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Hello to all!

As you read this we will already have started our Capitol Crusader Days beginning of this month, we will be getting ready for Lincoln



Days in St. Charles the end of this month, back to the Capitol for another round of Capitol Crusader Days to turn right around and work Demo Days in Hannibal (damned bikers! Can't get rid of 'em!!! That's what they'll be saying in the elevators at the Capitol by the 2nd week of March, I can practically promise you this) I don't care what they say about you "East Coast peeps", I truly appreciate you stepping up and making Lincoln Days transpire, and Local 13...I am very excited to meet/work/visit with. I am VERY grateful of you taking Demo Days under your wing and making it happen.

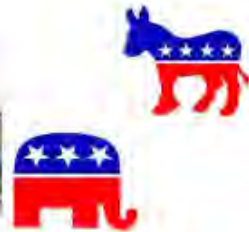
Bills we will be keeping an eye on are as follow: HB1217; HB1332; HB1265; HB1379; HB1540; HB1558; HB1581; HB1626; HB1720; HB1722; SB738; SB637; SB678; and SB720. I did not want to take up too much space in explaining each bill, but will give you direction (and power!) to locate and read these bills yourself.

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Other than that, please feel free to call or e-mail me with questions/concerns/comments/suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Cashell

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05 South KC
14 Independence
23 North KC
33 Hwy 50 West
35 Golden Valley
46 Greater KC



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To All Locals

As of 2/1/10

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Local	Last Report
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Freedom Rally - 9/09	
RFTW	- 12/09

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Central Committee Meeting #181
January 10, 2010

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman Mark Chapman, Vice-Chairman Martin King, Corporate Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer Susan-Harris-Rohde, Product Line Managers Keith and Shirley Cronin, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Cashell, Webmaster Larry Scott, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. by reading the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman Chapman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	73	1 Vote	Larry Scott
Tri County	Local 03	15	1 Vote	ABSENT
Jacks Fork-Summerville	Local 04	28	1 Vote	Mark House
South Kansas City	Local 05	61	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	125	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	44	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	190	2 Votes	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	130	2 Votes	Joe Kempker
Joplin	Local 11	73	1 Vote	Ron Hurlhut
Glasgow	Local 12	71	1 Vote	ABSENT
Mexico	Local 13	115	2 Votes	Mark Holliman
Independence	Local 14	23	1 Vote	ABSENT
Branson	Local 15	290	3 Votes	Skyler McWilliams
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	107	2 Votes	Doug Pfeiffer
Springfield	Local 18	22	1 Vote	Jim Scheele
Kirksville	Local 19	192	3 Votes	Darek Fowler
Dexter	Local 20	27	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	18	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
St. Louis	Local 24	53	1 Vote	Steve Comeau
St. Peters	Local 25	52	1 Vote	Tony Shepherd
Maryville	Local 26	71	1 Vote	ABSENT
Sac-Osage	Local 27	65	1 Vote	Ty Cashell
Waynesville	Local 28	337	4 Votes	Phil McCombs
North Kansas City	Local 29	113	2 Votes	Ronda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	87	1 Vote	Randall Owens
Rolla	Local 31	35	1 Vote	Marty Craft
Bootheel	Local 32	48	1 Vote	ABSENT
Highway 50 West	Local 33	104	2 Votes	Sam King
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Bethany	Local 40	7	0 Vote	ABSENT
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	36	1 Vote	ABSENT
Franklin County	Local 42	106	2 Votes	Georgia Haley
Greater K.C.	Local 46	35	1 Vote	Gary Maddox
Members at Large	Local 00	94	0 Vote	
Total		2911	January 1, 2010	
Corporate Sponsors		14	0 Vote	

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

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

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

Chairman Chapman reported Locals 40, 2, 32 will be closing due to lack of participation. We have not received anything officially from these locals, but have received phone calls that they are closing. We do have a new local in Lincoln County, Local 23 that will become official at the next Central Committee meeting.

Motion to by Local 24, that the minutes from the November Central Committee meeting be approved as printed, 2nd Local 8, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

MEMBERSHIP - Trophy for largest percentage of growth in a local presented to Local 24. They had a percentage growth of 2,600%. Total memberships processed November and December, 74 new members, 240 renewal members, 17 life members. Total membership 2,911. Decrease

of 58 members since last report. Effective 2/1/10 if a local membership secretary wants to receive a pdf of their current membership roster in even numbered months, please submit an emailed request to go@forr.net.

TREASURER – Susan Harris Rohde introduced herself as the new corporate treasurer. General fund ending balance \$13,142.13, PAC ending balance \$24,365.34, Rider Education \$12,068.66, Homecoming ending balance \$9,980.05, Freedom Park \$1,075.05. Bike give a way \$11,078.14. Few seminar profit \$645.48 just on the event, total profit with donations \$6,465.00. Please send financial reports to the PO Box listed in the Freedom Press. Awards presented to the following locals for timely submission of financial reports: Local 31, 29, 27, 24, 20, 18, 16, 4, 42, 41, 35, 33, District 4, District 2, District 1, Local 32, 30, 28, 26, 21, 19, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 1. Awards presented to the following locals who met their recommended state donations: Local 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, 28, 31, 35, 42. The local that gave the highest amount for 2009 was Local 15. If any locals believe they made their contribution amounts but were not recognized, please contact Dallas. Local 12 supporter pins were omitted from the order and will be obtained. All other supporter pins were distributed. Locals 5, 16 and 33 met their state contribution but were omitted from the award certificates.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Local 24 thanked for hosting the hospitality room last night. Engineer of Freedom Awards were presented to Local 28, Larry Wheeler and Local 18, Jim Scheele. Local 24 requested that Pinky receive a replacement Engineer of Freedom patch as hers has been lost. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 25 that a replacement patch be given to Pinky, motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Homecoming – We have discussed the possibility of relocating the event in the future and also moving the date of the event. Right now we have not been able to locate a new location. We have talked with the Shrine Club about moving the date and shortening the event. The cost to move the date or shorten the event will stay the same. However if we move the date off the holiday weekend we are going to have problems with some of our key workers being unable to get off work the weekend before the holiday weekend. The committee discussed the matter and we simply do not see how we can move the event to the weekend before. The committee suggests that we open the gates at 10:00 on Friday and close at 10:00 am on Sunday. Discussed possibility of hiring a bigger name band on Saturday. The idea is to get people in the gate and this may be a way to draw from the local military base and local community. By having the bigger name band we will pretty much be breaking even on band costs by cutting out the additional band on Sunday. This will be a trial for us. Motion by Local 42 that we shorten the event but keep it on Labor Day weekend 2nd Local 10, motion carries by voice vote with two opposed. Discussion about whether everyone will be expected to leave at 10:00 on Sunday. Chairman Chapman said he can not speak for the Shrine Club but FORR's involvement with the event will end at 10:00 on Sunday. After that time there will be no security or events put on by FORR. Request from the CC floor that the committee talk with the Shriners about whether it will be possible for people to stay over Sunday night into Monday just for camping etc. Suggestion that we extend the time until 6 on Sunday however, by doing this people will be drinking throughout the day on Sunday and then leaving the park and driving. The field events will be on Saturday and will be handled by CMA. We will have to do some shifting of times, etc. to accommodate the shortened schedule. We are still going to offer the group rate to any groups over 50. They will be entitled to come in at member price for the entire group, but will have to pre-register for this discount. We will have the same t-shirt person as last year so the worker shirts will be done on site. She will be working on the designs for the event shirt and worker shirts and should have those done by the next CC meeting. We are looking for a mascot or something that would designate the event and be carried over from year to year. If anyone has any ideas please present them to the committee.

