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Notes from Katherine

Not much to report on the "local" State level, but we do need members to start asking their U.S. Congress to support U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte's (R-Va.) H.R. 1462, the RFS Reform Act of 2013. The bipartisan bill would amend the Renewable Fuel Standard to recognize market conditions and realities, along with further studies on blended gasoline. We, further, need to ask for them to be most supportive of the U.S. House Motorcycle Caucus, and maybe join their brethren. Ask for support to prohibit funding for motorcycle only checkpoint "safety" programs

Pre-filing for Missouri starts Dec. 1; 2014 Session convenes Jan. 8th. I am hopeful to have a short list of issues, with accompanying Sponsors, for the next article submission.

Please be vigilant in your fight for your freedom. I cannot stress enough the strength we have in numbers. Patriot & Founding Father Benjamin Franklin said it best: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. "One of the penalties of not participating in politics is that you will be governed by your inferiors." - Plato

One more newsletter from me.

Best Regards,

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Ike Skelton

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LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Melany 816-956-1090 or Linda 797-9849**

Howdy all, Rebel here doing a fill in spot as Mel is taking a much needed break after Octoberfest.

What a good time was had by all that attended. Ahhhh the bug juice, nuf said... Great weather, good food & friends. Speaking of old friends we were glad to see Salesman Mike Schrampf and his buddy Frank show up, it's been a while. Congratulations are in order to our very own Mel for winning the 2013 MS. Octoberfest contest, as well as a few bikes games, with the help of one of our KS Abaters Tim. Another big thank you to all that came out on Saturday and showed for the races. That's what it's all about!

Fall is here and elections are at hand both with the local and with the state. At this past meeting Local 1 voted and agreed that we would welcome Nick Swope's cabinet to represent FORR in our future endeavors. Good Choice! As far as Local 1 officers, I guess we will just have to wait until the next newsletter...

Hope all are well, and ready for the cold - Its just right around the corner. So ride 'em while you can!

Have a great holiday season - see ya around.

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor

Member #7157

LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or****Vice-President: Myron Duskin 417-309-0423**

Greetings Local 3

First we would like to welcome newest members Jerry Long and Harold Hoff.

As the good days for riding in the year of 2013 get few and far between we can look back to the rides and events we enjoyed, there were plenty of good times. Start thinking about things to do in 2014. We already have a few in mind, if you have ideas for something bring them to our meeting and present them.

At the November meeting we nominated new Local 3 officers and at the December meeting we vote. Good luck to all nominees and thank you all for helping the 2013 officers make this thing work.

We cast our vote for the new state level cabinet at our last CC meeting. By the time you receive the Freedom Press that choice of cabinet will have been presented. Whichever way the vote goes this local will support the new cabinet to the best of our ability. Keeping this organization strong is a challenge we all must take on.

On that note we would like to thank each and every L3 member who stepped up and raised funds to help this local. Thanks to your hard work we will have taken a check to state to meet our voluntary obligation to FORR for the year. We as a new local should be proud.

We are proud to wear the Winged Wheel and even prouder to have the L3 patch with it.

Thanks,

Dean #29076

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

Greetings,

Toy Run was very successful, thanks to everyone who came out. District 4 needs a couple of folks to step up and become Activities Chair and Treasurer. If we can't seat a cabinet there will be no District 4 and that means no Octoberfest. I volunteered to stay on as Legislative Chair but with the 2014 Meeting of the Minds I would not have time to take on another position.

There are plenty of events happening around the State so check out your calendar of events and plan to support other Local events. Personally, I am still budget and time challenged but I will do my best. Wish Happy Birthday to ME, December 1, Rebecca Hanzek, December 6, Susan Cook, and Dan Tarwater, December 27.

Go meet our local! Go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar of 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: Sbfifer1@yahoo.com.

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

Abide!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****American Tavern, 1001 N 3rd St, North End of St Joe****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Hopefully everyone is having a great holiday season. And hopefully the weather is nice enough to let us have a few riding days. October was pretty decent for riding and we got lucky on our Toy Run November 3rd. We had 34 bikes including Larry 'Stoney' Jackson on his Corvette Trike that was pulling Dan 'Santa' Harmon sitting in his easy chair on a makeshift sleigh, and approximately 70 people that invaded the Noyes Home. All the kids appeared to have a great time. The local news channels and papers had coverage of the event with interviews with Jim Cross, Dan Harmon and Nick Swope.

On a sad note, we lost Brother Jesse Trump in October. He was a very active member that attended most of our functions and was well liked by many. He always had a smile and a helping hand. There was a Celebration of Life for Jesse November 2nd. A group of us met up and arrived together making some noise that would make Jesse proud. His son and fellow FORR member, Kevin Trump met us at the door with his appreciation of our show of support. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

We also have celebrities amongst us now. The Bikers for Boobies KC 2014 calendar has some of our Local 6 bikes featured. The art-




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ist, Caicey Jones, chose the best 12 bikes to be featured. Among the bikes honored are Tim Etherton's 2008 Streetglide (February), Kenny Martinez's 2005 Road King (March), and Ché Martinez's 2007 Sportster (October). Contact me if you would like to purchase a calendar and I will send you in the right direction.

Mark your calendars!! Our Christmas party is coming up on Saturday, December 7th at the Elwood Community Center. We will have a dinner with the meat provided, please bring a covered dish. We will also have a DJ, maybe some mistletoe (wink, wink) and hoping Santa will make an appearance. Things will be a little different this year. Be looking for a flyer with all the details in your mailbox. It's going to be a great time!! Also, the December meeting will be our Local 6 elections. Make sure your votes count by being present at this meeting. Let your voice be heard on who represents YOUR local in the FORR community. Please read this newsletter to know what the MRO is working on and fighting for at the state legislative level.

Up Coming Events/Meetings

December 7th – Local 6 Christmas Party
 December 15th – Local 6 Meeting - Elections
 January 11th – FEW Seminar in Jefferson City
 January 19th – Local 6 Meeting

If you don't get the next newsletter before December 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Contact me if you want something in the newsletter.
 If the roads are dry may the air rumble with pipes.
 Sheila E (816)284-9653, sheethm@yahoo.com or local6forr@yahoo.com

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

Greetings Local 7

Wow, where has this year gone? With the way the weather was it seemed as if summer would never get here and now it's already gone. Let's enjoy the riding while we can.

Local #7 had our Annual Scavenger Hunt to raise money for the Hughes Senior center. C.A. won first place, Buck came in second and third place with to Lee. Lee donated his winnings back to the Hughes Center. Thanks to Lee and a \$300 donation from the local we raised around \$400 in cash and gave several can goods to the Hughes Senior Center. Local #7 thanks Wayne & Stan for the use of the Lebanon Suzuki Kawasaki parking lot for our Scavenger Hunt.

The Toy Run was next with a great turn out. We had our 32nd Run with around 92 bikes in attendance. Besides the toys and can goods donated Local #7 voted to donate another \$300 to the Share your Christmas Program.

During our meeting Nora, the Spyder Lady, joined Local #7 & because of all she did for Local #7 at the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally the local

voted to donate a membership to Penny.

Local #7 would like to thank all those who came to the Toy Run, Troy at the Lebanon Cycle Center, Lebanon Coca Cola for providing the cold drinks. All of those that did the cooking and the Lebanon Police Department for traffic control.

Members of Local #7 are planning on meeting at the Smitty parking lot Nov. 24th at 11 am to attend the Buffalo Toy Run, also we will meet at 11 am on Dec. 1st or 8th whichever the day is for the Springfield Toy Run.

Until next time, be safe.

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.

(call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905

Happy Holidays from Local 8,

The year is almost over. We went from Halloween to the Toy Run in three days. We had a good year for the kids. We delivered a truck load of toys to the Salvation Army. We had 19 bikes with 30 people. The Salvation served us a great lunch. A big thank you to the CMA for their involvement and support. Walmart gave us an additional %10 this year. Very generous.

It is time for election of officers. The election is December 8 at Royal Inn Pizza at 1 p.m. We meet earlier to socialize.

The nominations are as follows:

President: Pete Wooden- Gary Bears.

Vice President: Glenda Ely- Lorie Brown- Gary Bears.

Secretary: Meredith Alexander- Maurica Bears.

Treasure: Glenda Ely.

Membership Secretary: Glenda Ely.

Legislative Rep. Layne Shady. Alternate: James Mason.

CC Rep: Layne Shady Alternate James Mason.

District Rep. Meredith Alexander- Misty Shady- Ashley Brown.

