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Notes from Katherine

Happy New Years to all! By the time you are reading this, Missouri's 96th General Assembly, 2nd Regular Session will have convened (12:00 noon on Wed, Jan. 4, 2012). A lot of activity this upcoming year, so break out the cheat sheets (seriously...) Hoping for a HUGE turnout for the first of two bus rides District 4 is sponsoring to take membership to the Capitol: Feb. 8th & Mar 22nd. Elections for the Office of Missouri's State Senate & House Rep will be held 06 Nov. 12; a total of 17 seats will be up for election on the Senate side (out of 34 seats), & all 163 seats are up for election on the House side. Signatures of filing candidates wishing to run in these elections will be due by 27 Mar 12; primaries will be held 07 Aug. 12. Of the 17 seats, 9 Senators are ineligible to run/"termed out", and 25 House Rep's termed out; unfortunately, we will be losing a friend or 2...if you would like a complete list of who(m) are ineligible, please make the request to myself, & I will be happy to send that out to you (just trying to save space for our newsletter). In addition to saving space in the newsletter, I will not be printing up list of active candidates for all races (local, state, federal), nor will I be printing up the questions I will be sending out to every active candidate. However, these will be provided on the website, and on my word, be kept as current as possible. If you do not receive/possess internet, please let me know and I will get you a hard copy out to you.

So far, the legislative strategy is to take front run on this MC Permit issue before Highway Patrol butchers it all up. At this immediate time (05 Jan. 12 115 in the pm), I do not have a Bill # to offer you, but I am hopeful we will have an actual Bill # for the CC meeting. In a summary of what this Bill will represent, it will allow Missourians to apply for a MC Permit, with an expiration of 6 months, and allowed to re-apply for said permit an additional 2 times. Why this Bill & where is this coming from?? MO Hwy Patrol has introduced this Bill back in 2010 & keep interests in it, in the hopes to discontinue the "revolving door" of nonstop applications by the same individual...in other words, one can keep applying for a MC permit basically forever (there is the why & where's it coming from portion, but there is more...) Scary part of this was the "thinking process" that was presented in the language of this original Bill back in 2010; "they" felt if "they" lowered the expiration of the permit from 6 months to 60 days, that would stop Missourians from reapplying for their MC permit over and over...???? (these were not my words, nor can I make this stuff up...) We, politely, approached the House Rep (at the time) who was sponsoring this Bill in the original language as previously explained to you, and politely, suggested if we muck with the expiration, we might be short-changing new riders, and that 60 days is simply too short a time frame to rush/force/impose/...a newbie rider. Instead, why don't we leave the expiration alone, but create a cap as to how many times one can apply, if that is what Hwy Patrol is truly trying to achieve? We were brilliant in 2010, but "they" changed their minds last year...lucky for us (& a bit of insistence from our part), the Bill never seen light of day last year. I hope this bit of history explains why FORR decided to take front one with this one this year. In addition, and simplicity, don't we all want a safe AND EDUCATED rider on the road? Other than the MC Permit Bill, FORR will be taking a defensive approach to legislative issues this year. There is no denying there is WAAAAAY more issues at hand, but if I may point out, sometimes it is best NOT to give them your hand/your knowledge, we have until March 1 if we choose to introduce or amend a Bill, and more importantly, a lot of these federal issues we might want to start attacking at the State level (MC-only safety checkpoint program, E-15 gas, noise/sound, EPA & the environment to name a few) are truly new, at least to the Statespeople of MO, and NO ONE will touch a Bill without the proper research. In addition, if we do not do the research first, this gives "them" a head start to figure out how to use against us...I promise, these IS a happy medium, and Matt & myself have already been looking at/studying/researching the GPS monitoring, MC-only safety checkpoint program, & E-15 disasters since last year.

The buzz around the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, SB 1867, has been growing for months now (exact twin is HR 1540, but my findings are specific to the Senate Bill) Rumors that I personally heard as early as July, said the bill would allow the military to capture and detain without trial U.S. citizens on U.S. soil. The text of the bill is more confusing, mainly because it's so long. However, I believe the offending part is Sec. 1032 (a), which states that the military "shall" hold a person captured in the course of the war on terror in military custody until the military can determine the person's disposition under the law of war. There does not appear to be a territorial limitation on this directive, so it probably also applies within the United States. Sec. 1032 (b)(1) specifically states that the requirement to take to detain a person in military custody doesn't extend to U.S. citizens. So, it's not required, but does that mean it's still allowable? Is it now OK to detain an American citizen in the U.S. without the traditional protections of the Bill of Rights? Scary times, folks... Quite honestly, I feel this to be **TREASON and this INJUSTICE is a declaration of war on the American people!** If injustice becomes law, **then resistance becomes duty!** Do you think for a moment "they" will not be intimidated by a well-organized group such as us?? Of the 100 Senators, 93 voted Yes to this BULLSH...GARBAGE! Not one of MO's US Senators had the MOTZAH to say NAY. Well, I say NAY to both Blunt & McCaskill, and I want to recall our pathetic US Senators out of office!! The Presidential Signing Statement assured his Administration will not authorize the indefinite military detention without trial of American citizens. "Indeed, I believe by doing so would break with our most important traditions and values as a Nation..." Sounds assuring (that was in a "sarcasm font")...but don't mean SQUAT!!!!!! The Presidential Signing Statements are political documents that have NO Constitutional basis, nor merit, and do NOT modify the laws to which they refer. His empty promises that we have nothing to worry about should warn us that, in fact, we have plenty to worry about! Anyone hear of HR 4646? Just a little ol' Bill trying to steal 1% of EVERY transaction you make at your bank, credit union, etc...EVERY transaction. Social security recipients will be forced to have their accounts direct deposit, thus becoming subjective to the 1% fee...credit unions, too. "They" are calling this the Debt Free America Act... (think they should've used my sarcasm font, as well...)

I feel the need to end on a positive note...wise words I read by a Mr. Dennis Stevenson; I tried my best to quote him: It used to be that all bikers shared a common bond, an unspoken code of ethics and behavior that transcended words and was built on actions. There was never a bible written on this Biker's Code and there was no need for such. But the times are a-changin' and there seems to be a lot of new riders out there. These days the riders you see blasting down the road are just as likely to be clad in shorts and sneakers as jeans and engineer boots. And the roughest, toughest-looking biker you pull up next to could be your doctor or lawyer and may be wearing a Rolex watch under his leathers. There's nothing wrong with that, so long as these new riders learn the Code just as we old-timers did. Being a biker used to be about using your creativity to take a basket case old hawg and, using only grit and ingenuity, turning it into a one-of-a-kind eye dazzler, then risking your life on the asphalt on a bike you made with pride. Bikers wore leather and grease because they knew cagers would as soon run them down than to look at them, so they had to look intimidating. Take heed, brothers & sisters, for our code is a hallowed one, filled with honor and loyalty, the likes of which have not been since the days of knighthood. Don't take any bullshit; be kind to women, children, & animals, but don't take any bullshit. This is an essential part of being a biker. It has to do with honor and respect. Anyone can be a quick-tempered fool. Be cool, stand tall, & back up what you say with action. Never lie, cheat, or steal. Another way of saying this is to always tell the truth. Bikers know that his word is his bond. Your word is the only thing in life that is truly yours. Guard it carefully and be something noble, for you are truly a knight of the road. Don't snitch; if you see a wrong, fight it yourself! If you are about ANYTHING, you'll take care of the problem(s) yourself & never feel the need to snitch someone off. Snitches are the lowest life forms on Earth, right down there with biker thieves. Don't whine; absolutely no one respects or likes a whiner. Another way to say this is to hold your mud... don't sweat the small stuff...most of life's little inconveniences work themselves out, whether you whine or not. Keep your chin up, damnit! You're a biker, not some lowly snail. Never say die and never give up. Whether it's in a fight, a debate, a business deal, no matter how bad it gets, a biker never gives up. Help others; when a brother or sister is broken down on the side of the road, always stop to help them. Even moral support, if that is all you have to give them, is better than riding on by. Remember, life is about the journey, the ride, not getting there...you are there already. And don't just help bikers...show the world we are better than our image portrays us.



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Webmaster Larry Scott

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Event Sanctioning? Approval of flyers? Membership information/questions? Information on content of *The Freedom Press*? Articles for *The Freedom Press*? Advertising or flyers for publication? Information on event insurance? Completed release forms after events? Information on Rider Education Course?

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State of the Organization 2012

Well folks another year has passed and as required in the By-Laws this is the current state of our organization. On January 1st of 2012 we are down by 36 members. Believe it or not this is a heck of a lot better than last year. With all of the things that have happened in the last year I am surprised that the number was not higher. A big thank you is due to all of the members who stayed with FORR and also those whom asked their fellow riders to join us.