BUFR Run - Georgia Haley– May 2nd is the date. Meet at the Katy Trail park and leave at noon. Leaving park parade style to the capital. Everyone will be responsible for setting up their own group meeting area and getting the sign in sheets completed. Committee meeting on January 17th in Fayette. There will be a flyer out shortly. FORR will take care of providing insurance which will cover FORR only. ABATE will have to provide their own insurance. Tony Shepherd asked that as people get together to ride in to the event please have a release form at the starting point signed by everyone and then turn the sheets in at the Katy trail meeting area. Working on an exit route when leaving the capital that would take us by the Governor's mansion and around Jefferson City which will help us avoid heavy traffic. This will be a helmet required ride. This is not a helmet protest ride. This ride is about promoting motorcycling.

Awards presented to the following Locals for attendance at all six CC meetings in 2009: Local 10, 12, 15, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 41, 5, 6, 8, 7.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Cashell introduced herself as our new legislative coordinator. We have pre-filed, HB1217, helmet modification bill filed by Gary Dusenber. We have not pre-filed this bill in the Senate. We are watching HB1332, the stunt riding bill, this was filed by Rep. Rorda. The language for this bill has been cleaned up to state both hands removed from the handlebars and it now defines what the frame is. We do not anticipate this bill going anywhere this year. Based upon this FORR is not going to support nor come out openly against this bill at this time. Katherine stated that she is reporting frequently to the PAC committee for their expertise and experience in what FORR stands for before making any decisions about issues. If there is any action taken on this bill, we may change our stance in the future. We have an excellent new government relations specialist in Matt Hill who is at the capital every day and is actively working on our issues. Lincoln Days February 26-28, in St. Charles at the Embassy Suites. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between the local officers, membership and legislative team so please make sure your contact information is kept current or if you are not receiving legislative information and would like to receive it please contact Katherine.

One of the big disadvantages with the helmet modification bill is the false information that is being distributed about motorcyclists not being insured, not being gainfully employed, etc. Katherine stated that in her opinion most motorcyclists are professional working individuals who carry better insurance coverage than the average car driver. With the permission of the Central Committee she would like to start a poll on our website to give us some facts about insurance coverage carried by the average motorcyclist. General consensus is to go ahead with the poll.

Status regarding education and awareness issue in the schools. There are no bills filed at this time. Our primary focus this year regarding this issue is going to be the gathering of information, working on getting the opinions of education leaders, legislators etc about returning drivers ed to the schools and determining the cost associated with actually doing this.. We have actually had some individuals tell us that education does no good in reducing fatalities. Everyone encouraged to speak with their local school boards about their feelings in getting driver education back into the schools with a motorcycle driver awareness portion included. We may want to consider requiring both the children and the state to contribute to the

cost of this event. The state highway patrol currently only has six of the driver simulators. This is not sufficient to cover all of the school districts in the state. We need to find out across the state what school districts are offering driver's education, how many licensed instructors there are across the state and how those districts are funding their programs.

AMA – Tony Shepherd – The AMA is working at the national level on the health insurance bill to ensure that motorcyclists' rights are protected in this legislation. Everyone needs to read these bills and contact their own federal reps and senators. They are also working on the lead and children issue to allow for the exemption of small bikes from the lead requirements.. Switzerland has been working on a zero tolerance for roadway fatalities and haven't been able to come up with anything to stop people from speeding or taking other risky behaviors. Even extremely high fines have not curtailed speeding violators. In the state of Oregon all off highway vehicles operators under 16 must be restrained when operating an off road vehicle. Helmets mandated for youths under 18. The actions taken in another state can effect what happens in this state. Illinois is going to require headlights on at all times for all motor vehicles. Minnesota had a significant drop in motorcycle and other on road vehicle fatalities. They are not sure why these drops have taken place. They have a lot of good education and awareness programs in place but are trying to determine if these programs are the reason why they have seen the drop. It is up to the membership of FORR to contact their reps and senators about what is required to protect our young drivers and turn Missouri around so that we are no longer leading the nation in young driver fatalities.

MRF – Wayne "Tip" Tipton – www.mrf.org is the website for the MRF. The MRF is currently working hot and heavy on HR1587 to exempt motorcycles and ATV's from the lead and children requirements. If you are concerned about being able to buy small bikes for your children or grandchildren you need to join the MRF and contact your federal legislator. HR1252, HIPPA, The MRF is also working on the right to repair legislation HR2057 which would require manufacturers to make specialty tools and manuals available to individuals and the small mom and pop businesses. Last year FORR sent a delegation to Washington DC to help lobby with the MRF on these issues. We may want to consider including this type of activity in the legislative budget each year. An individual, local or organization can become a sustaining member of the MRF for \$100.00 per year. He encouraged every local in FORR to become a sustaining member.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson was unable to attend today's meeting due to a family medical issue. The class dates have been set for the Jefferson City site. These dates will be put on the website in the near future. The Trenton and Kirksville dates will be available shortly. There is a sponsor meeting taking place on 1/20 in Warrensburg. MAY Rally will be April 27th. Deanna and Doug are working together on this event. There will be a flyer available shortly on this safety rally.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Norris. There needs to be a committee established to help with the motorcycle awareness issues. As we need to sit down and develop a specific plan of what we want to do. MAY Rally will be handled by Deanna with Doug's assistance. Katherine and Matt are working on getting speakers together for the MAY Rally. This is an important rally to kick off the month of May as Motorcyclist Awareness and You. DOT has been contacted about getting motorcyclists included in the awareness signs but so far we have not received a response to that request. Members need to contact their local city hall or city engineer about including motorcycles in their bicycle awareness signs. Flyers for the MAY CC meeting should be available in February for inclusion in the March newsletter.

Chairman Chapman stated that Deanna has requested that she have access to the general membership email list so that she can send out information to the membership about awareness issues. Motion by Local 24 that we allow MAC to have access to the general email roster, 2nd Local 28, motion carries unanimously.

PRODUCT LINE - Keith Cronin. New sweatshirts are available. Black and gold decals and some other items are of limited numbers. License plate /picture frames are available. Local 1 has 30th anniversary patches for \$3.00 each. Local 46 has metal keychains. Local 25 has Ride FORR Ever patches. Local 11 has yard signs for motorcycle awareness. Local 15 is looking for a way to modify the winged wheel sign that used the half tire to make it not so bulky to hang or move. Local 33 has sweatshirts.

NEWSLETTER - As of January 1st the general office is handling the newsletter. Please keep in mind that there is a learning curve in any new job so this first one may be a little rough around the edges. There should not be any time delays in getting the newsletters to the membership. Office manager Chapman will be talking with the publisher about deadlines and possibly trying to push this deadline back a little bit. However for right now the 5th will continue to be the deadline for submissions.

WEBMASTER – Larry Scott introduced himself as the new FORR Webmaster. Chairman Chapman has a pretty good plan of attack for the website. We have moved the site to a new hosting site. The new site has an unlimited size and will allow us to do some new things, such as setting up a members only area, posting all of the minutes from the past CC meetings and also posting a rolling 12 month Freedom Press. Please do not submit event flyers or information to Larry directly. The event information needs to be sent to the General Office and it will be distributed from there. Eventually the general office will be able to do general updating like flyers etc. The change over to the new site has caused the site to be unstable or down for a couple of days but it should be fully up and running now.

INSURANCE/EVENTS – Bob Hawkins. Bob reported that so far it has not created a problem but it is a problem waiting to happen. One of the underwriters for the company that we have is also a rider and member of HOG. She is concerned about the fact that many of our poker runs use bars as the stopping points for the run. The person that participates in the run signs a waiver, but the family does not sign the waiver. Therefore if someone should be involved in an alcohol related accident, the family would be able to go back against FORR for having the run stop at locations that serve alcohol. Therefore we are respectfully asking locals to not have their poker runs stop at bars or at the very least limit it to the last stop being at a bar. Hopefully we will not see any increase in our insurance premium or at the very least only a small increase when our policy renews in April.