Product Line Misty Shady- Diane Lyon.

Sergeant of Arms: Ronnie King-Layne Shady-Jeromy Romesberg-

Michele King- Misty Shady.

Historian: Lorie Brown.

Road Captain:: Layne Shady-Ted Tedrick-Mark Brown.

Safety: Carl Hanes.

Additional nominations can be made at the meeting.

We will also decide where to have Spring Fling. The Peanut Barrel will be available even though the bar is closed. I am also looking into Walnut Hills at Carrollton. All the pros and cons will be presented next meeting so be there and make your choice known.

I am anxious to see what next year brings. We will have a new cabinet at the state level. It will be interesting to see where we will go.

The holidays are upon us. Keep the less fortunate in mind, enjoy your friends and family. Be safe in your travels.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

Merry Christmas to all!

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Carthage Family Restaurant, 125 N Garrison Ave, Carthage****Contact: 417-793-4899**

Here comes Santa Claus!

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Fish Beak Saloon, 1st St., Glasgow****Contact: 660-631-7324 or sstrodman@yahoo.com**

Greetings to all of our friends out in FORR land from your friends in Local 12 Glasgow. This month's news starts out with a big congratulations to two of our members, John Stouffer and George Turley, who both took delivery of new Indian Chief Vintages! They both rode in the chilly November weather to yesterday's meeting and I must say both bikes are gorgeous. I think they like them because both had big grins on their faces. Now I need to start buying lottery tickets.....

We had a very successful first trash pickup on the stretch of highway going from the west end of the MO river bridge at Glasgow two miles west into the river bottomland in Saline County. MODOT put up our Local 12 signs and they are beautiful, in white and bright blue colors and lettering. Many thanks to Nancy Engelhardt at MODOT for her



help on this. Sixteen members and one guest showed up to pick up and fill trash bags on Saturday, Oct. 19th. We found all kinds of trash, including the single box-springs that Boz drug up to our last stop. Later, while having a late lunch at Beckett's in Glasgow, Joyce overheard a woman saying how nice the highway had looked on the west side of the bridge.

The members that picked up the trash that day were Boz and Jude Lanning, Brandon "Pork Chop" Adcock and Sherri Beeler, Laura and Johnny "Soko" Adcock, Donna Wyatt and Lyndal Gerlt, Butch Johnson, John Stouffer and Joyce Hibbard, Gary Schaefer and his son Lucas (nice burnout when you left, Gary!), Tami and Mike Adcock, and Dave Kateman. I arrived late and only got in on the last part of the pickup because I had to work. A HUGE "thank you" goes out to all of our workers!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! At our next meeting, Sunday, Dec. 1st at the Fish Beak in Glasgow, we will be nominating officers for our 2014 cabinet. If you are interested in holding an office in Local 12 or know someone who does, please show up and voice your opinion. The elections will be held at our regular January 5th meeting at 3 pm at the Beak. Also, please don't forget the Christmas Banquet to be held Saturday night, Dec. 7th, at Beckett's Restaurant in Glasgow. Cocktail

hour begins at 6 pm with dinner served at 7. Menu choices are steak, smoked pork chop, and grilled chicken. All dinners come with a salad and baked potato. Call Beckett's at 660-338-9978 to get prices and make your reservations, which should be made at least a week in advance.

We had a great Oct. meeting on the 6th at the Arrow Rock Station restaurant. There were 26 members and 2 guests (my great friend B.L. McDonnell and his lady, Valerie, from Local 13, Mexico), the biggest turnout we've had in quite a while. John reported that we will be getting back \$1,500.00 from the Freedom Park fund, which has been closed. A motion was later passed to donate this money back to the state for our annual donation.

A committee has been formed to revise our helmet law modification bill and there will be several changes made. We also discussed the Christmas Party on Dec. 7th at Beckett's and scheduled our first trash pickup along 240 Hwy. in the Saline county river bottoms for Saturday, Oct. 19th. We had no winner of the membership pot.

Our last meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 3rd at the Fish Beak Saloon in Glasgow, which will now serve as our permanent local meeting place. They have made several improvements to the back room, including a false ceiling and better heating and lighting. We had a smaller turnout this time, with 15 members present, 7 of whom rode in on the cold, chilly afternoon. There was not a lot of business to discuss this time of year. We mainly talked about the highway cleanup, the Christmas Party, and tabled a motion until the January meeting to discuss what charities we would be helping out. We also decided to make the Fish Beak the site of all future meetings. George Turley won the membership pot, which will help him get some goodies for his new Indian.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Dec. 1st, 3 pm- Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow
Saturday, Dec. 7th, 6 pm- Local 12 Christmas Party, Beckett's Restaurant, Glasgow

Sunday, Jan. 5th, 3 pm- Local 12 elections and meeting, Fish Beak, Glasgow

If you have news you would like 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



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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Lakeview Park****Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345**

Hoping that this season is a jolly one for you all.

Local 13 had a great turnout to our annual "Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run". A big thank you to all who attended this event. The girls and I had an adventure buying the toys for this event but we made it though. So lets start by thanking our shoppers Dee Herdeg, Kim Archer, and

Melissa Palmer. The children of Mexico who might not otherwise have a Christmas are as grateful as we are for all involved. Our final count was 50 bikes that were in the parade and 136 in attendance starting with prayer at the Veteran's home in Mexico. I'm told that the men and women look forward to this every year and it is a great feeling to bring smiles to the faces of these great men and women who have helped to give us the freedoms so many take for granted. When they heard the rumble of the bikes starting as we headed out to deliver the toys there were smiles and thumbs up all around, it is a great tradition and I was proud to be a part of it.

I can't go any further without thanking Kim and Terry Archer for dedicating so much time and effort into this event, we are so proud of you. Can't even think of where to begin and a simple thank you doesn't seem to be enough, just know we couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you to our fearless leader and President Rock Palmer, Raymond Palmer, Roy and Laura Williams for decorating the trailer for the parade. Melissa Palmer and Tom and Marcia Marshall are all champions in my book, while we out enjoying the parade, they were busy with the preparation of the chili and eats for everyone after the run. It was so good to see everyone and meet people I hadn't seen before, we are all a part of the same Local and I am still meeting new people. True, I am a new member and I'm from California but I am making Missouri my home and I'm proud to be part of such a great group of people and organization that I believe in. The Mexico Ledger was on hand to take pictures of the bikes and talk to a few members about the event. We were able to share that FORR is involved with rider education and other events that are held all year round. The reporter promised to help cover the Wonder Run this coming year, which is the main fund raiser for this annual Toy Run.

A big welcome and thanks to our newest members of Local 13 Kim and Nancy Amyx from Caulfield and Sunni Fine for coming all the way from West Plains to be a part of the run. We all enjoyed your company and getting to know you. Sunni even shared and photo with our very own "Biker Santa" our VP Jeff Cupp who made a fine Santa. It is so nice to see so many new members so proactive, so early in their membership with our Local. I have to also welcome Jason Fine, Sunni's husband who also became a member but was unable to attend because of work commitments, we missed you but look forward to meeting you soon.

The date for our Christmas Party has been set for Dec. 7th at the Moose Lodge in Mexico 6:00-7:00 pm Happy Hour, Please bring covered dishes for potluck, gift exchange will follow along with results elections. Good luck to all nominee's.

Next meeting will be held tentatively at The Moose Lodge Dec. 15th at 3:00 pm. Please come and support us by being at the meeting, I know it's a busy time of year, but if you can please make every effort to be there. For information about meeting or times, feel free to contact me at: taylor.valerieLocal13@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays FORR4ever13,
Valerie Taylor

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

My apologies to Local 14 - their submission was inadvertently left out. Here it is in it's entirety.

Hallowe'en Blessings to all our peeps in Local 14 and Local 00,

Octoberfest has come and gone and I have to say it was the best one ever. For a complete report:

Those that missed it missed one of the best Octoberfest EVER! And I've been doing them a long time. District 4 and its locals Rock! They also adhere to our "...ALL Motorcyclists..." mission statement. Local 8 and District 4 proved that this year. This my children, has always been FORR's mission and it's more Important NOW than ever. The new cabinet right out the gate should appoint FORR ambassadors, much like USA does with the UN and overseas embassies. A coming together of ALL motorcyclists in the future in all the states. It will have to be to protect our riding future. I'm proud to see some of the FORR locals leading the way.