Our finances are in better shape this year than in January of last year with the exception of the PAC Fund which is down about \$450 dollars. If we would have had 50 more people at Homecoming that number would also have improved.

We are still trying to improve on the website and have added Facebook to our communications system. Facebook has been helpful in recruiting new members as well as getting more old members more involved in with our group.

Regardless of the reason you joined FORR® whether it was for the party, the riding, the rallies, riders education, or the belief that riders should decide or just because your buddy did! Your continued support again made us the strongest Motorcyclist's Rights Organization in Missouri. We shall, with your help, continue to **guard the rights of all motorcyclists, inform them of motorcycling related laws good or bad, provide them rider education, help promote safety, and accept others in the true spirit of brotherhood that is the core of our motorcycling community from the beginning.**

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Central Committee Chairman for the last 6 years. May your road be free of hazard, your bikes never leave you stranded, and your companion always be with you.

Faithfully submitted,

Former CC Chairman Mark Chapman

FORR COMMENTARY FB

(Originally composed as commentary on the open arguments on the FORR Facebook Page)

I'm one of the new members of FORR. Some of you on this site know me and know that while I may not be considered a "biker" by the traditional definition, I am an experienced legislative advocate from a very different political arena. (For the sake of time and space, I won't go into the details but you are welcome to Google my name in conjunction with Pit Bulls or dog fighting and see some of my history.)

For several months, I've been observing and educating myself to what this organization represents. I'm not a joiner by any means, so before I made the decision to come into this group I thought long and hard about 1. Can I make a difference and 2. Is this a group truly dedicated to protecting personal freedom? The answer to both questions is yes, I believe in the principles that FORR was founded on and I have the experience to lend something positive to this mission.

Facebook has become one of my most valuable tools in the canine legislative fight. There was a time when I would receive more than 200 emails daily from rescue groups requesting assistance, as well as, requests for legislative intervention in Missouri and other states. When I began using Facebook it allowed me to network numerous requests in a fraction of the time, plus it took the weight of all that email out of my inbox. In short, it allows me to be more effective in reaching the people that work for the same goal as I do. For canine advocates one mistake can cause the death of dogs whose only crime is being labeled "Pit Bull".

There is one other label that carries with it the same stigma as "Pit Bull", that label is "Biker". I don't have to tell anyone in this forum about the type of reception someone labeled as such receives from the general public. While you may profess not to care how you're perceived, in a legislative fight it is of paramount importance how you present yourselves to, not only the politicians but to the majority of voters that can have an impact on this cause. Protecting personal freedom doesn't necessarily mean you have to be part of the group in the fray. It means you are adult enough to make responsible choices without the intervention of government to dictate what those choices may be. That passion for personal freedom is what brought me to this organization. Judging by some of the discussions I've participated in recently, I'm not the only one with this same desire.

The question has been asked about why it is important not to sign up dogs and mannequins or why personal grievances should not be aired on Facebook. This is an extremely high profile organization. Its success is dependant on the good favor of politicians and voters. The financial health of this organization is dependant on its membership. For potential supporters from either sector the presentation of the existing membership is vital in garnering new and continued participation. You are already fighting to overcome a stereotype. To allow yourselves to be perceived as anything less than a viable, honorable group, worthy of respect, is to spell doom for what this organization represents. Facebook is a very public open medium. Make no mistake; it is being monitored by more than just the membership of FORR. This is a forum with the capability of strengthening this cause or destroying it.

I joined FORR at a time when the organization is experiencing a drop in membership and dissatisfaction with the direction the group is heading. In just a few weeks, I've seen a renewal of the spirit of what this organization is all about. With the new year comes a new leadership determined to bring reform and solidarity back to this group. There will be change and what that change means to each local will be determined by how each member decides to conduct themselves.

This is not a social club. If all you are seeking is the next party or poker run for charity, then join a club. This is a legislative group fighting for personal freedom for ALL riders. Success for this mission is just as dependant on quality participation as it is on financial support. That means if you can't lend something positive to this fight, excuse yourself and find a group that satisfies your personal agenda. Please do not do anything that further weakens the mission of this organization by presenting its membership as less than a strong advocacy group.

That mission statement is on every piece of literature and begins every function; guard the rights of motorcyclists, to keep them informed of laws, to promote safety, education, brotherhood and freedom. Advocacy is all about a fight to protect our basic freedom of choice but it is not always just the people directly affected by a particular issue that are willing to stand up and fight. FORR is bigger than that and the proof is in the number of non-riders willing to stand by the "Bikers". I don't speak for the other new members or the non-riders but I myself am proud to join this fight. To give up even a small portion of a right, is to open the door to lose the entire right. That's what this is about for me.

I ask that if you want to launch a personal grievance against this organization or me in particular you do so in the appropriate venue. Be prepared to openly participate in the CC meetings without regard for time limits. The strength of this organization must begin from within. That can only be achieved by putting personal issues aside and working for the good of what this organization stands for exclusively. If you truly want change, then leave the ego at the door and roll up your sleeves, make it happen!

Melanie Coy, Local 16

Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Melany 816-625-1006 or Dallas 816-690-4200



Hello my loves! February is here which means romance with that special someone this month and that spring will soon be knocking on our door. Two things to really get excited about! Larry and I are already planning this summer's bike trip and simply can't wait. How bout you? Are you planning a trip to somewhere you've never been, riding your iron horse?

As you all know I write my newsletter a month early; so when I turn in my submittal the events I mention will either be a thing of the past or a gaze into the crystal ball. Here are some things of the past that deserve honorable mention:

Our president became a Grand PaPa to a brown hair, blue eyed princess. Miss Fernanda Nicole Guerrero was born Nov. 23rd, 2011 weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz. at 19 and a half inches tall! Congrats Rick Long; you and Nancy will no doubt spoil her with love!

At our December meeting we presented Harvey Lambrecht with his lifetime membership. Harvey is a wonderful soul and it is indeed well deserved. Congrats Harvey!

Finally, our 2012 Local 1 line-up.

Pres: Rick Long

VP: Tracy Gore

Secretary/NL, Dist/Leg: Melany St. Denis

Treasurer: Dallas Chapman

CC: Larry Scott

Chaplain/Reverend: Rev. Joe Seward

PL & CO PL: Mark Chapman and Larry Scott

This is a great team to be a part of. Come be a part of it every 3rd Sat. @ 5 pm. Check for the location on your reminder card! Our FEBRUARY 18th meeting will be held at Mary and Joe Seward's home in Odessa. Come join us!

February Birthday Boys are: Tom Mohn on the 9th and Russell Hiser on the 22nd. We wish you the happiest of Happy Birthdays! May you get everything you wish for and then some!

February Events: 8TH: District 4 Bus to the Capitol!!! 11TH: Local 8's Cabin Fever @ Rumors in Chillicothe, MO from 8 pm-1 am. There is a \$5 admission and it is 21 and over only.

In the next few months we will be having our Local Garage Sale. If you have anything in your home you'd like to get rid of for this event, contact Larry Scott or Mark Chapman for things you need to store. I will post a date and time as this information becomes available. It is generally in May and will be held in our front yard in Oak Grove, MO. Just keep this in mind as you are going through your home and think "I really need to go through that back closet, but do not know what to do with all that stuff!" One person's stuff is what another person has been searching for!! Yes, even those outrageous Christmas sweaters you only wore for that Christmas card; perfectly good tires cluttering up the garage or that mason jar full of buttons that has 10 years of dust..

Until next time I leave you with this: You start the game of life with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

Love ya,
Melany

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

Please accept my apologies for the short newsletter. I have had some back pain and only felt better flat on my back (don't laugh too hard). Let's keep Larry Bland and his family in our prayers he had a heart attack and at press time scheduled for bypass surgery very soon. Larry is a member of our favorite band "The Breeze."

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@att.net.

Congratulations to Doug "Angel" & Cindy "Spitfire" Cornett whose anniversary in February 19th and Angel's birthday is just a few days before on the 15th. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know.

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!

Amy Allmon

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

Local 6 raised \$266.00 for the needy family we adopted for Christmas. The Local donated \$100.00 and there was an additional \$76.00 collected at the meeting when the hat was passed. At our Local 6 Christmas Party some members wanted to donate merchandise to the family so we had a silent auction for that merchandise and it raised an additional \$90.00. With the money we purchased groceries, shoes and clothing for the children. The family received the donations on the 23rd of December. The family really appreciated the things we were able to give them.