Office Manager Chapman stated that for the most part 2009 events have been reconciled. Locals 3, 13, 14, 41 still have outstanding event documents. It is very important for locals to submit their event releases, incident reports, etc. in a timely manner. One of the requirements for the Statewide Toy Run is that locals that want to participate must submit an event sanction form, however this year several locals did not submit the

proper paperwork. Also, if you have an incident at an event please submit the incident/ accident report to the general office as soon as possible, even if there is missing information. Then submit the missing information as soon as it is available. Suggestion that locals include a rain date on the sanction form and then as long as you contact the general office the day of the event and let it be known the event is being postponed to the rain date you will have coverage for the rain date. You must designate the start and stop points for all events on the sanction form. You also need to obtain property waivers for the start and stop points or obtain additional insured coverage for these sites.

FEW SEMINAR – JR DeGraffenreid. Local 7, 10, 13, 16, 24, 25, 30, 31, 33, 35, 42, Abate Missouri, Mid America Freedom Rally and District 4 recognized for their donations to help put on the seminar. We put out last year that for each \$100.00 donated to the event you received one chance, up to a total of five chances to win a 7 course meal fed by the corporate officers at the 2010 Homecoming. Up to 25 members from Local 7 will be fed by the corporate officers at the 2010 Homecoming. This will be done early evening on Saturday night. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success.

At the last meeting we announced we were looking for a new location for the event because of problems with the Michigan Place. Bill Kempker jumped on board and helped us find a new place for next year. We will be at the American Legion Post 5 which is across the highway from the hotel. We have had a lot of people asking if we can have Ross & Rotten back again. Consensus is that we want them back if we can get them. Seminar content is being worked on. We will be continuing with the leadership program by helping people get over their fear of speaking in front of a group. We will also be having a motorcycle awareness class to help with the safety end of the program. The third seminar is still being worked on. Local 8 has already stepped up and made a donation of \$500.00. Remember donations from locals go towards your state donation. This seminar is being put on for the membership, so if anyone has any ideas for future seminars please share them. We will be needing auction items for the Meeting of the Minds and Mid South MILE. This year the Meeting of the Minds basket will kind of have a theme. If you can come up with anything airplane oriented please start bringing it to the CC meetings.

MID SOUTH MILE – Tip Tipton. No date has been set yet for this years event, but it will be in northern Texas. It will probably be the third weekend in October but that has not been set in stone yet. MILE will also be needing items to take for the Missouri basket. Also need ideas for the basket. Two rules for the basket: it must fit in the hotel doors (either as a whole, or it can be reassembled in the room) and it can not have a gasoline engine.

GENERAL OFFICE – no further report. If any one has any questions or comments about the general office please contact the corporate officers or speak out at the CC meeting. Please submit event sanction forms and flyers to the General Office, Dallas will obtain approval and send the flyers where ever they need to go. This will make it a lot easier since you will only have one spot to send all event information.

FREEDOM PARK - If we are really serious about doing this park we need to get serious about getting money into the account for a down payment. Chairman Chapman will be checking into what FORR will have to do to obtain financing to purchase property. The committee has determined that we need 40-60 acres, preferably something that has been farmed so that water and electricity is already on site. Thinks minimum should be 40 up to a maximum of 80 acres. Depending upon where the property is located you can get 40-80 acres for around \$120,000.00. If we can obtain financing possibly we could purchase the property before we would be able to gather the full amount. However this is something that is going to have to be looked into. We will also probably have to come up with a pretty significant down payment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Names on mailing list. Chairman Chapman reported that the \$300 cost was for 5,000 names. They don't guarantee the addresses. They would compare them to our membership list but then we would have to give them our membership list. Motion by Local 15, 2nd Local 18, that we purchase 5,000 names and send out a hard mailing informational package with a trifold, flyer for MAFR and membership information to the names on this list. Also that the envelopes have some type of motorcycle outline printed on the envelope. Cost to do this would be approximately \$2,200.00 just in postage. We could double side the flyer and put both the MAFR and Homecoming flyer and also include a calendar of events. Most mass mailings only give back a 5% or less return. Motion by Local 19, 2nd Local 6 to table this to enable the reps to take this back to the locals.

NEW BUSINESS:

A while back we purchased a wireless PA system for outdoor events. We have found that with this system we can not be near the speakers when making an announcement because of feedback. We would like to purchase a small indoor PA system that could be used at the BUFR Run, MAY Rally, CC meetings, FEW Seminar. Would be paying for this out of PAC. Motion by Local 42 that we purchase an indoor PA system, 2nd Local 6. Request that a cap be placed on the amount of this purchase. Amendment Local 6, 2nd Local 1 that a limit of \$1,000 be set. Amendment carries by voice vote. Motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Reminder the March CC meeting will not be at the Truman Hotel. It will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel at 415 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City. Reservations 573-635-1234. Make sure to let them know you are with FORR.

CONNECTIONS:

ABATE for Missouri –There has been a bill introduced that will make texting or cell phone usage illegal. Stunt riding bill has been introduced. Several bills were introduced in the past have not been introduced so far this year. We are watching for any issues that can affect Missouri's motorcyclists. BUFR Run is being worked on so that this will be a successful event this year.

Motion by local 24, 2nd Local 18 that the meeting be adjourned, meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting # 182
March 14, 2010– 10:00 a.m.

Capital Plaza Hotel
415 West McCarty Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Preamble
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
 - d. Put cell phones on vibrate
 - e. Roll Call of Locals
 - f. Approval of Minutes
- II. Department Reports
 - a. Corporate Secretary
 - i. Membership
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Vice-Chairman
 - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
 - ii. Homecoming
 - iii. BUFR Run
 - d. Legislative
 - i. AMA
 - ii. MRF
 - e. Rider Education
 - f. Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator
 - g. Product Line
 - h. Newsletter
 - i. Webmaster
 - j. Chairman
 - i. F.E.W. Seminar
 - ii. Mid South MILE
 - iii. General Office
 - iv. Freedom Park
- III. Old Business
 - a. Mailing list
 - b. PA system
- IV. New Business
- V. Connections
 - a. District Chairmen
 - b. ABATE for Missouri

Legislative Meeting
 Saturday March 13, 2010 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
 Saturday March 13, 2010 3:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting
 Saturday March 13, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
 Sunday March 14, 2010 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke – Free

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
 Local 14, 20, 32 & 40

The March 2010 Central Committee Meeting will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO
 Reservations: 573-635-1234

The main purpose of this organization is to guard the rights of all motorcyclists; to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists.



Freedom of Road Riders® of Missouri

Would like to invite you to join us at

The 10th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally

April 27, 2010 - Jefferson City, Missouri

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you are with. Please
come join us in
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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS UPDATE

Hi there, Hope this finds everyone doing great, and getting those bikes ready for spring. I know I'm sure getting anxious.

My name is Deanna Norris; I am the Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator (MAC) for Freedom of Road Riders. This is a new position this year and there is a lot of ground to be covered. My main jobs are to promote Motorcycle Awareness, Get Drivers Education back into the schools, Promote Freedom of Road Riders, and I'm putting together the May Rally. I'd like to share with you where I'm at with all of this.