Congratulations to Ursula DeMoss District 4 Chairperson for receiving this year's Misfit Award. Many, many thanks to the Hilburn Family for all your hard work that made everything click today, especially Doug Hilburn whose work with wood graces many a rider's domain. We appreciate to no end the selfless work you put in to planning and working Octoberfest for Local 14. And I can't say enough about the old Master of Ceremonies, Knobber, who came out of retirement to help. A special thanks to Mary Beth Garrison for the support for all of us that needed coffee or a chair to sit by a warm fire. And I can't begin to thank Debbie and Gale Berneking for their hospitality and the lovely fire that felt so good. Then there was the Holt family girls who helped with the children games

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COME JOIN FORR® LOCAL 14 FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT AUCTION

It's time once again for Local 14's Annual Benefit to raise money for the families we have adopted. We need everyone to look around and find good stuff for the auction. If you've never been to one of our auctions, then you're missing all the fun. So, gather your items together and come join in the fun.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2013 VFW POST 3976 SUGAR CREEK MO. DOORS OPEN 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Live Auction, Silent Auction, DOOR PRIZES FOOD & DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Side dishes are always welcome
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Proceeds from this event will be used to help a less fortunate family or families during this Holiday Season.

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while dad worked to replace a broken clutch cable. Also appreciated was the support from Local 1 family, the O'Connors, with the children's games. Special thanks to Big D and Diane who get the Local 14 Long Rider Award for traveling the farthest to the event and for covering our ass at the gate Friday night right after they got there. Without people like you we would only be average.

Next year, Hilburn Family, I'm gonna put my 7500-watt generator on the nose of the trailer and load the smoker grill on behind. With a little gas and wood will have all the power we need wherever we camp. Don't forget! Our loved ones who ride that silver highway now, always get in free. Local 14. You shined. Love You All. Eat Bugs, Crash.

Crash is right. A big thank you to everyone who worked an extra shift or just a shift at all. Some of us cannot and it is appreciated that you fill in the blanks and make us look great.

Nominations are this month. Prepare yourself to run for a position within the local. If you know nothing about it, don't feel bad, I didn't either. Now the shit I know doesn't earn me a degree, but does give me experience that looks good on my resume.

Beware the open gate between light and dark, for the veil is thin on Samhain, or Halloween as you know it. Don't forget to honor your ancestors at this time of year for their protection and love.

Blessed be,
The Scooter Tramp

December submission

Greetings, Local 14 and Double-Ought,

It's close to the end of the year and yep you guessed it, it's time for our annual Christmas Party and Auction. Bring in those donations and let's make some money for our adopted families. Even bring the stuff from your garage/basement/closets. No Clothes! I hope you will see a flier in this newsletter.

Two new members from the last meeting are Justin Boyett and Tiffany Nations. Welcome and we look forward to getting to know you.

Nominations were made at the last meeting and they include:

President:	Joe Widmer or Ron Keese
Vice President:	Mike Basso
Treasurer:	Carol Harrison
Secretary:	Donna Hilburn
Legislative:	Carol Harrison and Debra Hilburn
District:	Debra Hilburn

More nominations will hopefully have been made at the November meeting and subsequent election results will be published in the January newsletter. Step up and help if you dare.

Our friend Ken Brady passed away after a motorcycle crash. Charles "Pockets" Langley also passed in October. We pray for healing blessings and peace for the families.

Little else is rolling as it is the dark time of the year, Daylight Savings Time is done (sheesh, what a waste of time and labour!), and Old Man Winter is on the way.

Here's to bright family times as we enter the holidays, shiny chrome and new paint on all those bikes, and welcome visits to and from relatives and friends.

Blessed Yule, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year,
The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies - Call for info

Contact: 417-334-0775

Happy Everything this Holiday Season!

I just got home from our Local 15 Toy Run that starts out in Branson and ends up at the VFW in Forsyth and I got to tell you, it always puts me in the Holiday mood!!!!

It was such a beautiful ride. There were about 300 bikes that came



out it. We raised over \$2,000 besides toys and coats for the Taney Co. kids. Thank you to of those very special people that gave so much of your time to make this event successful.

Last weekend we had two events. Friday night we started celebrating the life of our dear friend Eddie Lawhead at Shadow Rock Campground. We continued it with a ride to Peel Ferry in AR. where we stopped at

Tony's Pizza for drinks and to share memories of Eddie and other friends that have left us. We went back to Shadow Rock for an amazing BBQ with more meat then you can imagine and had a wonderful time partying in Eddie's memory!



The next day we met for L 15's Trash and Treasure Pick up on Hwy 160. Quite a few showed up for it, cleaned up the ditches and then headed over to the Pizza Cellar.

Next we have our Christmas party to attend. It is Dec. 7th at the Ramada Inn in Branson. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. You can find it behind the Apple Tree Mall. I

love the spot. There are rooms there to spend the night and if you want, just walk over to the Rowdy Beaver if you want a change of scenery There is also free breakfast if you rent a room for the night. It is BYOB, no bar. For more information come to the Nov. business meeting or check out our Facebook page after the meeting, I'm sure we will have it posted.

Speaking of the business meeting, we are having our final elections of officers. Please come and cast a vote. Some of the positions are uncontested. Like State newsletter, yep, I get to write it for another year. But others like Treasure and Sergeant of Arms have more then one person running for them. The meeting is still the 3rd Monday of the month and it is still at Charlie's Steakhouse in Branson.

Hope to see you soon, Lou

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



The first thing you'll notice is that Local 16 has voted to change their physical location to SEMO. This change is to honor and acknowledge the multiple counties this Local has come to represent. To our members both old and new in Cape Girardeau, Perry, Bollinger and Scott counties we are proud to stand with such

dedicated freedom fighters.

The Toy Run was held November 3rd originating from the Cape Girardeau Eagles, #3775. The Eagles have been a strong supporter of FORR Local 16 for many years. This year we once again send our deepest gratitude for your hospitality. The food was delicious (as always) and the atmosphere of brother and sisterhood was enjoyed by all.

We also send special thanks to Martin King for opening his home and hosting the November 29th Local meeting. Well done!

The next L16 event will be the annual Christmas Dance. This event

will once again be held at the VFW in Perryville. The dance will be December 7 with music beginning at 8:00 pm, provided by one of our personal favorites, Big Ticket. This dance is open to the public.

With the end of 2013 our attention has turned to the 2014 Calendar. We are already working on some new twists to the old favorites. Start this New Year right. Attend the meetings, renew the dedication that brought you to the legislative front and actively strive to pitch in where needed. Find out ways to educate and raise awareness of the special challenges coming from the pursuit of the freedom represented by motorcycling.

Christmas is upon us and at this magical time of year we wish all a very Merry Christmas and the best of New Years!

Melanie

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Golden Eagle Hospitality Room

Contact: 660-988-1708

Enjoy your family this holiday season!

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428



Hello Everyone

It is time to get the hot chocolate and marshmallows ready to warm up on the cool evenings. It is also time to reflect on the summer events and look forward to the Fall and Winter festivities. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to everyone that have or will be having one.

I saw an interesting post on Face book and think it is a great way to move into the future.

"To grow your business (Local) clean up your language replace words like "Small", "impossible" and "Want to be" with "Big", "We Will" and "We Are" (Adam Urbanski). Keeping a positive attitude is not an easy task especially when you are greeted with negative comments and actions at every turn. I personally am expecting GREAT things from this local in 2014 and there are others that desire the same thing so to the folks that try to tell us something won't work or it is not going to happen had better fasten their seat belts because they are in for a very bumpy ride. Do I get discouraged? Yes I will not lie by saying I don't but it doesn't take me long to get a second wind and go at it again that is what it takes to keep our local going and I really take great pleasure in telling those that continue to doubt our success or that things will be better and will change....."I told you so."

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about everything and work together to get our local growing again and to come up with some new and fresh ideas for events that will not only help the treasury to grow but will also provide a great time for all those that participate along with being grateful to those that do show for an event rather than complain about who didn't show."

I hear a lot about United we stand but divided we fall and instead of walking the walk those folks just talk the talk so for those that think I am hard on them and that I am just a bitch I say first I am a Bitch when I expect things to get done and they don't and am I hard on everyone sometimes but it is because I do care and will not give up on anything without a good fight.

In closing I wish to say that I truly love my Freedom of Road Riders family and like any mom I just want what will be best for us.

Until Next time....Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20



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LOCAL 21 - ELDON**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291**

Hey Yaw!

Sorry for the lack of news, I'm just kinda slow sometimes, but then I reckon' you know that already!