We had election of officers for 2012. The President is Jim Cross, Vice President Galen Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer Dan Harmon, CC Rep Darrell Coy, Alternate CC Rep Jason Vannaman, News Letter Dan Harmon.

Local 6 had a Christmas Party Dec. 17th. The Party was held at the community center in Elwood KS. It was a very nice facility and a good place to have the party. There was roughly 100 people who attended. Most everyone brought a covered dish and the Local furnished the meat. There was a live band who did a good job of entertaining the group. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan



Local News

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson

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Greetings Local 7

Sorry folks about not getting in the newsletter the last few months. I've wrote letters, were trying to find out why there not getting in. So, hopefully you're reading this letter and we have figured out the problem. Hope everyone had a good Christmas. The forecast sounds like good weather for New Years day. Maybe some of us can start off the New Year right...on our motersickles. This fall has been good for riding. We had members riding in the Lebanon, Licking, Linn Creek, Buffalo and Springfield Toy runs. I'm already looking forward to spring riding, but until then I'm sure a few of our members will make the Leather & Lace valentine party held by Local #30 in Springfield. Then soon after on March 4, Local 7 will hold our annual Freeze Yer Buns Run. After all spring is just around the corner, were on the last weekend of the year and looking forward to the 60 degrees weather. I thing I'll stop looking forward to spring and get some riding in now. Be careful and I see you down the road.

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

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Mortimer Kegley's (upstairs), 115 E High St, JCMO

(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)

Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or

Denise Taylor 573-353-4127

I trust that everyone survived New Year's Eve! ... **WELCOME** to the year "2012"!!!

Elections were held and the new (or should I say some new) Officers were chosen, see below:

President: Bill Kempker

Vice President: Jeff Henderson

Secretary: Marla Klynott

Treasurer/Membership: Sharon Kempker

Legislation: Bill Kempker

CC Representative: Bill Kempker

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Safety: Joe Kempker

Newsletter: Denise Taylor

Congratulations new Officers!

A good time was had by all at our annual Christmas Party... lots of good food and the Christmas gifts were awesome! Not to mention the fun we had with the Chinese Gift Exchange!

The annual Leather and Lace dance is all ready to go. It will be Saturday, February 11 at Twin Bridges Bar & Grill (please refer to flyer) ... doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the band will start at 9:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

We will be working on some "fun runs" for when the weather warms up! I am always up for any suggestions of place(s) that you all think would be a good ride! Just drop me an e-mail and let me know your thoughts and I will get it sent out to everyone.

Remember to keep checking the webpage for any and all upcoming events at www.forrlocal10.net. Click on the message forum, if you don't see it out there, post it! Also, if you are on Facebook, check out all of the events that get posted out there and check out the group Biker Friends... we have hooked up with some wonderful new friends by checking out these events. It is also good for spur of the moment rides... they will tell you when and where to meet for a scenic ride for the day.

Denise Taylor

taylor34@embarqmail.com



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**A Nation of Sheep
Will Beget a
Government of Wolves**

Written by Edward R. Murrow

Local News

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899

Well, everyone, I am sorry to say that my first act as Local 11's new editor is to report the loss of one of our archives members... Raymond Lloyd Thomas 59 of Carterville, MO. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Janet and his children.

Now on a lighter side....HAPPY NEW YEAR....Yeah I know but late is better than never. Hope everyone has a healthy and safe 2012.

Local 11 is gearing up for our 2012 Rally, making plans, getting ideas and seeing how we can make this one the best yet.

If you have any ideas let us know and we will see if we can kick this one in high. We have enjoyed meeting new people and partying with all at our other Rallies and would enjoy seeing you all there.

Don't forget FEBRUARY 11 is Local 30's Leather and Lace Valentine's Dance. I know Sparky and some of the other Local 11 are ready to PARTY...See you there

So until next time....RIDE HARD/RIDE SAFE

Les (PA) Sanders

Local 11 Editor

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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

Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email

sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE JANUARY 29TH MEETING! WE WILL BE NOMINATING OFFICERS FOR THE 2012 YEAR AND ALSO WILL BE PICKING THE LOCATION FOR THE 2012 FIRECRACKER CLASSIC. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE MAKE THIS MEETING! THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM AT MEXICO LINDO'S RESTAURANT AND BAR IN MARSHALL. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!

Regarding the location of the 2012 Firecracker Classic, we are considering two locations: going back to Stump Island or doing it at the Slater Airport as we did in 2011. I will try to get some information from the Army Corps of Engineers to see if they plan on letting large amounts of water out of the northern lakes and reservoirs into the river again in 2012. If they do, this will probably mean Stump Island will be flooded again this year in July.

We had a rather small turnout at the December meeting in Slater with only 8 members showing up. The meeting was called to order by Pork Chop at 3:10 pm. The minutes were approved as read. John gave the C.C. report. We have a new C.C. Chairman, Martin King with a new staff of officers. The only officer position that has not been filled yet is legislative officer and we are hoping to get Katherine back. The C.C. would like to move the Homecoming from Buckhorn to the Sedalia Fairgrounds. Buckhorn is charging us \$5,000/yr. rent, Sedalia only wants \$400.

It would be held on the S.W. corner of the Fairgrounds and would be more family oriented. We will have to get out of our Buckhorn contract before this can happen, however.

Our helmet law modification bill will be filed later in the year this year. There was no vice-president's report. In the president's report, Pork Chop reported that the FORR calendars will cost \$5 and we are ordering 12 of them. John turned in two pictures that may be used on

the calendar(s). We will no longer be having meetings at the Slater American Legion Hall as they say they cannot make any money on the meetings. There were no district or event coordinators reports. In old business, Smokey was asked to highlight the January meeting announcement in the February Freedom Press and remind everyone that we would be holding officer nominations and would also be picking the location for the 2012 Firecracker Classic. In new business, it was decided not to print treasury reports in the Freedom Press as no other locals do it. We decided to have the January 29th meeting at Mexico Lindo's in Marshall at 3 pm. Smokey mentioned that when he has to make phone calls to the membership, it often involves making more than 50 calls. Butch, Joyce, and Sherry volunteered for a phone tree to spread out the volume of calls. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Upcoming events:

January 29th- IMPORTANT LOCAL 12 MEETING, MEXICO LINDO'S RESTAURANT, MARSHALL, 3 PM.

July 6th and 7th- Firecracker Classic Field Meet and Poker Run, location to be determined at next meeting.

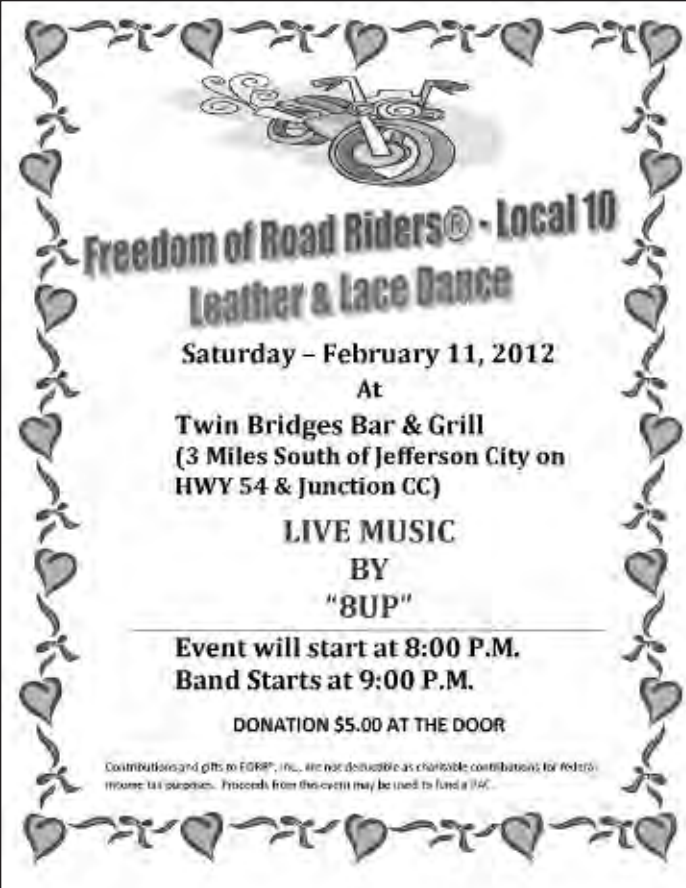
If you have news you would like to see in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at sstrodman@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free, Smokey

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345



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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

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey,

Hope everyone started out the New Year on the "right foot". I'm sure there were some that started it on the floor! Our local started with a ride to Midnight Rose. It was a beautiful warm, sunny day. With all the bikes, you would have thought it was May! I can't think of a better way to start the year off! Beer & chili was the cherry on top!