Motorcycle Awareness: The MAY Rally is the "Motorcycle Awareness and You" Rally on April 27th. This is a very important ride for us all. We proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness month. If you didn't get a copy of the flyer via email, there is a copy on Freedom's webpage. Please make copies and pass them out in your area anywhere that Riders of all types might go. It is also in color so if you want to print posters and get them up in the Motorcycle shops etc, that's great. If you can please email me and let me know where you posted them, so we know that area is covered. This is going to be a great ride, for a great cause. I know it's a bummer it has to be on a week day. However, we need to have our legislators in the capital, so they hear what we have to say. So if you are tired of being a Target and tired of losing friends, like I am. Please take the time to be part of this very important ride. The Central Committee paid proclamation ride across the state will either be April 24th or 25th, your local can choose. Please get with your locals, choose your date, and make your sanction form, flyer etc, and turn it into Dallas as soon as possible so everyone is covered. We need proclamations from every corner of the state. Awareness is a widespread problem and we need to let them know we want to proclaim MAY to be Motorcycle Awareness month all across Missouri. I spoke to KC Scout not long ago, and they assured me that the signs will be up and running across the State once again this spring. I believe last year was April. So when you first see a sign in your area, please let me know they are out there and running. I like to keep an eye on them. Also I was able to get my city "Raytown" to put up two signs last year that say "Share the Road" and has a Motorcycle and Bicycle on it. They are supposed to give me two a year, I will be sure to stay on them. I would be happy to give any member out there information on how I got this done and how they can go about doing the same thing with their city, town, etc. The more awareness we spread the more lives can be saved. I spoke with the Assistant Director of the Highway Exam division of the MO Highway Patrol again today to confirm we will have the opportunity to participate in the following. In the Operators manual there is only a very small section on how to drive around motorcycles. I asked her at the MMSC meeting a while back if there was anyway we could get some more information in the manuals for drivers to study, and also have the questions on the tests. She said if we could get together some questions and possible information for drivers to study that would fall within state statute, she would be glad to take a look at them, and the ones that fit she would then submit to the committee that puts the manuals together, for review. Keep in mind this is the Highway Patrol, MODOT, Department of Revenue, I believe. They may change the wording and come up with the answers for questions according to their information. If you would like to view the manual to see what is already in it, you can pick one up at the MO highway patrol, or Dept of Revenue offices, look on page 57 or go to www.dor.mo.gov, then go to Drivers License tab, then Driver guide tab. The Chapter you want is Chapter 7 "Sharing the Road". The 1st page that pops up is page 57; this section is all we have for Motorcycle Awareness in the manual. You can see how little attention has been paid to this before. This is another great chance to make a difference, and promote Awareness of all Motorcyclists across Missouri.

Drivers Education: At the CC meeting I told everyone that I would like to put a committee together to work on putting Driver's Education back into schools, and I asked for Volunteers. I had a few great women come to me afterwards and offer their help. Georgia Haley L 42, Lynn Mathews L24, and Susan Lockhart L24. I would like to thank them for their help, as well as Dallas our Office manager and Katherine Cashell our Legislative Coordinator. Together we have been studying statistics, and researching funding. We have AMA, MRF, ABATE all looking for information to help us get this ball rolling. This project as you know has to be developed from the ground up. It will take some time to get things in order. We are going to need all the assistance we can get. So if you don't mind research, have the determination, patience and the time, that this will take. **We need your help!**

I went for a walk at the Capital a couple weeks ago and stopped by a lot of Reps, Senators, the Lt. Governor and Governor's office to let them know that we are working to put Drivers Ed back into the schools, and we would like to have their support. The response was great, keep an eye out and I'll send correspondence as I get it. I am working on a mass email to send to other Motorcycle groups, etc., to see if we can spark an interest and get their support. It's going to take all of us to make this happen.

Promoting FORR: I'm looking into the price of billboards. I would like to see them on some of the major highways around the state. Please let me know if you have any contacts or ideas you would like to share. There are quite a few members out there that don't really know what all we are working on these days. Please be sure your fellow members are filled in, see if they would like to be involved. If you have any questions for me you know where to find me.

The tasks we have before us may be long and hard, but we have proven we will not stand down. We will keep up the good fight, and make a difference. If you would like to join me in these endeavors, than please feel free to call or email 816-591-3478, mac@forr.net. I always love to share the word of Freedom.

Spread the word, Motorcycle Awareness Begins with you!

Deanna Norris

Freedom of Road Riders

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator (MAC)

Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. (Location Varies)
Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200

Hello Members!

This winter has been a fierce one. As I sit writing this submission it is snowing pretty hard. The groundhog says we've got 6 more weeks of this - so take care out there.

Local 1 has been doing well. Our last meeting was at the Chapmans. (Fantastic Lasagna!) Again the weather had those Bates City roads pretty interesting... February's meeting will be held at the O'Connors in Holden. If you need directions call 816-850-4511. Haven't decided on the March meeting so keep in touch for more info.

We've been really excited getting those '30 year' FORR patches out to everyone that wants one. If you haven't seen one try to make it to a CC meeting or Local 1 meeting - or contact Mark Chapman at 816-690-4200.

Not much to discuss at this time - we've all been snowed in down here on and off since Christmas eve. A big GET WELL to Hoss - he had a run in while working outside his tow truck hooking up a car and someone ran him down. He's home healing, but has at least 4 weeks of rest. Take care buddy!

Well as it is deadline I should put an end to this so, Have a good one - then have another!

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor
 #7156

LOCAL 3 - TRI-COUNTY

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Carman Farm
17987 Hwy. C in Lawson, MO

LOCAL 4 - JACKS FORK/SHANNON COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 7 p.m. (Location Varies)
Contact: Mark "Rusty" House 417-247-1821 or Larry "Dad" Tune 417-464-8698

Happy Valentines to all you Biker Buds and Babes!

Larry "Dad" Tune opened the meeting and potluck supper. Minutes from the January meeting were read with nominations and elections held. The new officers for 2010 are as follows:

President	Todd Dorman
Vice President	Jay York
Secretary/Treasure	Barb "Killer" Conner
Legislative/CC Rep	Mark "Rusty" House

We all owe Debbie Tune a huge thank you for the award that was presented to Local 4 at the Central Committee Meeting in January.

It was discussed to ask the City of Summersville to donate a sign/signs for Bikes/Motorcycle Awareness. Motorcycle Awareness month is in May.

E-mail and physical addresses continue to be updated.

The Eminence Bike Rally was discussed briefly and was tabled for further discussion as some members left at this time. Todd bought the meeting to a close with Keith seconding the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th at 7:00 pm with no location information determined.

Ride hard or stay home!

Jacksforklocal4@yahoo.com

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

It is official, Local 5 & Local 14 are combining efforts to bring you an awesome Bike Show, May 15. Contact Eric Luplau, Local 5 at (816) 881-5556 or "Hoss" North of Local 14 for information or to sign up for the committee. We will have our best show yet with the added resources of the members of Local 14.

We wish to recognize the kudos received from The Central Committee for 2009: Treasurer Lynn Perdue – timely financial reports, Secretary Cindy Cornett – timely membership reports and CC Rep Steve Hanzek – present at every meeting. Thank you for keeping us "legal".

A new feature for this year, we would like to extend congratulations to everyone with birthdays and anniversaries each month. In February our President Doug Cornett will celebrate a birthday on February 15. Also, Doug and Cindy Cornett will celebrate their anniversary February 19. I missed the month of January, so late Happy Birthday to Cindy Cornett, January 14. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know. I have noted all the responses to my e-mail request, Thanks a bunch.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming events:

March 27 – Kid's Easter Party
 April 27 – MAY Rally, Jefferson City
 May 1 – Legislative Fundraiser
 May 2 – BUFR Run, Jefferson City
 May 15 – L5 & L14 Bike Show

Let's keep "Hoss" North of L-14 in our prayers. Sunday morning, January 31, he was struck by a hit & run driver while hoisting a car with the tow truck. He is down but recovering at home.

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

Abide!
 Amy Allmon



Local News

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks :

On Jan. 17, we had a good turn out at the meeting, we had about forty people at meeting. Jimbo had some wires crossed, but Gene Boeh, also known as Guywire, he was there to help Jimbo uncross his wires, a good job Guywire. Also Gene

Boeh helped Bud Rials do his wiring work on Bud's pickup.

