at Tammys Cafe in Maysville at 7pm, due to New Years Day.

We have Nominations for Officers, Dave Frazer Pres, John Hogan VP, Sec Sherry Frazer, Tres Kevin Bruns, Membership and Newsletter Angie Gallus, SSG of Arms Ronnie Bird, Legislative, Dist and CC Steve Gallus, Alternate Bob Thompson, Safety Bob Thompson, Histoian Ken Whiteman. If you know of anyone who wants to hold an office or are interested come to the meeting we can help you out! I always say need not be present to win! HAHA.

I will do better at Thanking new members and renewals just do not have them all right now. Thanks to those who renewed and welcome to the new Members!

I want to apologize for misspelling Erin's name before, just had a brain Fart I guess!

Well Guys I am going to make this short but sweet!

Until Next time! **Angie**

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.

Contact: President - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the holiday season. Our November meeting was held on November 30, 2008 and was called to order at 11:45 am. We had our largest group in quite a while with 29 members in attendance with seven guests. Phil Eaton won the attendance prize.

Election of Officers was held during the meeting. The following will be our new Officers for 2009 year:

President: Rick Gish

Vice-President: Gene Femmer

Secretary: Rhonda Whitt (with the help of Alma Halbert

Treasurer: Alma Halbert

Safety: Perry Sneed

Historian/Newsletter: Alma Halbert



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Legislative: Team of Cindy & Keifer York

Central Committee Rep: Georgia Haley

Sergeant of Arms: Phil Eaton

Congratulations to our new officers and a huge thank you to the previous officers.

While the election results were being tallied, a cake and big thank you was given to LaDonna Miller & Roadhouse 100 for all their support.

Local 42 lost a dear friend and member of CMA in November. Lonnie Stallmann passed away on November 21,, 2008, due to illness. He will be greatly missed, but always remembered. Lonnie had a favorite place that he often road to watch the sunset. CMA Cross Road Riders plans to dedicate a new picnic table and plaque there in Lonnie's honor. A motion was made and past to contribute to CMA in Lonnie's honor to help with this memorial.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 11:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!! Take care, *Alma*

LOCAL 44 - CALIFORNIA

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

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

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m. Location Varies

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!! The coming year has a lot of promise for good things to come. Next month will be Megan's first article and I am sure she is going to do a fine job. Good Luck Megan! Again, thank you to Kevin and Big D for sticking with us from the start!! We have a lot of really good ideas being tossed around. We would like to see the remaining members show up at a meeting and join us for a fun time while we take care of business. Stay tuned for more in the coming months. Stay Dry and Warm. *Deb Callicot 816-868-9369*

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Connections

An Early Christmas...

Motorcyclist's in Missouri just received an early Christmas. The elections are over and one of our key opponents is having to seek employment elsewhere. We have received word that as long as we send a "clean bill" to the Governor-elect it will not be vetoed (I'm from Missouri—Show Me). All the key players in the House and Senate are motorcycle friendly and now the rest is up to us, and by us I mean the entire membership of FORR, members from other SMRO's and all other interested persons. WE ALL MUST work together to give our folks in Jeff City a fighting chance to make Helmet Modification in Missouri the law.

WE can do this in several key ways: 1) Make the effort to visit the Capitol and speak with those that represent you. Capitol Crusader Days are scheduled so plan to attend and bring as many from your Local and area that you can. In 1999, the last time FORR advanced a bill to the Governor's desk, 417 motorcyclist's visited the Capitol and that did not count the May Awareness Day. Economic times are hard but please, please make the effort. In the end it will be worth it not to mention the opportunity to have you or your Local recognized from the floor of the House and Senate. It will also provide you with a great lesson in civics. Call, get an appointment with your Senator and Representative, and then go pay em a visit. Your physical presence indicates your passion for the subject.