Like last year, I am going to give you the dates for our BIG events, but I'll hold your hand and remind you though out the year as well.

Local 15-Spring Swap Meet is April 22nd. Shadow Rock Park

Hooten Town Bike Rally will be July 13-15th this year
The Fall Swap Meet and Bike Show is Sept. 23rd, Shadow Rock Park

The Stone County Local 15 Toy run is Oct. 6th

The Branson Local 15 Toy Run is Nov. 4th.

So many of us here at Local 15 love partying at Local 30's Annual Leather and Lace and this year I'm sure will be no exception! So slap on your finest L&L and we'll see you at the party! Feb. 11th at the Oasis in Springfield. Like last year rooms will be available. Look for more info in Local 30's State News Letter flyer.

Like I have been telling you all, our BS Meetings and Business meeting locations are subject to change. The time of the month usually does not. The BS are held the First Tues. of the month and our Business Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month. Tami McMinin is the communicator of such times, by e-mail. Once again, if she does not have your e-mail address, you may not be told of any changes. Also we have a Facebook page, where so many of our locals are on and we post events daily. So please keep your info up to date and visit our Facebook often. You can find us at FORR Local #15.

We have a lot of members that are hardly ever involved with monthly events. A really cool New Years resolution would be to hang out and help your local more often!

That's it for now. Ride safe and remember to respect each other!

Lou



LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-768-2424

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

Ready or not we're full into 2012. At the time of this writing, Local 16 was anticipating officer elections at the January 20th meeting. Thanks to Bill's Place in Biehle for providing the location, it's always a good time. I'm hoping when this newsletter comes out next month we can report no significant changes in our board. We've had stellar leadership in 2011 but even if someone else holds each position, we're assured we have some of the best people in FORR at the helm.

We'll have the annual Broomstick Pool Tournament on February 18, 2012 at the West End Tavern in Frohna. For anyone that has not attended this event, it's just what it sounds like...a pool tournament using broomsticks, complete with trophies. This event is open to everyone and anyone has the "skill" to win. Let's face it, even the best pool player is handicapped by a broomstick. So whether or not you play, come on by for the entertainment value.

Holding to the statewide trend, we're starting 2012 with new members. Doug Overbeck, Wilson Lange, Glen Borgfield and Allen Sample have joined the Local and each brings a new perspective to FORR at a time when everything is changing; new faces, new attitudes and a new resolve to accomplish the goals FORR was founded on. We welcome all guests and look forward to entering this New Year with a renewed sense of purpose.

Another trend happening across the state is the open invitation to all Locals to attend each others' meetings. The new cabinet is stressing the need for solidarity and what better way to bring this organization back to its roots than to have everyone familiar with the members and workings of each Local. There is strength in numbers but only if those numbers are focused on the same mission. Local 16 may be one of the farthest southeastern groups in the state but we know how to treat our guests when they make the trip to visit. Is there a better way to get to know those we stand beside? Don't think so!

On March 31, 2012 we also have the annual April Fools Dance at D & K Trucking. There has been some concern over attendance in the past years but with this New Year has come a new level of participation. This event is open to everyone, member or not, and is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of a brotherhood that extends beyond the political arena.

For now, grab every piece of good weather to enjoy what we love most and that's riding free. Bundle up and watch for the hazards.

Melanie Coy



Local News

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville

***Bring a chair**

Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607

Hey everyone:

We had our December meeting 12/10, with holiday snacks and treats for all to enjoy. Thanks to everyone that brought snacks and came to the meeting. We also had our election of officers for the upcoming year:

President – Herb Treece

Vice President – Chuck Parks

Secretary/Treasurer – Melinda Lewis

Central Committee and Legislative – Melissa (Bama) Carlyle

Safety – Sharon Trueblood

Newsletter – Peggy Parks

Road Captain – Chuck Parks

District Rep – Gary Trueblood

Thanks to our new officers for accepting these positions. Fred Schwaner won the attendance drawing.

Tanker and Susie King had their annual "Freeze Your Buns Run", January 1 at High Noon. The temp was 34 degrees and the wind was a blowin. 22 bikes and 24 bikers showed up for the ride to Brashear. Tanker kept us going east and west, for the most part, because of the gusty wind. Delicious hot chili and the fixins awaited our return, in a warm garage. A good time was had by all. Thanks Tanker and Susie!

25TH ANNUAL AUCTION AND PARTY. SATURDAY, January 21, 2012, at the Kirksville Shrine Club (2410 South Baltimore). Live Auction starts at 6 p.m. and dance to Jennifer Handling and Revolution, live from Ottumwa, IA, at 9 p.m. There is a \$5.00 cover charge, per person, at the door. Supper available from special menu, from 5-8 p.m. More info at www.forr19.com. Motels close by. Hope to see you there!

Ride Safe and Stay Warm,

Peg

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post, PP Hwy, Poplar Bluff

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480

Greetings to all in 2012

Another year has come and gone time seems to fly. To all members of L20 if you have not joined our group on Face book yet please do that will be a place where you can quickly find out what is going on with Local and the other members you should have received an invitation from Shon Mares to gain access to our page.

Happy birthday this month to Chuck Smith, Orin Lindman and Bill Weathers we all hope that you have a great birthday with many more to come.

The New Year brings with it the opportunity for a new beginning and fresh ideas. Some of us at Local 20 are exploring the idea of all the crafters to design and make as many items as they can so that we can rent a space in a couple of the craft fairs and sell the items to raise money for our general fund. More information will be given at the meeting and a vote will be taken from the rest of the local to see if this is something they would like to do. If there are enough

items donated by the time our Bike Rally comes in May we could set up a booth and sell some there also again this must be presented to the rest of the local for approval. At the last meeting sponsorship forms were made available for us to get an early start along with a tentative flyer. Please get some sponsorship forms and talk to the local merchants along with anyone else that may possibly help sponsor the event.

Happy New Year to everyone and as always....

Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan L20

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

Wishing everyone a very Happy Valentines Day and hoping you get your hearts desire! XOXOXO

We had a wonderful Christmas Party with old friends, new friends and many great members. Great game of rob your neighbor, and food that was more than delicious. Everyone brought their best dishes and really showed off! Thanks to everyone, it's what makes 24 so special.

We'd like to welcome our new members to Local 24, Kim Thoroughman, Terra Hartman and Barbi Groeper. Happy to see our local growing!

Some great events coming up and hope to see you all at as many as you can possibly attend. The more Brothers and Sisters we have at each event the closer and stronger we become. We can make a difference. That's what it's about isn't it? So can't wait to see you all!

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Feb. 8	- Capital Days
Mar. 22	- Capital Days
April 15	- Local 24 Blessing of the Bikes
April 24	- MAY Rally
April 29	- B.U.F.R. Run
May 12	- Spring Feed My People Food Drive
June 16	- Broadway B.A.R. Hop
July 14-15	- Around the World in a Weekend Ride
Aug. 16	- Redneck Golf

See you all next month and until then, "When life throws you a curve, lean into it!"

Love and Peace Sherry "Hippiechick" Schallert

Local News

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: 636-299-1032



Wow, crazy January weather, but I'm not complaining! 60 degrees is great riding weather. Our New Years' Freeze out - or not - social ride" did sport a cool 40 degrees, and we had 30 riders in attendance. The furthest rider braved a cold distance of 64 miles... It was Ben Butler from Local 42. We would like to thank him and all those who braved the cool temps to enjoy the day with us.

Our next meeting will be Sunday February 19th @ 1 pm at the American Legion Post in Old Town St. Peters (a.k.a. Hobo's)

Lisa and I would also like to thank those from the CMA who showed up to help Mr. & Mrs. Rascal on moving day... we couldn't have done it without you all.

As always kids remember... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN
Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Happy New Year and Happy Valentines Day!

Not much to report....just some reminders.

SPRING FEVER FLING!

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. A&G's 208 N. Main, Maryville

Social Hour: 6 pm

Serving Meal: 7 pm

Events: 8-10 pm

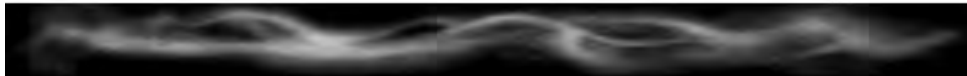
Local 26 members will get in **FREE IF** you respond before Jan. 31 and membership is paid by Dec. 31! Non-members must pay for their meals.