Alas, The Silver Saddle in Eldon has closed after 60 some years, a victim of the current economic trend in our country brought on by the idiots, no doubt. So until further notice the meetings will be held at Whittles on Main Street in Eldon on the third Saturday at 1:00. Hope to see you on January 18th as usual there will be no meeting in December.

The Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally was a blast. We wanted to thank everyone for their support, especially those who covered the work shifts, we couldn't do it without you!

Our new CC Rep is Donnie Lambeth, Thanks Donnie, we all appreciate your help, and we hope that you enjoy the job as much as Tommy did.

Speaking of Tommy I wanted to apologize for a misprint, when we put news of his passing in the newsletter it read that he had passed away quite expectantly, but it was supposed to say quite unexpectedly, I hope it didn't offend anyone especially any family members. I know if Tommy saw it he would say somethin' like HAAY! then shrug his shoulders, smile and with that twinkle in his eyes take another sip of his beer.

Then to top it off we had ordered some memorial patches for Tommy and somehow or another the wrong year was put on them, it should be 56 not 57. Some patches have been sold, new patches are on order so you can exchange them at the January meeting or later.

Member of FORR for 18 years J. D. Pitman, owner of USA Cycles in Camdenton passed away earlier this year. Also more recently too young Samantha Bartos. Our condolences to their families.

Lets hope winter goes as fast as the summer went! Look out for deer, they are everywhere!!!!

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.****Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369****Contact: 636-665-5004****TWO WHEELS**

Two wheels and a headlight we take to the road, one hand on the throttle that links to the soul, we pray that you see us and give us our space, we long for our freedom with gods saving grace, as we pull down our drive after our ride we thank you lord for one more ride!!!

"Be safe ride free"

Scott Stix McKenzie

**LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114****Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624**

Hello everyone! I hope this Press finds you all healthy and in good spirits! Even though winter is coming.

First and foremost, I want to apologize that we have not had any submissions in a few months! It is very important that everyone remembers it is Family first, then work and then FORR. I want to thank Sid for the past year of newsletter submittals that have kept us all informed and driven to do that thing that we do here!

Let me start by welcoming our newest members to Local 24 since Sept.: Jason Barbero, Eric Bowman, Jake Hamlet, John Declue, Don Donovan, Laura Eaton, Dan Green, Rose Kennedy, Aaron Madden, Andrew Mullins, Matthew Schroeder and Tommy Stevens. WELCOME ABOARD THE FREEDOM TRAIN!!! I look forward to meeting you all (if I haven't already) and standing beside you as we fight for our rights and our safety in our Capitol. Local 24 has gained 56 new freedom fighting members since June of this year! Keep up the great work everyone!!!!

Local 24 had 13 members representing us at this years Mid South M.I.L.E. it should come as no surprise that this local was the most represented in the state! We all attended many different seminars and gained a lot of knowledge that will help us all in our future endeavors as an SMRO. One of the seminars was the 3R's. Which talked about drinking and riding/ driving. By now Cal should have talked to us all at the Nov. meeting on this. He has taken the lead on a very great idea to help ensure the safety of us all in Local 24 when it comes to being intoxicated. If you have not already done so, I highly encourage you to sign up for the Local 24 "Life Pact". I thank you Cal Langford for taking the bull by the horns on this one!!! We are all bikers here, and many of us like to party and in doing so, may have too much to drink. The best way for us to ensure the safety of ourselves and the public is for us to "police" ourselves and prevent any tragedy from effecting our Framily and the families of others!

We have got some amazing folks that have taken over the reigns of Local 24 for 2014. During my tenure you have all been very active in your rights, and in the local! I know that you will all continue to make Local 24 the best damn local in Missouri, while being led by these awesome folks!

Our December meeting will be held on 12-17-2013. Immediately following this meeting we will have our Christmas party on site as we always do! We ask that everyone PLEASE bring a dish/ side dish! If you would like to play "Rob your Neighbor" be sure to bring in a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$10-\$15 marked Girl (if you are a girl) and Guy (if you are a guy).

I will be submitting the dates of upcoming events in the next issue, to include the dates of the bus trips to the Capitol! I pray that EVERYONE will find that they are able to have the time to take off of work if need be in order to attend at least one of these VERY VERY IMPORTANT DAYS!

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For the newer members that do not know: the Bus Trips are designed to get as many Freedom Fighting Bikers to the Capitol at one time, in order to impress upon our legislators just how important our way of life and our safety are to us!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL YOWELL
ON RECEIVING SUMMER IRON BUTT 2013!!!**

Upcoming Local 24 Events:

2nd Annual St. Patty's Day Massacre Dance - March 15, 2014

28th Annual Blessing of the Bikes - April 13, 2014

5th Annual Redneck Biker Golf - August 24, 2014

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. Aristotle

Treetop

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

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

Hello All,

Local 25 had a great turnout for our "Toy Run" on Oct. 27th. A big thank you to Rick Dozarth for being our Santa. We are also very grateful to Lieutenant Luetkenhaus and the other officers that came out to escort our ride. We collected 17 toys and \$595.00. Thank you to everyone for your support. Along with the toy run we had a chili cook off... The winners were; 1st Place - Chris "Girlfriend" Heitman; 2nd Place - Brian Lundy; 3rd Place - Lynne "Blinker" Adkins; and 4th Place - Jay Flagg. The Chili was awesome!

The nominations for our 2014 officers are:

President - Chad "Long Hair" Seng

Vice President - Tom "Hitman" Heitman; Marty Marko; Jay Flagg

Secretary - Pam Seng

Membership Sec. / Event Coordinator - Chris "Girlfriend" Heitman

Treasurer - Lynne "Blinker" Adkins

CC Rep / Legislative - Mark Roloff

Safety Officer - Susan Lockhart

Adopt -A-Shop - Debbie Singer

Newsletter Editor - Dale "Rascal" Covington

Voting will take place at the November Meeting.

Our upcoming events:

Local 25 Christmas Party will be on December 14th @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Hobo's in Old Town St. Peters. The Local will pick up the tab for each member's dinner bill. (members to purchase their own drinks) not sure you have renewed your membership? Contact Chris "Girlfriend" Heitman prior to this event and renew in order to be eligible.

Note: The date of December 7th was wrong in our November issue and also on our calendar.

Our Annual "Freeze Out Or Not Social Ride" will be on New Years Day January 1, 2014. We will be meeting at 11:00 am, kick stands up @ 1 pm. Last year was a frozen blast !!! Come out and freeze your _____ off with us.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Pam Seng for the outstanding job of getting me the info for the Newsletter. It makes things flow much more smoothly when I have accurate, timely, information prior to putting together the submission each month. Pam, you are truly a God Send !!!

Remember as always... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN !!!

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

A wintery welcome from Local 26



This will be the last report for a while with any of our previous months ride information. Autumn has arrived in Maryville and winter is not far behind. Our last two Eat&Ride's were postponed due to weather and we have no more scheduled for the remainder of the year. Weather gets too unpredictable this time of year. The last one

started clear and sunny and turned cloudy before we got more than a couple miles out of town. Fortunately the destination was fairly close, 30 mi., so we decided we could arrive between the scattered clouds and go home after it had passed. Good plan. Well, mostly. Caught up to a brief shower en route and got a little bit damp. That's why we wear gear this time of year. It was clear and moonlit on the ride home. Of course it was also in the low 40's and we had to dry off the bikes before we took off because it rain while we ate. Still, a good ride was had by the 6 of us that showed up in spite of the weather.

Last Sunday was our annual Toy Run. We need to work on that so we can improve it for next year. Had 18 people show up, less than that went to lunch, and there wasn't an organized ride to be had. The wife, a friend, and I went for a short ride following, but we hardly constitute a group ride. It was also somewhat shorter than we would have liked because of the wind advisory; that proved to be justified with 40 mph gusts. We need to improve turnout for next year. I'm used to seeing Toy Runs of 60+ bikes and stretching for over a mile going down the highway to the destination and letting people know about the good the motorcycling community does.

Enough kvetching about that, the riding season is almost officially over
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2014 FEW SEMINAR

January 11, 2014 will see a new chapter begin in the history book of Freedom of Road Riders. The 2014 FEW Seminar will be held at the American Legion in Jefferson City on this date.

This year's FEW falls at a time that could be considered a neutral period. The outgoing cabinet's term ends on December 31, 2013 at midnight but technically the incoming cabinet does not take the front table until January 12, 2014. That leaves this one day, January 11, as a time for the membership to embrace all that has gone before, the promises of a new beginning and the dreams of the future.