Dave Imlay took the job as the Webmaster and to set up a Web Site.

Darrell Coy and Dave Imlay take the position of Local 6 district one Rep's.

Dan Harmon, Jim Cross, Galen Jackson were working on the year 2010 upcoming Events.

Folks lets hope the weather gets better and warmer so all of us can get on our Bikes and start riding again. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Feb. 21, 2010.

Ride safe (Shakey)

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

Contact: 417-286-3845

Greetings Local 7 - Not much riding this month but just think spring is just around the corner.

A couple of dates to remember:

March 7th - Freeze Yer Buns Run...Bell Restaurant parking lot, 1 pm

April 4th - April Fools Ride...C.A. Trikes, 1pm

Some of the Local 7 members are planning on attending the Leather & Lace dance hosted by Locals 18 & 30. Sure would be nice if the weather would warm up and could ride our scoots.

Guy our CC Rep will no longer be able to attend the Rep meeting so old reliable Charley will be taking his place. He the man...

Well until next time take care - Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

Contact: 660-646-4197

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Contact: 573-694-0074

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST

MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m. Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899 OR www.forr11.net

Hiya all from Southwest Mo,

Well here it is March already, i am sure you got those bikes all serviced up and ready for a new riding season. If not, you are slacking.. the winter months are best for getting them ready for many more miles. Don't wait for the last minute and expect to have it the next day. Doing that will only prove to be disappointing. While you are waiting for your bike to be serviced, there will be many miles you are missing that others are taking advantage of.

We have a confirmed date and location for our Rally this summer, The date (mark your calendars) July 30,31, and Aug 1st. the Location: Same place we had it last year.. Outside of Carthage and Carterville.. Watch for upcoming flyers.

The name of our rally will be FORR L11's SWMO Rally... I hope we see more locals turn out at this rally. the plans are already in the works..

Our new officers seem to be doing a great job so far, pass on a special thanks to all of them, if you don't know who the officers are. . . I suggest you find out.



5TH Annual Ride In Bike Show



May 15, 2010

Sign in 11 AM to 1 PM
Trophies @ 3PM

Free Admission to the Public
\$10 Entry Fee Per Bike
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- Touring Custom
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Information & Directions:
L-14 (816) 661-5555 or
L-14 (816) 661-7507
L-14 (816) 661-5555
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Local News

Our member of the month is Rocky Artym, thanks to him.. he is one who does a lot for the local and expects no gratitude in return. Thanks Rocky for everything you do...

Larry cannot make it to the meeting because of his new job, therefore, has asked for an assistant treasurer, one who can read his reports at the meetings, Kaime will be taking on that position, til further notice.

Well be safe out there, ride it like you stole it, and keep the rubber between you and the pavement. til next time...

Mark "Sparky" Capps
Chairman L11/Editor

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Fishbeak

Saloon, Main St in Glasgow

**Contact: Smokey Strodtman - 39415 280th Road,
Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com**

Greetings again from Glasgow, on the banks of the big muddy Missouri river. I heard yesterday that the famous groundhog in Pennsylvania saw his shadow so it looks like we're in for six more weeks of winter weather. I don't know about you but I'm jonesing pretty hard for a ride! Maybe Mother Nature will prove the weather rodent wrong this year.

I thought I'd start this month off with a bit of trivia that many of you might not be aware of: local 12 has a total of two members with more than 25 years experience; 4 members with more than 20 years experience; 7 members with more than 15 years experience; and 4 members with more than 10 years experience. That's 17 members with a total of 10 years or more time in the organization. Right now as of 2/01/10 our total membership stands at 72.

Just a friendly reminder for any of you who know members who are not receiving their newsletters: first, have them check their membership cards to make sure they are not expired. If that's not the problem, have them contact me at 660-631-7324 or at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com to make sure we have their correct address. The post office will not forward bulk mailings (like the newsletter) so leaving a forwarding address will not do any good, we MUST have your correct one!

We had a very productive meeting on Jan. 28th. Mike called the meeting to order at 7 pm with 16 members and 1 guest present (One member arrived later and did not get signed in). Since we had tabled officer's reports at the Christmas meeting and party, there were two sets of minutes to be read. The November minutes were read and approved, then the December minutes were also read and approved. Courtney reported that we had a bank balance of \$4,761 and that \$5.71 had been paid for postage. John was not present so there was no legislative report.

Lyndal greeted everyone and thanked us for our patronage of the R-Bar while he and Gail had operated it. He also reported that on July 2nd, there will be a party at their house with the Full Moon Band for entertainment. Mike had no president's report. Bert arrived later at the meeting so Randy gave the district report. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21st at 2 pm in Brookfield and he invited other local 12 members to attend.

Jeff and Pam had an extensive report on the Firecracker Classic. We voted to again rent the large tent we had last year at a cost of \$630 for the tent and an additional \$175 for the sides. This price is for both Friday and Saturday rental. The tent vendor also has port-a-potties available for \$330 and two sizes of stages available: an 8X16 for \$150 or a 16X16 for \$250. We voted to spend \$300 more for entertainment with a maximum total of \$2,300 for bands and a DJ.

We voted to keep last year's full pass prices of \$20 for general admission and \$15 for M.R.O. members. We also voted to resume the \$10 day passes which will work this way: the entrant will pay the full \$20 fee and must come back to the gate by 7 pm to claim the \$10 discount for a day only pass. A motion was passed to spend \$800 on fireworks this year. The poker run will be a non-riding event this year with all cards drawn in the park. However, maps will be made available to the participants for a scenic route if they want to go for a ride.

The sign-up for the bike show will be held from 11 am-1 pm. The parade will be held at 1pm and the bike show will begin at 2 pm. Minors will be admitted but none will be allowed in the party area after 8 pm. Sponsor forms absolutely must be in by May 1st and we will make copies of all the checks. We need more people getting sponsors. Tim and Tanya were recognized for the excellent job they did last year in getting sponsors. A motion was passed to have \$100 and \$500 sponsors. We will have three food vendors this year in case one doesn't show up.

Under old business, we voted not to donate any money towards the Checker motorcycle raffle at Steve McQueen Days in Slater. In new business, Bert reported that Glasgow is having a car and bike show sometime this summer and local 12 will be supporting the bike show. We will not be billed as actual sponsors and Glasgow will provide all insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Susan McDaniel's name was drawn for the 50/50 pot but she was not present so it was rolled over till next month.

After the meeting, Bert and I were conversing over a couple of beers and he brought up the fact that he has not been able to buy a historic license plate for his classic Shovelhead. He thought this was discriminatory because such plates are available for cars and trucks. I called the state department of revenue the next week after the meeting and found out that such plates are available with several restrictions. A special form must be filled out at the local license bureau and they mail it in to the state. The state has the plate made and it can either be mailed to the local license bureau or to the applicant's home. The fee for such plates is \$25 plus \$3.50 processing fee. If the applicant wants a personalized plate, that costs another \$15. The motorcycle cannot be ridden over 1,000 miles per year and a log must be kept of all mileage. Moral of this story? Don't expect your local license bureau to have all the answers. You can call the state department of revenue for answers to these types of questions at 573-526-3669. Expect a long wait, especially in the middle of the day; it took me 15 minutes to get through.

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Local News

Upcoming events:

Feb. 25th- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 7 pm
 March 25th- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 7 pm
 April 22nd- local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 7 pm
 April 23rd & 24th- 4th annual Steve McQueen Days, Slater

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.

Contact: 573-473-8017 or 573-642-2345

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.

Contact: Cheryl Buell - buellblast13@yahoo.com

Hello Local 14!!