Jan. 17 Potluck and Safety meeting at Movie Magic, 6 pm

March 20: Potluck and safety meeting at Movie Magic, 6 pm

Happy Birthday: Pat Null, Stan Oliver, and Sandy Steeby
Hope to see you all soon!

Jeanine



Local 26 Saturday,
presents Feb. 11th,
2012

**Spring
Fever
Fling**

AT: A & G Restuarant
208 N. Main, Maryville
Social Hour: 6pm
Serving Meal: 7pm
Events: 8-10pm

R.S.V.P. By
January 31, 2012

MEMBERS of Local 26 will get in **FREE IF** you respond before Jan 31 & membership is paid by **December 31!**

NON-MEMBERS must pay for their meals.

Mail to:
Movie Magic, 216 W 3rd St, Maryville, MO 64468

Please Print:
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GUEST: _____

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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.
Rivers Edge Bar & Grill, 1315 SW Pence Avenue
Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079
Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941 or
V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058

Howdy Boys & Girls,

The New Year starting out with a beautiful day and a great ride to Warsaw, we had 17 bikes and 23 riders. Someone even put on their big girl panties and rode in the cold! Reputation ruined for sure... The Valley Bar was so gracious to us with a strategic phone call to a good friend earlier in the week; the bar was ready for us soon after we got there. We had tasty chili, black eyed peas with big chunks of ham and corned beef and cabbage. The drinks are made well and beer was ice cold. They have another bar area that opens up, to the north side, that I'll bet rocks in the summer months.

At the MM we talked about the Annual "After Christmas party" being at the Rivers Edge and the hog was paid for by passing the hat. I hope this party was fun!

New Officers were handed the reins for the January meeting (before the Christmas Party). A postcard was sent out for January events and it looks like all is going great, again good luck to the new group.

The Calendar for the year is coming together, if anyone has an event, please contact Bill Thornhill.

I personally want to thank Ray & Darla Burns and the other officers that have held this local together for the last several years. And to the past officers for getting and keeping Local 27 on the Sac-Osage map.

It's been a great ride,
 Thanks to FORR for the reason we gather.
 Sincerely, Cheryl Singleton



LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.
Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: President 573-433-0047 - Vice President 573-433-0402 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.
VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO
Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or
Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533
Website: www.forrlocal29.com

Howdy-Duty People...

Let's start with Howdy.. My name is Nancy Martin aka Skittles. I've been a member of Local 29 for 14 years. I've been a Historian for 12 years and Vice-Prez for 1 year, but have never been a Newsletter Editor before, so please bear with me. I would like to give out a big shout of Thanks to Donna Duyck for doing this job for 2 years.

Now DUTY..

Our December meeting was a hoot. Everyone brought awesome food. It was a potluck style meal. I believe we had around 30 people at our meeting.

All officers remained the same except for the Newsletter Editor and the new Historian is now Jack Garrison, who has always done an outstanding job of taking pictures for us.



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Product Line - Barb Wiederholt

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Chaplin - Connie Kephart

Safety Officers - Jim Hodges

Mid America Freedom Rally Reps - Jim & Donna Duyck

Ok so by now the New Years is over. Hope everyone had a good one. Make sure you are safe on those bikes on these cool days.

There are a couple of L29 Events to put on your calendars:

March 3rd - Pool Tournament at Brass Rail

April 29th - 14th Annual Kearney Bike Show

Please attend our meetings for more information. Local 29 knows how to cook some good meals.

I would like to say Happy Birthday to all the birthdays in February and all the anniversaries too...Ohh and also guys.. don't forget Valentines Day is just around the corner.

Well that's all I can remember, it sucks getting old. Toodles.

Nancy Martin

Skittles

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LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Various locations

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or

Mike Adams 573-578-4239

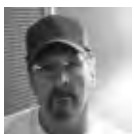
LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon

AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just east of Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353



Participate, participate, and participate!

By the time you receive this publication, Decembers Christmas dinners will be old news and we'll be way into January before you hear what was planned for the rest of the 2012 year, which is also the year we get to vote the trash out, so do your home work long before

you cast your ballot. Now, we will only get to vote if we don't befall the so called predictions of the Mayan Calendar. Personally, I plan on being extracted from this planet by aliens long before whatever befalls the rest of you. But, before you are met by total destruction, let's recap just a little and then move on to what's coming up for February 2012.

Before I move on too far, I would like to do a shout out to Roy Hoard, our past CC Representative, who did an outstanding job while in office. But the main reason for this shout out is for the Mid-South mile. Many people were thanked and got a slap on the back in the last publication of the "Freedom Press", but Roy Hoard was one of the people overlooked for his hard work, tending bar, restocking the bar, cleaning tables, taking out trash and just generally helping out where needed. Bo, in his tuxedo and I in my hat, had just settled down for a long winters, oh wait, I got lost again, must be the season? We offered to assist Roy with his work load, but he refused any assistance of any kind. But most of all, thank god, he never once sang Karaoke like so many tried to do, off key I might add. Great job Roy and thank you brother, for both jobs well done.

The new officers and a few enthusiastic members who wanted to PARTICIPATE in the planning of next year's schedule, met at Big Jim's in Windsor on Saturday December the 3rd at high noon. I think just about everyone present had a little too contribute to the overall schedule and it would appear as though Bo and "Da Bear" have some clever ideas for some "out of the ordinary" poker runs. Our product manager Shelly Payne came up with a suggestion to involve the children more and to provide some kind of entertainment for the little people. This way their parents can PARTICIPATE in meetings

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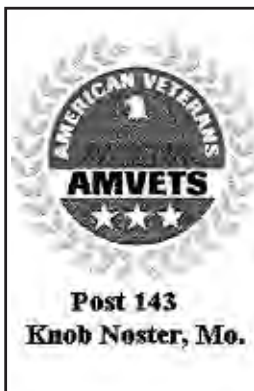


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and Poker Runs. I pointed out that 50 Hwy was right outside the front door of our meeting building and the kids could have a great time losing some of that baby fat and improving their coordination skills by learning to dodge cars and trucks. That suggestion was met with little enthusiasm and gigantic resistance. This will take some brain storming and preparation on our part, but never the less it's not a bad idea. This might be the avenue to utilize to attract younger members to replace us old geezers. There are a couple of events on this year's calendar for the "little people", but it wouldn't be too hard to add some more as the year progresses. Oh and by the way, during the meeting, Granny was running and jumping around this establishment with a red sweat-shirt and a hillbilly looking Santa hat, which read: I'm naughty. She would go up to whomever and say; I'm naughty, I'm naughty. Crap, we all knew that, but the adjective that came quicker to mind was frickin, DANGEROUS!

The main objective of this meeting was of course to plan next year's activities, but it was to also outline doing some new and different and get away from the same old dog and pony show, month after month. I think the members and officers accomplished some of that with every ones input and suggestions. Although the poker runs, dinner runs, cruises to Arkansas steakhouses and bike shows are fun, but please remember we are **lobbyist first**. There is a lot on the plate for us to improve or establish to reach that inevitable goal of riding free and safe, but as "Taz" pointed out in his letter to the editor; **we need new and renewed members!** Not just motorcycles either, but scooters, four wheelers, dirt bikes, remember that "The powers that be" effect them too. So get out there and sign up some of these folks. Remember there is strength in numbers.

December the 17th was a short meeting and then everyone went shopping for the "adopt-a-family" Christmas and then returned to Am-Vets to wrap presents for the children and sort out the tons of food to be given to the families. Lots of hard work by everybody and you get a warm fuzzy feeling for doing it too.

December the 18th was our Adopt-A-Family Christmas and Dinner and again it was a time for Piggy, Piggy, Fatty, Fatty and of course there was plenty of that going on too. Food was outstanding as usual and the gals and guys pulled off some great dishes and creative cooking. The families all expressed their never ending appreciation for the Christmas dinner and presents. We all did well again this year.

Obviously, the next big event is New Years, but if you're like me you'll spend it under your bed and away from all state and county roads, where the drunks are and possible death, if not a DWI. I hope you were safe and sound, during this event.

February

February 4th Saturday; Sedalia Motorcycle Assn. bike show @ Yeager's Harley Davidson in Sedalia. We will have a booth and sponsor

some of the events. Check out their New & Used bikes while you're there. The guys have always got some kind of a deal going on, without the usual seller, buyer dance you get in the city.

February 8th Wednesday; Bus trip to Jefferson City. Folks we need everyone who can possibly attend this trip. Large numbers produces results. Use a sick day, go AWOL, jump ship, bail out, just be there.

February 12th Sunday; Local 33 meeting at Am-Vets in Knob.

February 18th Saturday; Pool tournament and Chili cook off. (Starts at 6:00 pm.)