Number 2): WRITE—WRITE—WRITE....The power of the hand written letter is unmeasurable when trying to advance an agenda. Write to introduce yourself, write to ask for support, inquire what they think and then don't forget to write to thank them. Keep letters short and to the point. They do not have to be an essay and if you are uncertain of the facts/numbers don't use em. If you think your hand writing is atrocious then type a letter or have someone do it for you. The Legislative Coordinator will probably have sample letters posted on the web as the bills pass through the various stages. You can also send e-mails--again short sweet and to the point. Conduct letter writing meetings with form letters (use only as a guide, change it and make it your own words), envelopes, stamps, pens & pencils.

Number 3): Set up a Local phone tree to quickly and efficiently get the information out and to be available for fast action should it be required. I have seen this in action and it is very effective. FORR has used it to tie up phone lines and shut down a

filibuster. It was also used to get a bill to the Senate floor when it didn't look like the pro tem was going to let it out. While you have that phone, learn the phone and fax numbers of your Rep and Senator and having the same info for the House Speaker and Senate pro tem is not a bad thing either—just in case.

Number 4): Get well versed on the subject of Helmet Modification. There will probably be a fact sheet made available and it is important that we are all on the same page. Do not make up the information as you go and be able to let anyone know where they can locate the information if asked. Attend legislative meetings on the Saturdays before CC meetings and learn the info, learn what needs to be done next, and how to best further the agenda for any given subject that we may be dealing with at the time. We are not a single issue organization. Most of all support the organization and lend time to accomplish the task.

In 1999 the membership of this organization was successful in directing a helmet mod bill to the Governor's office. It was accomplished because of the dedication of the entire membership. Over 400 members went to the Capitol, they were recognized on the floors of both House and Senate. Letters were sent by the thousands. Many letter writing meetings were held. Support arrived across state lines primarily because of our involvement with the Mid-South MILE and the MRF.

Legislative meetings were held and members advanced ideas and FORR was on the move. We now have an even better opportunity if we just do our job, follow the direction of the leadership and we will be rewarded. I know we can do it—we did it before. Dedicate yourself to it, make it happen and the victory will be yours to savor.

The membership of FORR can get this done, we must get it done, and we will get it done. Never before has the opportunity been this great for "Freedom of Choice" in Missouri. I ask you to help. If ever you have ask what you can do to help FORR this is it, now is the time. It is impossible for Steve and Halbreed to do it all. Let us all pledge to help.

A Believer - Wayne "Tip" Tipton #8222



Connections

MRF Informaion

"The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), incorporated in 1987, is a membership-based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. The MRF monitors and when necessary, sways federal legislation and regulatory action that pertains to street riders. The MRF concerns itself with what is going on in the arena of motorcycling safety education, training, licensing, and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The MRF Reports."

In a nutshell...It's FORR at the NATIONAL level!

In last month's issue of the Freedom Press I offered individuals an incentive to join MRF, but the application for MRF failed to get printed as well. If you are interested and the form doesn't get printed again this month you may print the form off of the web at www.mrf.org. Remember, this is a personally funded incentive so be sure to print the form off, fill it out completely, and mail it to the following address with your portion of the registration money:

James Duyck
PO Box 761
Kearney, MO 64060

The registration costs you would be responsible for are as follows:

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If you would like more information about MRF, check out their website at www.mrf.org.

Sincerely,
James Duyck
MRF State Rep of Missouri

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on the events listed on this calendar.



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CC Meeting - 10AM
800-309-7433
- 17** L-8 Chillicothe
Benefit Dinner & Auction
660-646-4197
- 24** L-19 Kirksville
24th Annual Party & Auction
660-665-8244

MARCH

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

MAY

- 16** L-5 South KC
4th Annual Bike Show
816-353-4763

FEBRUARY

- 8** L-29 North KC
Bowl-A-Rama
816-509-1209
- 14** L-10 Jefferson City
Leather & Lace Dance
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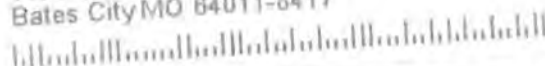
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