We are starting off 2010 with a number of new members and transfers! Welcome to all who have joined the Local 14 family, we look forward to getting to know you, riding together, and having fun hanging out. We have fun events planned for the year that we discussed at our Jan meeting, we already have some of the dates on the calendar, like our annual Christmas Party and Auction.

If anyone has ideas of fund raisers or wants to host get togethers please let us know. We look forward to any and all ideas.

Please start gathering any nice used coats, gloves, or hats for a winter coat drive that Hoss is spearheading. You can bring the items to a meeting or get in touch with anyone of us since the items are being stored at Hoss and Kandie's until next fall. If anyone has any plastic storage tubs to donate those would be much appreciated as well.

Last Saturday night our VP and Safety Rep - Stuart "Hoss" North was involved in a serious accident on his job. Hoss is a tow truck driver and was working the scene of an accident on 29th and Broadway KCMO. He was getting ready to load the wrecked car onto his flatbed, when an out of control driver in a light colored Taurus ? hit the wrecked car, causing the car to hit Hoss and knock him under his tow truck. Hoss suffered a broken back and has broken his L2 vertebrae. He is at home and immobilized for the next month. Unfortunately the out of control driver was not caught, even though multiple police were actively working the prior accident scene. I am sure Hoss and Kandie his wife, would appreciate your prayers, calls, and emails. Hoss and Kandie are both on Facebook and Kandie has posted updates there as well.

We will be hosting a bike show in May 15th with Local 5. It will be a fun, fun event, with a band, food, and lots of trophies. Be thinking about businesses you can ask to be a trophy sponsor, we will need lots of them.

Another event we have planned is Kickstand's Annual No Dough To Go Pool tournament, August 8th. We plan to hold this again at Sticks 'N Stones.

We also have members who have mentioned when the weather is nicer they are planning on picnics. Those members will let us know when they are holding those and advise any and everyone who wants to enjoy some good food and camaraderie of the dates.

Once this snow ever stops (seems like the longest winter anyone can remember in a loooooonnnngggg time), there are a number of other FORR events coming up. Check the website calendar for those upcoming events.

Until next time, ride safe, be safe.

Cheryl Buell, Local 14, buellblast13@yahoo.com

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. New Location TBA

Contact: 417-334-0775

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LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

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

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

First of all I would like to thank everyone that turned out for the meeting and elections as Bill's Place. There was a lot of good conversation and many good points brought up at this meeting. One of the conversations discussed was the number of members we have and the number of members that we have in attendance for meetings and events. We would really like to see more faces at our meetings.

We have a higher number of members right now than possibly ever before, but still see the same faces at all meetings. Everyone has other obligations and can not make it to every meeting, but we would love to see as many of you as possible throughout the year. This meeting also consisted of our election of officers. There were a few changes and a new position put in place for a Public Relations person. This position will help head up getting out flyers and help in letting people know what FORR's purpose is.

Also at the meeting we discussed setting up a website for Local # 16. That is in the works and hopefully that will be completed by the next meeting. But for all of you cyberspace members out there we do now have a Facebook page now. If you are a Facebook member you can access the page to find out about upcoming events or just to share information by searching "FORR Local #16". If you are not a Facebook member you can contact us at our new email address, forrlocal16@gmail.com. And of course you can always contact us by phone. If you have an email address I would appreciate you sending us an email so we can use this information in the future to send you flyers and other information pertaining to FORR and Local #16.

We would all like to thank the members that made the 2009 Toy Drive a success. They all put in a lot of time and energy to make it work. All of your hard work is appreciated! Martin King relayed information that "Ride FORR Ever" patches are available for \$5.00 and the 30 year Road Rider patches are available for \$3.00. If you are interested in purchasing one you will need to contact Martin King.

Other FORR upcoming events: (Mark your calendars)
BUFR run will be on May 2nd.
May Rally will be on May 27th
Homecoming will be held Sept. 3rd – 5th. (Workers needed for shifts at Homecoming)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3, 2010 – April Fool's Dance @ the Hide Out in Beihle. Uncle Pearl will be playing. Meeting will begin at 7:30 and the band will start at 9:00.
April 30, 2010 – Local meeting at Paul Kirn's home at Fruitland. Meeting will begin at 7:00. Call for directions.

We hope to see everyone at some time in April. April means the weather is getting warmer and warm weather riding is just around the corner. Everyone be safe and we'll touch base again next month.

Bene

Below is a picture of our officers for 2010.

Left to right : (Doug Pfeiffer- CC Rep., Sarah Trammel-Treasurer, Dave (Whitey) Pohlman-President, Rick Hecht-Product Line, Bene Arnzen-Secretary/Memberships, Mike (Chico) LeGrand- Public Relations, Bill Wooten-Vice President (not shown).



LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

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

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

Hello Local 18 Freedom Fighters!!

I want to welcome new members Jim and Anita, welcome to Local 18.

We had eight members and three guests at our January meeting.

Activities are starting to pick up even if the weather has winter in a death hold and won't let go.

Capitol Crusader Week is the first week of the month, our next days to visit the Capitol will be March 2nd, 3rd and 4th. I plan to go on Tuesday March 2nd; we will meet in the southwest corner of the Wal-Mart parking lot at Glenstone and Kearney next to the Applebee's Restaurant. Meet at 0800 and leave at 0830.

Members that need to renew their membership are; D. Hite due 2-28, James P. due 3-31 and LeeAnn S. also due 3-31. Remember that if you renew at the meeting or bring in your new membership card the Local will buy your dinner.

Upcoming Events:

March, 16, Local 30's meeting at Bumsteads.
March 17, Local 18's meeting at Los Portales.
March 21, Spring Fling Motorcycle Show at the Oasis.
March 27, 104.7 Bike Show at the Shrine Mosque.
April 18, Local 15's Motorcycle Swap Meet in Forsyth.
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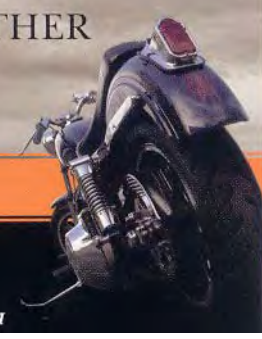
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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 6 p.m. Opie's Bar and Pool Hall on S. Hwy 63
Contact: Pres. Darek Fowler 660-665-6983 or Secy./Treas., Sally Schwaner 660-665-2083

First off, I want to CONGRATULATE GENE GRGURICH on becoming the latest local 19 member to receive his life membership in FORR!! Also, thanks to all the members who renewed their memberships this month.

Another auction has passed. Everyone had a good time; we sold a lot of great items and enjoyed the band. Thanks to all the people who came from out of town and all the members who participated. A BIG THANKS to the CMA for working the gate all night. They did a great job!

Things are kind of quiet now. We will be planning the proclamation ride. I understand that Larry Olson, our road captain, will be scheduling monthly rides. Be sure to check the web site for these. I'll have them on my calendar of events in the local newsletter, too.

Maybe by the time you read this, Spring will be around the corner and another year of riding will begin.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 28 at Opies Pool Hall at 4 pm I hope to see you all there.

Sally

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m. Eagle's Club on Hwy 25.
Contact: 573-293-4754

Welcome to another month here at Local 20. We had our Jan. meeting and discussed the upcoming Event's for 2010 we are going to have our Bike Show & Rodeo Memorial day weekend in May, we are still working out the plans! At our meeting we welcome two new member's Diane Watkins & Terry Russom and we also have three transfers Larry & Sharon Flanagan & Jim Street welcome to the FREEDOM TRAIN! And our birthdays for Feb. are Chuck Smith & Orin Lindman Happy Birthday from all of us here @ Local 20 may you have many more! We are all looking forward to warm weather and a new riding season and may not having to wear our helmet's! As legislation moves on @ Jeff City we all must stay focused and contact our elected official's! Well thats it for now stay warm and informed!!