I know, you need a Granny story don't you? Over the Holidays, Granny wanted to have a traditional Christmas and decided it would be best to shoot a turkey for the dinner in keeping with tradition. So she loaded up all her hunting gear, a shotgun, camouflage and a turkey call to lure them in close. Later that day, she crept quietly upon a flock of turkey, using her turkey call she lured them in and then shot. Turkey flew everywhere and it shocked the hell out of everyone in the frozen food section of Wal-Mart. Granny's at it again folks.

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So until next month when the old and the crusty may ride again. Stay tuned for more exciting adventures of local 33 in Knob Noster. Where in the hell is Knob Noster?

A young Marine who had just got out of the service was asked what he thought of the slaying of Osama Bin Laden. His answer was; Seal Team Six took out one radical Muslim, now it's time for the American Voters to take out the other one. Clever Marine!

Hi Ho Silver
The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Location varies - please call for info

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

Our January 1st Fun Run to the Dam Restaurant in Warsaw was well attended. We had 18 people, almost all rode their bikes in (except Pat).

It was a fun time and it felt good to get the bikes out. Karin rode her new trike, it's a beauty!!!!!! We're all hoping that February provides a few nice riding days like January did.

Our Christmas Party was fun and we had lots of interesting "white elephant" gifts. Thanks to everyone who brought food to help make the party a success. We had enough ham left that there'll be some ham and beans and cornbread at our January meeting.

February's quote is:

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labor and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labor of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy." - Thomas Jefferson [What would Jefferson say today?]

Elaine Herron Local 35

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Bredeaux Pizza

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

Our new officers are Mike Knab--President--- Mike Sims ---Vice President--- Angie Gallus-- Secretary--Kevin Bruns--Treasure. These are the same officers we had last year. They must have done a good job to get elected again. Our meetings are the First Tuesday of every month at Bredeaux Pizza in Cameron at 7:00. When the weather gets warmer our meeting place will vary. DON'T FORGET our BIKE SHOW is in JULY, OUR DISTRICT RALLY is in MAY, and OUR PROCLAMATION RUN is in APRIL. Can't wait I always have a good time at all of these events. Looking forward to seeing all my District friends again.

After watching HLN News I decided to make a list of the top 10 things I think are funny, sick, stupid, or down right piss you off.

10---people who put you down just because you ride something different than they do, when you been riding 30 years longer than they have!

09---My Kids

08---People who don't give Obama a fair shake. Remember he started out as a poor white boy.

07---Middle Class is no longer. It's either RICH or poor. I know where I'm at!

06---Casey Anthony

05---people who don't speak ENGLISH. I always think they are talking about me!

04---BOYFRIENDS--got young girl at home need I say more!!!!

03---going to the store to get bred and leaving empty handed.

02---Sickos that take children or anyone for that matter. I think they should turn them loose into a group of bikers!!

01---JERRY SANDUSKY and BERNIE FINE. I got something I'd like for them to stick up their ass. A TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

APRIL 21st-----PROCLAMATION RUN

MAY 18-19&20----DISTRICT 1 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
BLACKTOP RALLY

JULY 21ST----- CAMERON CROSSROADS BIKE SHOW

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Tex Garner 636-744-6609

Greetings From Local 42

Been some what peaceful for Local 42 lately, guess that can be taken two ways....good and OMG what are they up to! Lol

Well we had our annual toy distribution for the foster children this past December and it was our best year ever. We helped 105 kids this year and have to say there was nothing that warmed the heart better than to help the kids and see the smiles on their faces.

What else...hmmmm, Our new officers took office in December and they are all excited about the New Year! We have a lot of work ahead of us in 2012 and look forward to a productive year. Our Annual Leather & Lace Dance is coming up on March 31st, tickets can be purchased from our members or at Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit. Get yours now before they are sold out.

FORR Local 42

Calendar of Events 2012

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| January 29 | - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles |
| February 9 | - Capitol Days |
| February 26 | - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles |
| March 22 | - Capitol Days |
| March 25 | - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles |
| March 31 | - Leather and Lace Dance |
| April 15 | - Blessing of the Bikes - Local 24 |
| April 24 | - M.A.Y. Rally |
| April 29 | - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles |
| April 29 | - B.U.F.R. Run |
| May 20 | - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles |
| May 27 | - Memorial Ride for our Fallen |

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- June 9 - School supply collection - Walmart @ Washington
- June 16 - Hartbauer McBride Benefit
- June 23 - School supply collection @ Walmart @ Washington
- June 24 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- July 22 - School supply benefit run
- July 29 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- August 26 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- September 9 - 9-11 Memorial
- September 23 - Local 42's Bike Show and Games
- September 30 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- October 6 - Toy Collection @ Walmart Washington
- October 20 - Toy Collection @ Walmart Washington
- October 21 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- October 27 - Local 42's Fall Dance
- November 3 - Local 42 Toy Run
- November 18 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles
- December 16 - Monthly Meeting at 3 pm - Pacific Eagles

Ride Safe - Sue "Rebel" Sweet

LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Deb's House, 3700 Brooktree Ln, Gladstone, MO 64119

Contact: Kevin Olver 816-590-2344 or

Debbie Calliccoat 816-868-9369

Hope everyone had a Safe and Happy New Year!!! Our meeting date, time and location has changed to the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm at Deb's house at 3700 Brooktree Lane, Gladstone MO 64119. Our officers are few: President, Product Line: Kevin Olver; Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter: Deb Calliccoat; Treasurer: Kevin and Deb; CC REP: Dennis Stevenson; District and Safety: David Forbis and Webmistress, Margaret Forbis.

Our main event this year will be a bike show or games in conjunction with the All KC MC SC Picnic held the third Sunday in September. The location has not been set yet, but has been at Blue Valley Park (Past Toy Run Starting Point) for the past few years. This year is the 11th Annual for the picnic. Food and live entertainment are provided for approximately 500 bikers.

We are looking forward to the New Year and all the wonderful things it brings with it.

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DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

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HELLO EVERYONE FROM DISTRICT 1

District meetings are held the first WEDNESDAY of the month. February meeting will be in St. Joe. Not sure of location so see your District Rep.

The DISTRICT RALLY is coming together quite well. The date for MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS BLACKTOP RALLY is MAY 18th, 19th, & 20th. Same location at PONY EXPRESS RV PARK in MAYSVILLE.

FRIDAY - come set up your tent, listen to our DJ, and party your ass off.

SATURDAY- POKER RUN, BIKE DRAGS at SPEEDWAY in OSBORN, BIKE GAMES, LIVE MUSIC by JEFF LUX, and party your ass off.

SUNDAY--- TEAR DOWN and CLEAN UP and head home to get some much needed sleep.

APRIL 21st is our PROCLAMATION RUN. Don't have the times but I do know that we will start in MARYVILLE, then STANBERRY, BETHANY, GALLATIN, CAMERON, (lunch stop), MAYSVILLE, and then end in ST. JOE. According to the ALMANAC for DUMMIES it shows good weather for these two events.

I wish you all the best in 2012 and am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove

Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147

Hello to all riding and non-riding brothers and sisters
Guess I need to formally introduce myself first:

My name is Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss, member of the *in-famous* Local 29 and now your brand *spanking* new District 4 Activity Chair.

I, for one, was very sorry to see Tim (Dragon) O'Conner stepping down. He, as well as Michelle, has been a HUGE asset to our organization, specifically District 4 (THANK YOU) and I can only hope that BOTH will stick around and support me in this new endeavor. Also want to thank J R and Kathy DeGraffenreid for their offer of much needed support. The opportunity and your trust to serve in this capacity are greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working together with all of you. My goal for the year 2012 is to unite our Locals in as many activities as possible. BROTHERHOOD to ACHIEVE is the goal. My wish is to receive the help and support from all our locals (and everyone else who wants to participate) needed to make this a successful year.

Meetings will be every 2nd Tuesday each month starting at 6:30 PM in the Iron Skillet Restaurant

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Hope to see many of you at the meetings

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss



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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 at the officer's meeting the night before 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 the day following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

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

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

NDAA – Open Season for Police State

by Jim Babka, DownsizeDC

How the New Indefinite Detention Provisions can be used on Americans

Congress just passed, and the President just signed, a bill that gives legal authority to the President to kidnap and perpetually imprison persons, including American citizens, without the benefit of due process.

Members of Congress, in the days leading up to the vote, tried to assure their constituents that they have nothing to fear — that the bill doesn't apply to Americans.

Some were lying. Most were deceived.