The entire premise of this event is built around the membership and what that membership considers important for the well being and continued growth of FORR. This will be a time to put aside harsh feelings and negative action in favor of reminding ourselves what brother and sisterhood truly means. This day will be a time of sharing ideas, listening to those we stand beside and educating ourselves to what is truly important in the fight for freedom. It will be an opportunity to step into the next chapter stronger and more dedicated to the goals envisioned by those who came before us. Ego and attitude will be left at the door in favor of honor and pride.

What is in a number? There seems to be much ado about membership numbers. There is some misconception that the low's and high's of these numbers determine a member's worth. A quality member is determined by their level of participation and dedication. Attendees will be asked to put their membership number on the name tags provided at the registration table. All participants in the scheduled programs will be sharing their membership numbers as a way of demonstrating it is not the number but the member that makes a difference. This is intended to show respect to all members both new and long term. Again, respect of the membership and their guests will be the rule of the day.

There is one simple rule for this event, The Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have done unto you. Respect, honor and the spirit of commitment will be theme for the day.

From the entire FEW committee we wish you all the very best during this holiday season and look forward to sharing this new chapter in Freedom of Road Riders' history.

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9:00-10:00 am	SIGN IN/REGISTRATION OPENING CEREMONY
10:00-10:45 am	FORR EVERY WOMAN HELEN WESSON
11:00-11:45 pm	RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE MEETING ROBERT'S RULES JOE WIDMER, BILL KAEMPKER, TAZ MOELLER, STEVE COMEAU
11:45-1:00 pm	DOOR PRIZE-LUNCH SLIDE SHOW
1:00-1:45 pm	3R'S TEX GARNER, ROY HOARD, DEANNA RHODES, CAL LANGFORD
2:00-2:45 pm	MEMBERSHIP BEGINNINGS MARTIN KING, RONDA FELTS, CAL LANGFORD DANNE ROBERTS (MAYBE)
3:00-3:45 pm	GREYBEARDS WHERE WE CAME FROM GREG MULLINAX, BL, TIP TIPTON, POMPEII & ?
4:00-5:00 pm	REFLECTIONS TERRY LEE COOK
5:00-6:00 PM	HAPPY HOUR LET THE GAMES BEGIN
6:00-CLOSE	BANQUET, AUCTION (BOTH SILENT & LIVE) GAMES & DUCK DERBY



in this area and what is left is going to be made hazardous because of harvest equipment and deer. Be on the lookout for both. They can surprise you and ruin your day. Plan ahead for your rides and make sure you have warm gloves/gauntlets, boots, and whether you wear leather or textiles, wear enough to protect you from the wind and the cold. Hypothermia can sneak up on you and slow your reactions and your judgement.

Now is also a good time to winterize your bike and make sure it will be ready on the first warm day that comes along. Battery tenders and trickle chargers are not the same. The tender will maintain your battery over the winter. The charger should only be used intermittently to freshen a charge; it will destroy your battery if left on continuously. Stabilize your fuel. The ethanol mandated for gas in Missouri will draw moisture over the winter if you don't and won't be good for your carbs or injectors. Changing your oil this time of year isn't a bad idea either. Used oil has some properties that aren't necessarily good for your engine to soak in for months at a time. It's also a good time to plan those upgrade and such you want. If you can't ride, you have time to wrench. Add those extra lights, put on those louder horns. Get the seat redone while you're not using it; these kinds of things. Check the tread on your tires. You have a couple months to watch for sales for the coming spring.

Safe journeys,
Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO

**For more info contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941
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We read recently of a band of thugs on motorcycles terrorizing a man and his family in an SUV. Many of us are troubled that this group of thugs are being referred to as "bikers" and from this tempest in a teacup there is a valuable lesson to be learned. Every moment you are on your bike you are representing this great brotherhood to

which we all belong, you are the only "biker" that some may ever meet.

We find ourselves at a turning point in the history of our organization, a time at which the general membership stands ready to take the reins and steer us collectively into the future. At a time when it would be far easier to withdraw from the fight, and tend to our personal needs, we see the general membership stepping forward to take on the awesome task of seeing our organization into the future, HOORAH for that kind of bravery! Let us ALL show that kind of courage and diligence by supporting the folks who take on these roles, by showing up to the FEW Seminar in January to truly participate in our small democracy, and ALWAYS by representing our brotherhood of bikers in all that we do every day.

While we understand that these are tough economic times, and the state level FORR needs to be properly funded to do its work, lets not penalize our locals for the charity rides and good will projects that they engage in and sponsor,... even if it seems they do these things over and above raising money for state level legislative activity. We firmly believe that the hearts and minds of the public and therefore lawmakers who seek the publics votes,... Are best won by displaying the depth of a BIKERS HEART,... and that is done through charity work, benefit rides, and helping our neighbors,... you cant buy that kind of PR in Jeff City at any price.

Let us begin to build up a membership that counts its registered voters and their reputation for good works as our greatest asset. From 2400+ members state wide, lets work to grow this group into a voting block that matters, rather than a cash cow that has been milked dry.

Heads up, wheels down and balls out my friends -Jack

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike Moeller 573-528-1528, Vice President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Shrine Club 573-774-5454

As the leaves start changing, it reminds us that the year is starting to come to an end. Our days start to get more hectic as we try to fit more things into less daylight hours. The time seems to be flying by at a faster pace. So, we try to schedule more meetings, events, rides, etc... into the remaining days. November always reminds me that we should stop our busy routines and reflect on what is important to us. Take a moment and look at the changing leaves on the trees. Stop the busy routine, reflect on the past year, and remember what is important in our lives. Go through the past year's events and decide what we liked, what we did not like, and what we will try to change for the following year. As members of FORR, we should take the time to reflect on our efforts legislatively since not much is going on now. We should praise ourselves for what worked well and start thinking about how to proceed for the following year. We should be thanking the past officers for their hard work and efforts and getting ready to welcome in the new officers. We should all be considering and preparing for what is next. What will our focus be? What will our agenda be? How are we going to prepare for and proceed with the new agenda? How can we make the FORR better and stronger? Remember that all of us standing together can be a voice for change!

Notes from this month's meeting:

Old Business:

The Haunted House was a huge success. One thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars will be given to the Shriner's Hospital. A big thank you needs to go out to all those who volunteered to setup, work the event, or perform the cleanup afterwards. We could not have done this without you!

New Business:

The Veteran's Day parade is coming up. Come on out and join the FORR in the parade. We plan on meeting at the Eagle Stop in St. Robert at 10:30 a.m., on 11 November.

The toy collection is scheduled for November 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come on out and join in the fun! Get with Larry Wheeler if you are interested in working a time slot. Remember, that the toys that are collected will be given to the Good Samaritan.

The Waynesville Christmas Parade will be held on 1 December. We will meet at Price Cutter's at 10:30 a.m. and ride together to get into the line. Afterwards, there will be a chili cook-off at the Shrine. Come on out and have some fun and enjoy some good food!!

A family has been selected from the local area to be sponsored for the Christmas holidays. Details of what is needed and desired will be posted on the Local 28 web site. Please bring your donations and gifts to the Toy Drop off on 7 December. The items will be delivered on that day, along with the donations that will go to the Good Samaritan.

Nominations were completed and the new officers were voted in. Larry Wheeler will be the new president. Steve Lincoln will be the new vice president. Merel Johnson is the new CC representative. Mike (Taz) Moeller is the new legislative representative. Shena Flick will be the secretary again. Debbie Johnson will be the treasurer again. Bill Calhoun will be the membership representative. Steve Sagi will be the safety officer. Congratulations to all of the new officers. Taz would like to ask everyone to come out to the meeting in December so that he can welcome in all of the new officers and say goodbye to everyone!

Congratulations goes out to Tommy Shaw. He won the incentive award and chose membership as his prize. It was decided that the slush fund would go to the Dorlac's to help pay for gas while Vicki is still in the hospital. If you would like to visit her in the hospital, get with Sue Miller or her husband for information about the hospital and her room. It was also decided to send her additional flowers as the ones that were originally sent could not follow her while she was in the ICU. Send her

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your prayers and well wishes so that she may recover soon!

For a complete listing of the minutes, please visit the web site at www.local28forr.com.

- We are looking for volunteers to work the Wal-Mart Toy Collection on 30 November 2013. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528.

- We are looking for someone to take the lead on organizing the ride for the Waynesville Christmas Parade on 1 December 2013. Please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528 if you are interested.

- If you want to reduce duplicate issues of the newsletter being sent to your home address, an email or letter needs to be sent to Dallas instructing her to do so. You can find this information in the newsletter or contact one of the officers for more information.