Keep it in the wind and "FREE"

Darrell

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzzer Magee's, 108 S. Maple St, in Eldon, MO
Contact: Dan at 314-941-8989

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 10 a.m. Tattooed Lady, 181 Moscow Springs Plaza, Moscow Mills, MO
Contact: 636-366-9933

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7 p.m. Gringo's on South Broadway in St. Louis, MO
Contact: 636-343-2876

Hi Everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather by now! This winter had some pretty brutal weather, but thankfully Spring is right around the corner! Get those bikes out and ready for some great upcoming events!

Sorry if I may seem repetitive about our 2010 officer updates, but there were a few switcheroos in January. I will just list the changes and you may refer to the February newsletter for a more complete list of the other officers. The changes are as follows:

Secretary/Membership - Kathleen "Chinnutz" Duncan

Webmaster - Tom "Crash" Walsh

Newsletter/Historian - Shannon "Snake" Brickeen (will be writing the April - December newsletters)

MO state legislative session and FORR state lobby days for 2010 began the week of January 4th. The weekend of the Jan. 9th we held a get together in a hospitality room at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City. Of the L-24 members, Staples & Vickie, Treetop & Chinnutz, Lynn, Susan, Rick and Bones attended. The room was a big hit and is already reserved for the May legislative/CC meeting weekend (weekend of May 8th). Hope everyone can save the date for that, you will not be disappointed!

L-24 was presented with 5 awards for 2009 during the CC meeting in January:

Contributions to the State limit, FEW Support, Return of Financials in a timely manner - Great job Noid!, Timely return of membership rosters - Way to go Newbee!, and a trophy for largest growth of memberships 2009. (See photo of L-30 President handing trophy over to Staples) Staples has done an excellent job of bringing this local back from "0" members. With his dedication, we are once again a thriving local and have a magnificent trophy to remind us all - all year - of how far we all have come and how much we can accomplish as a whole!

Upcoming Events

March 20 - Hartbauer/McBride trivia night \$15/person

March 27 - L-42 Leather & Lace - Pacific, MO 7-midnight \$15/person

April 11 - L-24 Blessing of the Bikes - Springdale Bar & Grill, Fenton. (Still need volunteers at start point) Sign up @ 1 p.m. Blessing starts @ 3

April 27 - FORR May Rally

Note: At the January meeting, we voted in favor of changing our meeting location. Unfortunately, I did not know what the new location was at the deadline for this newsletter. The new location will be posted in the April newsletter.

Don't forget to check out our website at

<http://forr24.webs.com/>. I had an awesome time putting the

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newsletters together the last couple of months! I hope you enjoyed them and will enjoy Shannon's (Snake) from now on! Enjoy riding this Spring and Summer. Can't wait to see what crazy things happen this year..... ~Kathleen (Chinnutz)



LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032

Hello Everyone,

Is anyone besides myself ready for winter to be over ? 30 feels like -30 @ 70 MPH. You do go numb after a few minutes, but when your brain begins to loose heat, things begin to blur and you loose focus very quickly, hypothermia sets in just before you loose consciousness.....Kind of takes all the fun out of riding. Stop laughing ! you know you've been there ! We've had some freeze out rides where we have had to brake icicles from our mustaches.

Well, spring is almost here and so are the events! Just a few dates to put on your calendars, The 2nd Annual BUFR RUN is May 2nd @ The Capital in Jeff City 2 pm For more info call Georgia Haley @ 573-820-8182 (or) 636-583-8678 June 5th is the Chariots of Fire Bike Show in Moscow Mills. More info on this will come in the next issue. The 2nd Annual Rodeo does not have a definite date yet.

Lincoln Days were Feb. 26 - 28. I hope many of you were able to attend, to meet with our legislators. Keep in touch with your state Representatives, elections are upcoming. Be sure you let them know that we are out here watching their every move. Unfortunately it seems that some of them only listen to us is just prior to election day. So let our voices be heard now while their ears are open.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on March 21. PS... If you know of anyone who has let their membership expire, get them back in now. Our numbers are critical at this time in Jeff City. Remember....Leather Up...Rubber Down !

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Call for info location varies) Contact: 660-582-4599

Spring Forward!! Get those bikes geared up, tuned up and rrrrev ved up for riding. Happy St. Patrick's Day!! Maybe the Luck of the Irish will bless us with some nice days in March to get our bikes out of the garage and onto the roads to cool down that Spring Fever!!

Old Business: Our HOLIDAY PARTY was great fun with some surprising talent on the Karaoke!! Thanks to everyone who came and made it fun. But some special thanks go out to: Pat and Collette Null, Mike and Linda Pitzenberger, Roy Brown, Milt Soveriegn, Rita Moore, and Ed and Jeanine Montgomery for your donations for prizes and auction items. We raised almost \$200 from our auction!!! Milts awesome large framed puzzle of a shovelhead brought \$50! Also, a big thank you to: Lewis, Kathy and Nate Rice, Roy Brown, and Ed and Jeanine Montgomery for helping set things up and organize it. And the a special thanks to Sara for motivating everyone to get up and dance!! She and Tracy were an awesome Karaoke team too.

New Business: Help us plan for 2010's RIDING CALENDAR and get your fill of good food at our Pot Luck meetings on Feb. and March 16th 6:30 pm at Movie Magic. Bring a food item to share and your ideas/suggestions for eat n' rides and other adventures.

Happy Birthday to our winter birthdays: Lavonne and Bob Hull, Sannon Walter, Danna Seipel, Gary Carmichael, Kathy Rice, and Robert Steeby.

On a side note, keep the Pitzenbergers in your prayers. Mike's mom was in a severe car accident. Looking forward to seeing everyone again on our weekly eatin' rides. Until then, Jeanine Montgomery jcandcompany@yahoo.com

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's 1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079 Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or V.P. Dave Singleton 816-718-6792

Howdy Boys & Girls,

It's been a cold but adding a bit of liquid antifreeze (of your choice) never hurt! It's been an eventful month by having a Patriot Guard Rider come to our meeting to talk about their mission, and we had our 2nd Annual "After Christmas Party". Frank Reinhardt of The Patriot Guard Riders came to our Jan. MM (monthly meeting) and gave a GREAT presentation. Some of the things that are important are: they are invited by military families to conduct a "legal, non-violent means" of protection from protesters at Funerals and Welcome Home ceremonies.

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There are no dues. To join, sign up and then show up to what are called "missions" listed on their web site patriotguard.org. On the right side of the main page are missions for Missouri and surrounding states. You can purchase patches to show support. Frank showed some moving pictures of missions and very emotional letters from grateful families. It's said, "Big boys don't cry", but Men (and some of us Women) did shed a tear.

Our January MM on Jan. 17 started at 1:10 with 33 members, 6 guests, including L-30 Pres. and Mrs. Curtiss Moore with Larry Dotson and L-28's Rob Hail. Curtiss personally invited us to join them (L-18 & L-30's) at their 22nd Annual Leather & Lace Valentine's Dance. Looking forward to partying with other Locals.

P.R. Rep Bill "Madd Dawg" Thornhill got L-27 going in a great way by having our New Years Ride to The Damn Lounge, Warsaw on the radio. Jim "Skull" Gerlt suggested putting our minutes in local papers, which are done for free, and will get our future rides mentioned.

V.P. David Singleton will be having rides around the hometowns of some members on the 2nd Saturday, beginning in March. So far, April's ride will be in the Humansville area and June's, the El Dorado Springs area.

All L-27 Departments will be speaking at our MM to keep members informed as to how each is progressing. Important L-27 rides: "Angels for Autism", June 5th. Posters are everywhere or contact Colette Meadors (417) 399-1006. Also, the Humansville/Weaubleau Schools fundraiser with John Schue, 3rd weekend in August and a ride for Special Needs children with Madd Dawg and Ramona, date to be determined. These events are very near and dear to our members and we'll be proud to ride.