Now, I don't want to imply that Barack Obama plans to sweep up every one of his critics (or even a select few) because of statements they've uttered publicly. That is overstatement. The law doesn't permit that. But consider the following scenario...

You object to the way the Federal Leviathan State is run. You gather, every other Tuesday, with others who share your values. We'll call your fictional group the Constitution League (CL).

One night, a new fellow shows up. He's frustrated and outspoken. He complains that the time for meetings is over. Something must be done — something that will “get their attention.” You're uncomfortable with his remarks but unsure how to respond.

You hope he never returns, and he doesn't.

What you don't know, until months later, is that one of our CL colleagues, the chapter Vice President, followed the vocal man out to the parking lot. The two exchanged email addresses and phone numbers. Then, your local VP reached out to a third man, a member of a CL chapter in the nearest big city. The three met regularly. They plotted and executed their own terrorist plot on a U.S. Government facility. Now, your group meeting was the place they met. The Vice President used his CL email account. CL is all over the news. CL is now, for all intents and purposes, a terrorist group.

And you? Well, you've donated to the terrorist organization. You've participated in its meetings. The night this angry man walked in, you didn't call the authorities.

* Can the President have the military come and arrest you? Yes!

* Can he (or she) send you to a military tribunal for trial or just hold you indefinitely in a military facility, without charges? Yes!

Even the bill co-sponsor, Senator McCain, appears to agree with this assessment. Senator Rand Paul asked John McCain, on the Senate floor, “...under the provisions, would it be possible that an American citizen could be declared an ‘enemy combatant’ and sent to Guantanamo Bay, and detained indefinitely?” McCain responded, “I think that as long as that individual, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE,

if they POSE A THREAT to the security of the United States of America, should not be allowed to continue the threat.” {Emphasis Added} Wait a minute. Wasn’t there a provision in this bill that exempted Americans?

Despite what your Congressional office may have told you (if you called during the debate over this bill) the answer to that question is an emphatic NO!

The relevant sections of the bill are 1021 and 1022.

* Section 1021 asserts the President’s authority to arrest suspected (not convicted) terrorists and gives him the option to choose whether or not they even get a trial, and if so, what kind of trial.

* Section 1022 requires that a certain class of terrorist get no trial. Instead they must be held in military prisons, for as long as this President, or any future President desires.

SECTION 1021

Section 1021 is very expansive in its reach. It “includ[es] any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported such hostilities in aid of such enemy forces.”

* Who is “any person?”

* What is a “belligerent act?”

* What is “direct support?”

One could be safe in assuming these words mean whatever a creatively-minded prosecutor, a flexible judge, and an ignorant jury define them to mean — EXCEPT THAT, UNDER THIS ACT, ONE MIGHT NEVER GET AS FAR AS A COURT HEARING.

These terms will be defined by the bureaucrats in power.

They could be used against political opponents.

1021 has NO exceptions. There’s not even a hint of an exception. Remember, that section gave the President the authority to arrest you and a set of options on how you were to be handled. These choices are completely divorced from the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th Amendments, as well as the Treason provisions of Article III. The President’s new alternatives are...

1. Detention without trial by the military
2. Trial by a military commission
3. Trial by some other court of the President’s choosing
4. Shipping you off to a foreign jurisdiction (info here)

SECTION 1022

1022 is a REQUIREMENT — a binding mandate upon the President. President Obama threatened to veto the bill, but only because he feared 1022 would restrict his power too much. <http://gawker.com/5866210/jon-stewart-bashes-obama-for-backing-indefinite-detention-bill>

This section is for your fellow CL members/plotters. Whereas, you got snatched up for “support” or “aid” to the plot, they actually carried out an attack, or as the section itself indicates...

“...participated in the course of planning or carrying out an attack or attempted attack against the United States or its coalition partners.”

Section 1022 requires the President to go with option #1 above — the other three options are off the table. In other words, no trial, either in a civilian court or military tribunal.

In the final version of the bill, after a public storm started to erupt, the title of the section was changed to indicate that it only applied to “foreign al-Qaeda terrorists.” However, titles are not normally considered part of the law but merely summary descriptions to the reader of a bill.

But this title is especially IRONIC, because it’s this section that includes the so-called exemption for American citizens. Why would you need to exempt American citizens from a section of law that applies to “foreign al-Qaeda terrorists?”

The answer is because the section applies to any kind of “terrorist,” domestic or foreign, no matter what the title says.

And here’s the so-called exemption, with the key word highlighted...

The REQUIREMENT to detain a person in military custody under this section does not extend to citizens of the United States.

That means that military custody, without a trial, is mandated by law, but that the President, at his discretion or by written policy, may issue a waiver on the basis that a person is an American citizen.

If this provision was a true safeguard for American citizens, then the line would’ve been written like this...

Military custody of citizens of the United States is still prohibited under this act.

See the difference? It’s a requirement that can be waived at discretion, as opposed to a prohibition.

Now, do you realize Congress has given the Federal State the power to use military detention on its own citizens? And that they’ve made it possible to wage a war on peaceful activists, if they can just incite someone in your group to attempt something violent?

Don’t worry. It’s not like the FBI is busy infiltrating meetings, entrapping some dullard into a plot, equipping and financing his efforts, and then claiming credit for stopping another terrorist attack! Oh wait, that’s happened about 40 times since 9/11.

Thus, to complete our story, the angry man who showed up at the CL meeting might’ve work for the FBI. And he duped two idiots in your group, who put you and your fellow members in legal jeopardy.

This new law is that serious. President Obama has claimed he won’t use this power. All that needs to happen now is a provocative incident. Then, all bets are off. Since these nearly unlimited, un-constitutional powers are now law, this President, or a future one, will be able to kidnap and disappear Americans. It could very easily be open season for the police state.

Jim Babka is the President of Downsize DC Foundation and DownsizeDC.org, Inc.. DownsizeDC.org will soon launch a campaign to repeal these sections from the law.

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Senate Committee Passes Highway Safety Bill

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Today, the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation passed a sweeping safety bill known as the Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act (S. 1449). The bill passed by voice vote.

Earlier this week, Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment that would have gutted the popular federal motorcycle education and awareness grants, known as the 2010 funds. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that Lautenberg did not call that amendment for a vote. Due to an overwhelming response from the motorcycle community, the 2010 grants are safe for now.

Also under attack was the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) lobby ban. This law prohibits NHTSA from using federal money to lobby State legislatures, uninvited. The way S. 1449 was drafted, it removed this lobby ban. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) introduced a number of amendments to maintain the ban and the necessary amendments were agreed to, by unanimous consent of the full committee.

The one sticking point that remains is at least, the least troublesome. That being said, it is still something that will keep the attention of the MRF lobby efforts. The trouble lies in a provision in S. 1449 that calls out motorcycle helmets in the list of definitions as "motor vehicle equipment". Previously, the list simply stated: "any device or an article or apparel... that is not a system, part, or component of a motor vehicle".

The MRF would like to thank all the State motorcycle rights organizations and everyone else who helped with this legislation.

The bill passed today will likely move on to be a part of the larger Highway Bill which could happen in early 2012. The MRF will keep you informed on this issue.

NHTSA Proposes Motorcycle Study

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has requested comments on a proposed motorcycle safety study.

The study they are proposing copycats one that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is currently conducting, known as the "naturalistic study." The MSF study has instrumented a hundred motorcycles with computers, cameras and all sorts of meters. Those specially-equipped one hundred motorcycles are being ridden by volunteers across the country as their personal bikes. After one year, the instruments are taken off and the analysis begins. NHTSA is proposing the exact same study, only with 160 motorcycles.

This proposal does come as a bit of a shock, considering the feds have been struggling to conduct another motorcycle study that tracks actual crashes. That "crash causation study" has been languishing since 2006 and has yet to complete data collection, analysis and final reporting.

"I do like the idea of the study," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. "Tracking volunteer riders and collecting some best practices for countermeasures is a great idea, but as with every study there will be some technical and logistical bugs to work out over the course of the study. It seems to me that it would be wise to wait on the MSF results and use them to craft a better, sturdier study."

NHTSA is already predicting that out of the 160 participants in their proposed new naturalistic study, 20 will have a crash and sustain injuries so severe that they must be reported. So far there has been no mention of the cost for the new study.

The feds are asking for comments on the proposal. The comment period runs through January 17, 2011. Read the proposal and learn how to submit comments here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-16/pdf/2011-29361.pdf>

Do not hesitate to contact the MRF with any questions or concerns.

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Washington, D.C.: The future of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is in danger. The U.S. Senate has introduced legislation—the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act—which would end dedicated funding for the RTP. Concurrently, the House is drafting its version that will also affect RTP. With the RTP's future in question, Congress needs to be aware of the facts about the trails programs.