- If you have not received an email or a card indicating that your membership is due for renewal, please contact Glitter at membership@local28forr.com.

- If your birthday or anniversary has not been announced at the local meetings, and you would like it to be, please contact Glitter at the meetings or send her an email at membership@local28forr.com.

Check out the Local 28 FORR web site at <http://www.local28forr.com> or stop by and visit us on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150>

Upcoming Events:

- 11 November 2013 Veteran's Day Parade
- 30 November 2013 Wal-Mart Toy Collection
- 1 December 2013 Waynesville Christmas Parade
- 1 December 2013 Local 28 Chili Cook Off after the parade
- 6 December 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 7 December 2013 Toy drop off
- 7 December 2013 Local 28 Holiday party
- 31 December 2013 New Year's Eve party

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO

Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184

Facebook: FORR Local 29

Greetings! Local 29's September meeting was a split adventure. We had about an equal number of members at two separate locations, the American Legion Post 61 in Kansas City and the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City attending the Mid-South Mile.

First I will cover the regular meeting. The meal was provided by Richard and Connie Kephart. Those present had some delicious chili, cheese and crackers, and cherry dessert. It was announced that Ursula DeMoss won the District 4 Misfit award. Congratulations Ursula! The need to sell T-Shirt ads (\$100), Trophy sponsors (\$40), and program ads (\$25 to \$100) for the Mid-America Freedom Rally were discussed. If you can help with selling these please do so. It was voted for Local 29 to buy one of each. It was also voted to donate \$50 to help with the cost of the FORR booth at the Wide Open Bike Show in Kansas City. Our Safety Officer Don Jackson reminded us that this is the time of the year to watch out for wet leaves and deer. It was voted to share the responsibilities of the Synergy House Thanksgiving dinner with interested members of Local 47. Had she been present Martha Reeves would have won a \$30 membership incentive.

Seven Local 29 members and three doggies missed the September meeting because they were attending the Mid-South Mile in Oklahoma City. It was an excellent time as usual. There were several excellent seminars that we attended and among many other things we learned that the fight for motorcycle rights is a world-wide battle, not just a battle in the United States. Local 29 members helped put up the Missouri basket for the banquet and bought many things at the auction. There should be a

picture of the Missouri basket elsewhere in this fine publication. There is a color picture of the basket posted on the FORR Local 29 Facebook page along with pictures of the Missouri attendees.

As you are reading this it is probably around Thanksgiving. That means the Christmas season is upon us. I would like to leave you with this thought. If you are Jewish, tell me: "Happy Hanukkah". If you are Christian, tell me: "Merry Christmas". If you are African American, tell me: "Joyous Kwanzaa". If you don't prefer those, tell me: "Happy Holidays". No matter what you say I will not be offended. I will be thankful that you took the time to say something nice to me.

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

This is the time of year we, members of FORR, have the opportunity to show our communities what being a part of this family is all about. As I read through the most recent "Freedom Press", I noted a great deal of gearing up for holiday giving. Toy runs abound and with riders and gifts in troves we are able to display the hearts behind the faces. It's more than putting on your Santa hat. It's more than Gore-tex gloves. It's standing up for those who can't. It's suiting up for the cause. I watched as the Stone County toy run came to a close last month. Generations of FORR families coming together to share a meal, advocacy and fellowship. The poverty rate in Stone County is just under 20% (USDA Economic Research, 2011), which means one in five households qualify to receive state funded services: things like Medical services for the disabled and the kiddos, and food stamps for the families. The same state services leave the "extras" up to the public to provide for their friends and neighbors. I offer a genuinely heartfelt thank you to all of you throughout the state for toy runs that make it possible offer those friends and neighbors a brighter holiday.

And for Local 30 news...I'm happy to report that Local 30 has fifty-eight members, with nineteen in attendance at our October meeting. While it may not seem like much to groups with larger numbers, the percentage in attendance over-all remains pretty steady at approximately 30%. Feel free to join us for future meetings at Logan's Roadhouse on Battlefield Rd., the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm to eat and 7 pm to meet (yeah, I just wrote that). Our annual Christian County toy run was November 10th. As always, we asked nothing more than an unwrapped toy, coat or small monetary donation. All proceeds go to benefit families in Christian County. Local 30 will also be having our group Christmas party on December 7th at the Hangout (1906 E. Meadowmere) in Springfield at 7 pm, appetizer pot luck, and the band Samalama will provide entertainment. Any and all welcome to join us, it's always a great time.

Several of our members recently met to view a possible alternate location for 2014 Leather and Lace party. I believe the thought process is that we're hoping a slightly smaller location would allow better networking and chit-chat amongst the groups that attend. We'll keep you posted with any changes if they arise. Last but not least, nominations were made in October and our November meeting will bring an officer vote. Blessing and good vibes to those on a state level who continue to serve. Ride safe; Ride happy, Christine S.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location varies - call for info

Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or

Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385

Merry Christmas from Debbie & the rest of the gang.

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

I will start this submission with a little country boy wisdom my 96 year old grandpa taught me this summer. Never kick a fresh cow terd on a hot day. That wisdom could relate to many everyday situations.

Bo and I were not at the Oct. local meeting because we went to the Mid-South M. I. L. E. Sherry emailed me (and others) the minutes from the meeting. 2014 local officers were nominated. Election will be held at the Nov. meeting.

Upcoming event Dec. 15th Adopt-A-Family Dinner

If you need a holiday pick-me up the Adopt-A-Family dinner and the whole Adopt-A-Family project will give you a warm fuzzy. HA, HA, HE, HE, I said fuzzy.

Short report but that's all I've got. I refuse to make up stuff just to fill space.

Some people are like a barb wire fence, they all have they're good points.

Safe Travels

Cowboy Roy



LOCAL 33
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Christmas 2013

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****Members take turn hosting at their homes****Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6870**

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340**

Hope this finds everyone doing OK. Sorry I messed up and missed last newsletter.

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at Weatherby community room. Pot luck at 6:00 meeting at 7:00.

Hope every one enjoyed the fun run we had to get out and enjoy the changing colors of the leaves. I really enjoyed stopping at the nursing home and singing to all the residents. I can't wait till next month when we go Christmas caroling.

We have 32 members and according to my records we haven't had a new member in over a year, so this is the year we double in members. Without members we don't have a local and no one to

Fight for our motorcycle rights so get on board and be heard.

I was on my bike leaving the fairgrounds when a gal on a scooter pulled out ahead of me. She was wearing a halter top, shorts, and flip flops. Did I mention no helmet because she was on a 49cc scooter. I followed her for awhile trying to figure out why it was safe for her not to wear a helmet when I had to. I just couldn't see the difference, so I ran her off the road into a pole to see how safe she was. She suffered a concussion and had a tremendous amount of road rash. I guess 49cc isn't as safe as people think at 25 mph. They asked me what happened and I told them I didn't see her, it works for cars so I thought I'd try it and it didn't work for me. How was I to know that she was the wife of our prosecuting attorney. So I found out that 49cc is no safer than 1100cc and that vehicular assault is one heck of a charge.

SEE YOU IN 30 DAYS
STEMS

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO****Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164**

Watch out for those reindeer when riding. Merry Christmas!

LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am****Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)****Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497**

Have some egg nog for us!

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location**Happy Holidays!**DISTRICT 4****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

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

The District 4 Toy Run turned out very good. The Sunshine Center greatly appreciated all we brought for the less fortunately children. We even had folks drop off items for delivery, because they could not participate in the run. My thank you goes out to everyone..

Other than that, not much to report at this time, VERY IMPORTANT our LEGISLATIVE FUNDRAISER in January 2014 at the AMVET in Knob Noster. Watch for details on the Flyer. This will be another CROCK POT COOK OFF. Hope to see everyone there, sure was a lot of fun last year. Let us not forget the important F.E.W. Seminar on January 11th. Great opportunity for everyone to learn about members within our organization, district or local.

Make sure to check the FORR calendar for events and happenings. Attend as many as you can.

Would like to take a moment to remember all our fallen brothers, sisters and their families, and hope they found the strength during the Holiday Season to carry on (including myself).

In the same manner of speaking I would like to THANK everyone, who in some way stepped up and/or participated in ALL our events in 2013. Without you nothing would be possible.

PLEASE do NOT make excuses for not participating in our most important venue: to lobby for our rights, to regain our freedom....so that we can continue to enjoy what we all love to do, and that is to RIDE.