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Please email your senators and representative today to educate them that RTP is a "user-pay/user-benefit" program and, as a motorized recreationist, you pay for and support the RTP. Visit <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/issues/alert/?alertid=57519541> for more information on this important issue.

Educate Your Elected Officials on the Recreational Trails Program

Email your Senators and Representative Today!

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Many elected officials believe the RTP is the same as "Transportation Enhancements" (TE). On Nov. 18, 2011, the AMA sent a letter to the leaders on transportation issues in Congress outlining the differences in RTP and TE and the importance of continuing the RTP.

Many members of Congress want to end TE because it funds historical museums, landscaping and pedestrian trails along roadways out of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). Unlike RTP that does contribute to the HTF, TE activities do not directly contribute any revenue to the trust fund.

The AMA needs your help to save dedicated funding for the RTP in the next federal transportation bill and that it is not TE. You can find contact information for your lawmakers at AmericanMotorcyclist.com > Rights > Issues & Legislation, then enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. A prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your Senators and Representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

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OHV use threatened by possible EPA regulation on dust

Urge your Representative and Senators to support legislation to exempt dust from EPA regulation today!

On April 15, 2011, Reps. Kristi Noem (R-SD), Robert Hurt (R-VA), Leonard Boswell (D-IA) and Larry Kissell (D-NC) introduced H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011." Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE) introduced its companion bill (S. 1528) on September 8, 2011. The bills would bring much-needed certainty to the off-highway vehicle (OHV) community by exempting rural "nuisance dust" from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation and allow states and localities to regulate it. This regulatory restraint may lead to a de facto ban of OHV use on racetracks, in designated recreation areas, on trails and even on private property all across this country.

The EPA staff and its Clean Air Science Advisory Council in its review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards as required every five years under the Clean Air Act recommended considering the option of a much tighter Particulate Matter (PM) standard for "nuisance dust," commonly known as farm dust.

The EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, in a letter, dated Oct. 14, 2011, addressed to Chairman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, stated, "I am prepared to propose the retention – with no revisions – of the current PM10 standard and form when it is sent to OMB [Office of Management and Budget] for interagency review."

To view the letter go to <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/DODNQUWPSF/LABDQUWPVH/7606851761>.

On Nov. 3, 2011, Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), chair of the Energy and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, stated in his opening statement at a markup that "...the PM10 standards themselves have a track record of changing from the proposal to the final stage, as occurred with both the 1997 and 2006 PM10 standards. The fact that EPA staff and its advisory committee have clearly recommended considering the option of a much tighter farm dust standard in its rulemaking record only heightens concerns about what its final rule might do and what it would cost."

To view Rep. Whitfield's statement and to view an archive webcast of the markup, go to <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/DODNQUWPSF/KKUOQUWPVJ/7606851761>

With the possibility of a tougher PM10 standard still a possibility, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and the All-Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA) support the passage of H.R. 1633 and S. 1528, which will provide much-needed certainty to the OHV community by exempting rural "nuisance dust."

The AMA and ATVA need your help to pass these bills. You can find contact information for your lawmakers at AmericanMotorcyclist.com > Rights > Issues & Legislation, then enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. A prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your federal elected official immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

Again, the AMA and ATVA urge you to write your Representative and Senators today and ask them to support H.R. 1633 and S. 1528.



News From Around the Globe

Is the era of the motorcycle over?

Reprinted from the "New York Times"

By Frederick Seidel, November 5, 2011

Are motorcycles passé? Are they sort of over? I ask as a rider of two-wheel Italian beauties that go very fast, gracefully streamlined subsonic technology from the Ducati factory in Bologna. I own two sport bikes and two racers. I ride racing motorcycles on the street. One of my motorcycles is capable of nearly 200 miles an hour. I write prose about motorcycles. I write poems about motorcycles.

So I ask with some authority. Are motorcycles – even superb and lovely Italian motorcycles from the land of Donatello and Bertolucci – being replaced as love objects, as arm candy, by other more contemporary show-off desirables? Electronic ones. Mostly by Apple.

The iPhone 4S, the iPad 2, the 11-inch and 13-inch thin, light MacBook Air computers – these are the sleek gorgeousness young people go on about, have to have, and do have, in the millions. These machines, famous for the svelte dignity of their designs – and of course, far less expensive than a motorcycle – are a lens to see the world through and to do your work on. It's their operating speeds that thrill. Young people cut a bella figura on their electronic devices.

Now, of course, it is not just the young who buy Apple products. I lay emphasis on the young, particularly young men, because they are the ones who might otherwise be buying motorcycles, and aren't, at least not at all in the numbers they did before the economic downturn. The great recession was disastrous for motorcycle sales around the country, especially, it seems, for sport bikes, the ones that perform with brio but have no practical point to make. In other words, they are not bikes to tour on, they are not a comfortable way for you and a companion – wife or partner or friend – to travel to work or to a distant campground. You can do it, but it's not ideal. Young riders were not buying motorcycles of any kind, and especially, it seems, not sport bikes.

Or, to say it another way, it's as if the recession induced a coma in all the potential new motorcyclists, and in so many of the already experienced motorcyclists, from which they work changed, changed utterly, and found themselves standing in line outside an Apple store, patiently waiting to buy the latest greatness.

They are buying a slice of what Apple does – and how it does it – and how it looks doing it. They are buying function but, just as important they are buying glamour. The device enhances the buyer's sense of self. It helps the person think and at the same time not think. Once, not so long ago, motorcycles did the same thing.

In a few days, at the International Motorcycle Show in Milan, Ducati will introduce a radically new sport bike call the Panigale, after Borgo Panigale, the neighborhood on the outskirts of Bologna where the Ducati factory is. The Ducati People are being secretive about how the Panigale will look and how it will perform. But there have been spy photos of the bike being tested on the Mugello circuit, with the former World Superbike champion Troy Bayliss aboard, and plenty of rumors and speculation about the tech specs.

We know this much. It will make brave hearts beat faster. It will weigh less than its predecessor. It will have a new sort of frame. It will have an ingenious new exhaust system. It will handle. It will be fast. It will be beautiful. How many Ducati followers – the Ducatisti – will have to have one? Some?

Oh, for the days – not so long ago – when a boy's world would have fallen to its knees before a new Ducati design.

In Dallas, at Advanced Motorsports, his motorcycle dealership, Jeff Nash, a gentleman and one of the great Ducati racebike tuners in America, and a racer himself, deplores the passivity of the young who would rather be home with their iPads playing computer games than astride the red-meat lightning of an 1198 Superbike blazing down a Texas highway making that unmistakable growling deep Ducati sound. Mr. Nash would go further.

Better to be out in the air astride just about any motorcycle alive!
Frederick Seidel is the author of the poetry collections "Ooga-Booga" and, most recently, "Poems, 1959-2009".

Governor Corbett Signs ABATE Legislation

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Corbett signed House Bill 563 into law on November 22, 2011.

The Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PMSP) is a successful and valuable community service providing "free" life saving education and assists PennDOT in properly licensing all successful customers. The task is a very difficult one of locating and getting permission to use adequate parking lots. Furthermore, it was becoming more difficult to maintain current sites with landowners becoming ever more concerned of liability and the threat of litigation for allowing the state program to use their land. Many want to help and believe in the motorcycle safety program, but have come to realize they endanger their business and livelihood for trying to be a good citizen.

The A.B.A.T.E. legislation, House Bill 563 introduced by Representative Rick Geist will create an exemption for landowners who authorize the use of their property for the purpose of an approved motorcycle safety education program. Such owners shall not be held civilly liable for any injury or death to persons that might occur during the course of instruction or training except when there is willful or malicious failure to warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity by the landowner.

The passage of House Bill 563 will benefit the motorcycling community by further supporting the mission of PennDOT regarding motorcycle safety. Enactment of the bill removes another obstacle faced by the PMSP and landowners as they seek to provide the best possible training experience for motorcyclists in the Commonwealth.

This is the first legislation of its kind in the nation.

With almost 400,000 registered motorcycles in Pennsylvania in 2010, the PMSP was able to train just under 25,000 students. That is truly commendable given the logistics of managing a large fleet of motorcycles, a small army of dedicated rider coaches and rider coach instructors, and close to 70 training sites. Remarkably, the courses are free to Pennsylvania residents. This is possible because the motorcycling community supports the PMSP through a \$5 fee imposed on every motorcycle permit and license. The fee was increased to \$5 from \$2 in 2003 from legislation that was also sponsored by A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania, the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education



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31 Local 42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance 636-257-5906

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