This is my LAST newsletter in the capacity of FORR District 4 Activity Chair. Taking great memories with me. It certainly was an honor to serve you in this capacity. Sure was a lot of fun, as well as learning. What an experience it was.....THANK you for this opportunity and GOOD LUCK to ????

Any questions and or suggestions? Feel free to contact me by phone or by e-mail at urs200396@yahoo.com.

Just remember that YOU are welcome to attend our meetings at any given time.

Ride hard, but safe
Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss



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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

TURNIP BLOOD

Q. Rod, my friend was in a bad motorcycle accident last memorial day on Highway 65 just outside of Indy, he was sideswiped by a woman going in the same direction, causing him to lose control of his bike, he went down at 65 mph. His hospital stay was lengthy, and bills from that amounted to around \$500,000.00. The woman that caused the accident only had state minimum insurance of \$25,000.

After contacting a lawyer, my friend was told that suing the woman would be futile since you can't get blood from a turnip. He is now stuck with the total amount of bills, with more coming from the radiologist, therapist etc. all the time. My question is, does he have an alternate way to get these bills off his back? Can he sue this woman, her insurance company? He has not signed off on any insurance. Steve Forrester, ABATE of Indiana member.

A. Steve. Sorry that your friend is having these problems. It is true that most people who carry minimal insurance limits do not have money or a way of paying for the damages they have caused. If your friend gets a judgment, the debtor usually files bankruptcy, and garnishing poor people is usually pointless. Your friend should investigate the assets of this lady before he signs a release and takes the limits. His lawyer will know how to do that search, if not have him call us. The internet is a good cheap tool for that investigation. Hate to use the "B" word - bankruptcy, but he should look into all of his options. He may be able to negotiate a minimal amount of payment on the hospital bills and avoid "B". His lawyer would know best. Ride safe, Rod.

BALL STATE BLOWING SMOKE AND MOTORCYCLISTS

Catch this - Ball State and some other colleges prohibit smoking anywhere on campus. This includes streets and alleys, so if you are riding your Harley on campus with a lit stogie - fine city.

I don't smoke so this rule doesn't affect me directly, but at some point in time the rule makers look silly. Hard to imagine that smoking a cigar in second gear running 20 mph should be on the list of barred activities on college campuses. With the proliferation of rules, someday it will be easier to tell us what we can do versus what we can't.

LEAD A RIDE, OR HOW TO GET SUED WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Three Golden Rules

Q. I have been asked to lead a ride for the local veterans group charity. What should I say to the participants of this ride and can I get sued if something bad happens during the ride? I want to do this, but I would like to know how much trouble I can get into if things do not go as planned.

- ABATE of OHIO member

A. The normal tendency of most experienced riders is to help those with less experience. Regarding the rules for a ride, the following is a good guideline to keep you out of the courthouse and from getting sued. You should assume that all riders have been adequately trained by the state that has issued them a license to ride. We all know people who can't walk well, don't drive a car well and even more that don't ride well. Our instinct is to try and help the gyroscopically challenged. However, before a ride is exactly the wrong time to start giving instructions on how to ride. Remember, it is the state's job to do that with trained instructors. There is a rule of law that places liability on your shoulders if you ASSUME a duty, a duty you may not have had under the law, and then fail to perform that ASSUMED duty properly. So, if you assume a duty of providing additional rules and riding instructions for the ride, you may have just set yourself up for a lawsuit, if they can claim your instructions were inadequate or just plain wrong. Remember, all you need to get sued is a lawyer with very little to do with a client that has a filing fee.

Here are the three commandments for ride leaders that will best keep you out of the courthouse and away from the process server jockey.

1. Rely on and assume that the riders are trained and skilled. After all, the state has sprinkled holy water on them and provided them a license/endorsement to ride a motorcycle.
2. Reaffirm the obvious -- all riders are to follow the rules of the road and to obey all laws. Don't make up any new ones. Common sense is your key to safety. The riders on the ride are the ones that have to use it.
3. Make sure all riders know the road that is being taken to the destination. Map quest takes it off you -- use it. If the ride is escorted by the law, put it in their hands and off your shoulders. And do not offer to shut down intersections. Most states have big fines for this action. Only cops should perform that task.

P.S. Check your homeowners insurance policy. You may have coverage under that policy as a volunteer for a not-for-profit organization like a veterans group. That may be nice to know if you get sued, so call your agent. Also read Jay Jackson's advice below and memorize it.

ESCORTING UNESCORTED RIDES

This question and answer comes to us from Jay Jackson, Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana. We thought this was good information to pass along.

Q: We have tried to get our police department to help us as escorts for our bike runs and as road guards, but they claim they are too busy and that we need to find off-duty officers who will volunteer. We haven't had any luck.

We inquired about us being able to take a course to train us to be certified road guards to take pressure off cops and free them for more important things. There is no class in New Mexico but we were told if we establish a curriculum the state will help us establish a class.

My question is are there any other states that have such a class and if so, could you share information about your class with me?

- Annette, NM

A: I am not aware of any state that allows for anyone other than law enforcement to escort a procession that can disregard traffic control. Even parades can get a little weird. Some states have a provision in their code that allows for funerals, but are usually pretty specific with regard to who can conduct the escort. In addition, in some states, it is a felony to block traffic at an intersection to allow the ride to pass through. What you have been told is pretty common across the country, especially in larger cities. Police departments used to conduct funeral escorts and they also used to help people that locked their keys in their car. Hardly any departments (maybe a few small towns) do either of these any more. Most of the larger rides are forced to "hire" off-duty law enforcement to organize escorts. The going rate is about \$100 per officer (that's per intersection if they are blocked for any real length of time) and generally about \$500 for someone to perform administration (apply for permits and schedule the individual cops).

I hate to be saying this, but I would suggest seeking legal counsel before having your members "play cop" either with, or without, any sort of training. If there is an "incident" and anyone other than recognized law enforcement is "in charge" the whole event or organization could be liable. I was part of an event that had an off-duty cop, out of his jurisdiction, on his own bike that was helping us out. After about 10 minutes at this particular intersection a car got tired of waiting, pulled around two other cars and drove into the intersection collecting three bikes in the process resulting in serious injury to several riders. All kinds of people got named in that lawsuit and it was indeed a learning experience.

Except for the biggest rides where we bite the bullet and pay as much as \$5,000 - \$10,000 for off-duty cops, we've taken to having destination rides where people travel in small groups (3-8) obeying traffic laws and just meet at the end rather than have one massive group.

Life sure was a lot easier in the old days. Good Luck.

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Jay Jackson

WHITE CASTLE - GOOD FOOD, BUT EVEN BETTER TO MOTORCYCLISTS

May 23, 2010 was a bad day for Sharon and Tim Duncan. She and her husband were motorcycling down a state highway when a Ford truck forgot to yield the right-of-way and changed their lives forever. That truck pulled directly into their path as they were traveling the speed limit, 55 mph, so you can imagine what happened next. Sharon remembers waking up at the hospital in intensive care days later with more broken bones than you can count. Her White Castle team members were all around her bed holding hands. One is a part time minister and that was just the beginning of White Castle involvement.

Digressing, Sharon did not have a lot of formal education when she first started with White Castle - part time, 23 years ago, but she is smart and a quick learner. Even though her company provided good medical benefits, how was she and Tim to pay the bills and the mortgage as both were laid up in the hospital with life altering injuries? Healing and surviving is one thing, losing your home and all you have worked for in your life is another. She loved her work and the opportunity the company provided. They were good to her, but she had no idea how good they were going to be. Even though Sharon was laid up for months, White Castle continued her salary as if she worked every day. What company does that today? In today's world of companies telling its employees how to live - i.e. can't ride to work; health insurance won't cover motorcycle injuries, it is refreshing to see a company that allows its employees to enjoy the fabric of American life.

Today, Sharon is the Manager of the White Castle next to Lucas Oil Stadium and proclaims that she will be with White Castle for as long as they will have her. She has recovered - kind of, sort of - but says Tim still whines, but explains that he is a whiner - that all men are whiners, so he is doing OK.

Ride Safe & Free,

Rod Taylor

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Connections



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Releases its Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2013-2014

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At the 2013 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Columbus, Ohio, the MRF's Legislative Committee hosted a Legislative Strategy Session. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. We welcomed several representatives from our Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations as well. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2013 Meeting of the Minds to the 2014 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance and an increased participation over last year. The MRF Legislative Committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our SSMRO partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be effectively employed by our Government Relations Department and our SSMRO partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states. Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The MRF Legislative Committee continued the practice instituted three years ago of recording one vote per SSMRO in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in the upcoming issue of the MRF Reports. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President, Jay Jackson, with support from MRF Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, and MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- MAP 21 upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) - To include Motorcycle 2010 Grant Funding (the MRF to pursue the current levels of funding along with a request to tighten up language for qualification and use), continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying Ban, pursue reinstatement of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA, oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill; closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; seek to include HR1861 language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding
- SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Test - The MRF to NOT promote the use of the SAE Sound Test as a National enforcement standard, majority considered this a state issue
- Continue to closely monitor the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other developing health care law for motorcyclist specific discrimination
- NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program - MRF to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, HR1861 has been introduced to accomplish this, encourage states to pass their own anti-checkpoint laws
- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources-again deemed to be a state issue
- Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving, and oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists, watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language
- Right to Repair Act - MRF to remove this as an agenda item citing significant progress, the MRF's D.C. Office will continue to monitor and

participate in the Right to Repair Coalition as warranted

- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify
 - MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
 - MRF to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this session
 - Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada
 - MRF to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
 - MRF to encourage additional federal research of E15 fuel related to use in a motorcycle prior to any recommendations; continue to seek recommendations on its use from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers, MRF and SSMRO's agreed to pursue passage of HR875
 - MRF to actively pursue inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) emerging technologies
 - Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in the discussion
 - Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of House Resolution 1498 urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
 - MRF to pursue limiting of funding of Center for Disease Control (CDC) on their involvement in motorcycling safety issues through a relevant appropriations bill, pursue CDC lobby ban, seek to remove language where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events, MRF to continue to support efforts to refocus the CDC on their mission as stated in the letter from Congressman Petri to the CDC on September 27th, 2013
 - MRF to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars
 - MRF to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission, respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars
 - MRF to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated Affordable Health Care Act for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination
 - MRF to monitor the EPA for upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates
 - MRF to support the Black Box Protection Act, HR2414, to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data
 - While the MRF believes strongly in crash prevention and avoidance, if a crash does occur we support the development of a motorcycle specific training module for Emergency Medical Services, Technicians, and 911 Dispatch personnel, we believe the increased training should be required of all new EMT's as well as those seeking re-certification
 - MRF to research fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds
 - Federal Agency Motorcycle Design Standards - MRF to oppose non motorcycle manufacturer mandated specific design standards
- With the current U.S. Congress, combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the MRF Legislative Committee strongly encourages our SSMRO partners and our MRF members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with their U.S. House of Representative and U.S. Senate Members as an immediate priority. If your SSMRO needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of Congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the MRF office at 202-546-0983 or Jeff@mrf.org. We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker lobby day event in Washington D.C., Bikers Inside the

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Beltway, on Thursday May 15th, 2014. See our website at www.mrf.org for more details.

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Congress Limp Back to Work

With the shutdown over, Congress is literally limping back to work. The House of Representatives is working on the other side of the Hill and the U.S. Senate has decided to give themselves one more week of vacation. During the government shutdown both bodies of Congress missed a recess period. The House opted to stick to the schedule, but the Senate decided it needs the missed recess week so they are adjourned until next week.

Representative Tom Petri (WI) has drafted a letter to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) asking them to cease their meddling with motorcycle safety. As previously reported here, the CDC did a weak reconfiguring of some other tired studies done by other government agencies.

The letter is being held until November 1st when it will be sent to the CDC director. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is asking you to contact your Member of the House of Representatives to ask them to cosign the Petri CDC motorcycle letter.

The text of the letter is below and the CDC response will be printed here when it is received.

Dr. Thomas Frieden
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Frieden:

We are writing to express our concern about activities of the CDC regarding motorcycle safety, in particular the Motorcycle Safety report, which focuses on pressuring states to pass universal helmet laws.

The issue of transportation and motorcycle safety has been studied extensively by agencies within the Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board. These agencies have transportation professionals who are experienced in this area. The extensively footnoted report seems to be little more than a compilation of work that other agencies have done, and with questionable conclusions. For example, the report states that motorcycle-related deaths have

increased by 55 percent since 2000. But nowhere in the report is it mentioned that motorcycle registrations have also increased substantially since 2000. The report also notes that 41 percent of motorcycle operators and 50 percent of motorcycle passengers who died in 2010 were not wearing a helmet - which seems to indicate there were more deaths with helmets than without. It would seem to follow that 59 percent of motorcycle operators and 50 percent of passengers who died in 2010 were wearing a helmet. Interesting, but what is the conclusion we should reasonably draw from these figures?

Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimers and a host of other conditions and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government.

Sincerely,

Illinois State Legislature Puts the Heat on Congress

Both the Illinois State House and Senate have resolutions before them urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 875, a bill to require scientific testing of the fuel blend E-15. At the specific request of ABATE of Illinois, Senators Mike Jacobs and Linda Holmes have sponsored Senate Resolution 634 along with Representatives Kay Hatcher and Tomas Morrison who sponsored identical legislation known as House Resolution 524.

The measures are non-binding but send a clear message to Washington D.C. that something needs to be done to address the problematic issues associated with the new, higher level of ethanol blends. This is resounding especially coming from a State like Illinois where the local economy highly depends on the sale of corn.

H.R. 524 and S.R. 634 are great examples of what can be done at the State level to combat the effects of a nationwide problem.

When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the waiver that allowed for the sale of E-15 they did no testing on the power train of the motor, only the tailpipe emissions. Failing to test the effects of the blend on nothing else has resulted in manufactures refusing to do any warranty repair on any motorcycle that has run E-15 though it.

H.R. 875, the Sensenbrenner bill, would force the EPA to conduct an independent study on all of the effects of the E-15 blend on internal combustion engines and at the same time halt the sale of the blend to avoid any further damage to the fleet.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank ABATE of Illinois for their support in working to get H.R. 875 passed.

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AMA shifts into higher gear to prohibit E15

In an effort to prohibit the availability of E15, a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume, the American Motorcyclist Association supports U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte's (R-Va.) H.R. 1462, the RFS Reform Act of 2013. The bipartisan bill would amend the Renewable Fuel Standard to recognize market conditions and realities. It would also prohibit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from allowing the introduction into the marketplace of gasoline containing greater than 10 percent of ethanol by volume. In other words, E15 would no longer be permitted if this legislation becomes law.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available.

In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

This new legislation would help protect the 22 million motorcycle and ATVs in the country – and the riders who depend on their safe operation – from inadvertent misfueling.

Preventing these inadvertent misfuelings has been one of the AMA's top priorities due to the fact that motorcycles and ATVs aren't designed to run on ethanol fuel blends higher than 10 percent, and many older machines favored by vintage enthusiasts may have problems with any ethanol in the fuel. In fact, simply using fuel with blends of ethanol over 10 percent could void a vehicle manufacturer's warranty, potentially leaving motorcyclists with thousands of dollars in additional repair costs. We need your help to pass H.R. 1462. You can send a prewritten email to your representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information. The AMA encourages riders to personalize their messages by drawing on their own personal riding experiences.

Please join the AMA to help us fight for safe access to fuel. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and

in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.

Congressional letter aims to adjust ethanol mandate to prevent possible E15-related engine damage

U.S. Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Jim Costa (D-Calif.), Steve Womack (R-Ark.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) are taking the lead in preventing possible E15-related engine damage by sending a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to urge a "fair and meaningful nationwide adjustment to the ethanol mandate in the Renewable Fuels Standard. Prompt action by the EPA can help ... prevent engine damage."

The EPA has one tool that can provide immediate relief from the RFS, which was created in 2005 with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and expanded in 2007 with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Currently, the RFS mandates 36 billion gallons of biofuels by 2022. The law gives the administrator of the EPA flexibility to reduce the required volume of renewable fuels in any year. By reducing the ethanol mandate in the RFS, E15 --a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume-- will less likely be available in the marketplace.

The American Motorcyclist Association has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available. This congressional letter would help protect the 22 million motorcycle and ATVs in America – and the riders who depend on their safe operation – from inadvertent misfueling.

The deadline for signatures on this congressional letter is Monday, Oct. 28! Act today to ensure your representative signs.

To urge your representative to sign on to the congressional letter, just follow the "Take Action" option to send a prewritten email directly to your lawmaker demanding access to safe fuel.

Please join the AMA to help us fight for safe access to fuel. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.

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816-709-3618

7 Local 16 SEMO Christmas Dance 573-768-2534

15 Local 33 50 Hwy West Adopt-A-Family Dinner 660-441-0625

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11 Central Committee F.E.W. Seminar 800-309-7433

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