Last but not least our 2nd Annual After Christmas Party... Oh what fun we had (some more than others, hee-hee!) High-lights are: we awarded "Outstanding Member '09" patch to Sgt. Of Arms Dean Singleton and J.A.M. patch went to Steve Burrow (also a Christian Motorcycle Assoc. member) who, sadly, was unable to attend this year. One of our Adopt A Troop Marines joined us for a delicious steak dinner and we had our picture taken with him. We had a door prize drawing and everyone won something nice. Sincere Thanks to Fathead & Braindeads Saloon of Grandview, MO for donating many of the awesome prizes.

Thanks again to FORR Organization for the reason we gather.

Sincerely, Cher- L-27 Secretary.



LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: President 573-308-7228 - Vice President 573-528-6029 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

Hello Local 28! It is almost riding season again, it's hard to believe we have made it through winter already and soon we will be dusting off our scooters and hitting the roads and highways with our knees in the breeze.

I apologize I missed announcing the winner of the Chili Cook-off December 5. Congratulations to Becky Dunn for her prize-winning pot of chili. Thank you to all who participated, in warming everyone up after the very cold Christmas Parade.

The February 5th meeting set a date for the Adopt-A-Highway pick up. Remember Local 28, we voted to pick up the road and committed to picking up the two-miles of road four times a year. It only takes about an hour to clean up our stretch of road of we have lots of participants. We are responsible for the stretch from the Shrine Club going east to the I-44 the overpass. For all of the members who participate a big thank-you for helping out and keeping with the mission of Local 28, a community organization.

This is a reminder to all riders to get your bikes ready for the spring riding season, make sure to check fluids, tires, tire pressure, lights and battery. Also if you get out on the road, watch for loose gravel from the plow trucks. It likes to gather up in the turning lanes and on the sides of the road creating hazards for those on two wheels.

The Friends of the Shriners Valentines Party was held February 13. Thank you Debbie Parsons for heading the decorating committee and all who brought food to share. Also, thank you Cricket Alley for playing incredible music to rock the night away.

Until next month,
 Connie

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4043,
1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO
Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533 Website: www.forrlocal29.com

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LOCAL 29 & FORR UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 24th & 25th 2010 - Tuff-E-Nuff Weekend - District 5 Abate of KS (Saturday morning-swap meet), ERA (Cabin Fever Bash on Saturday night), and FORR Local 29 (Kearney Bike Show on Sunday). Make all 3 events & get entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$150.00 but you must be present to win at the Kearney Bike Show.

Kearney Bike Show meetings are March 5th, April 9th and April 16, 2010. You can contact Ken DeMoss, Kearney Bike Show Chairman, with questions at vicepresident@forrlocal29.com or any officer.

Memberships Expiring March, 2010: Gary Ellison, Don Jackson, Gary Livingston, Bob Neal, Jenny Pence, Tony Smith,

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Beryl Speiser

Local 29 Regular Meetings - the 3rd Sunday of each month
Happy Birthday to all members born in February & March!

Steve's Memoirs

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And find that pot of gold

As I finish writing my thoughts

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This is one person's outlook as well as his freedom of speech!

Contact me at: newsletter@forrlocal29.com -
Dream Big – Live Free – Donna D

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Bumstead's in Nixa
Contact: Pops at 417-830-6900

Hello fellow Members and a Happy March to you all. It will soon be riding weather again and this wintry weather will soon be a thing of the past, I hope! So get those rides ready!

Our January meeting was held on January 19th at Bumsteads in Nixa and will be until further notice on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. We sure hope to see you there.

The meeting was called to order, and the preamble read by our President, Curtiss Moore, as he gave us a recap of what the preamble means to FORR. Randy Owen gave a great CC report, this was his first time so GREAT JOB Randy! We had a large attendance including the Vice president Jim, from local 18 Springfield and Tracy, Randy, & Brian from local 15 Branson to discuss event's we will be co hosting such as Leather an Lace and the upcoming Hootin Town Rally.

We recapped what laws had been passed in 2009 such as the Dead Red Law and the Competitive Fault Ins Law. We have 87 members at this time, we are down from this time last year so if you have any ideas on not only getting more members, but also keeping them please we would like to hear from YOU, plan to attend meetings and voice your ideas. It was sad to hear that 3 locals will be closing but on a happier note 1 local started up.

We would like to congratulate Donna Coursey on a job well done, this is the 3rd year that she has been awarded for getting our monthly Treasury reports in on time for the entire year, "Good Job Donna".

We voted to donate \$200.00 to the "Can U See Me now ride".

Dave Lave made a motion that any amount over \$100.00 be discussed and voted on by the local officer's, and all other donation's for parties and etc. be voted on at the meeting by each member attending.

January 23rd Branson held their annual Chili cook off February 13 Leather and Lace 6 P.M. at Foot Loose in Ozark

March 27th 104.7 bike show check in time 9 A.M. at Shrine Mosque in Springfield

April 17th Rockin Ribs and bike show at Bass Pro more info as we get it.

April 18th CAN U SEE ME NOW ride meets at Remington's and ends at post 659 Springfield more Info as we get it.

April 18th Forsyth Swap meet at Shadow Park, Forsyth gates open at 7 A.M. rain out will be moved to Rockaway Beach and is being put on by Local 15 Branson

July 9,10 & 11th Hoot n Town Rally at Hoot n Town camping area this will be put on by Locals 15, 30 and we NEED VOLUNTEERS.

Hootin Town rally will be \$ 15.00 per person there will be entertainment by Big Rumor and more, a tattoo contest and bike games. So plan to come out and have some fun!

That's all we have at this time for events, but remember we are looking for local rides so get your ideas to either Curtiss, or Dave



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so we can get them on the books.

In last months news I mentioned our new web site and to my surprise I found out we no longer have it, but we talked about starting something on Face book so until further notice we have NO web site!

On a Sweeter note, It was good to see Pat Moore back amongst us again, Looking GREAT and doing WELL!

Well that will about do it for this month, hope to see you at the meeting, until next month;

Live Well,

Ride Safe and enjoy.....PJ

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Location varies)

Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or Mike Adams 573-578-4239

Hello everyone,

Our Jan. meeting was at TJ's Bar & Grill (8th St. Rolla) & we had a real good attendance. We were happy to have 2 guest attending, hope you all come back. We had so many in attendance, we were searching for more chairs & trying to arrange the tables so we could all see everyone's mugs. No, I didn't say ugly mugs, you just imagined that. It's real nice to see so many showing up. We will be meeting at TJ's again next month. They were real pleased to have us & it worked out pretty good, but we still need to find a more permanent spot. We have had a few individuals offer their residents but, I've heard several members

voice their opinions & they would rather keep it in a more public area not to impose on someone's privacy. Keep this in mind, if any of you know of a place where we might meet, please contact 1 of us.

Brian led a very informative & well organized meeting. Marty & Christy filled us in on all of the latest news on the upcoming Freedom Rally. It seems we have managed to sell our quota of trophies & t-shirt ads but, we still need to sell some program ads so, if any of you know of a business that might be interested in advertising please contact us.

I know there isn't a lot of days for all of us to get the ole bikes out right now thanks to the cold weather so, we kind of loose touch with some of our fellow bikers. This is a great time to get on the web & spend some time chit chatting with each other on our web-site. The site has been a little quite here lately, don't know where everyone went. Allen does a real good job keeping it up & running so, we need to patronize him a little & use it, right Allen? I will be putting our events on there shortly & I'm trying my best to get all of this year's dates confirmed so I can get it in next month's newsletter as well, for those of you who don't mess with a computer. By the way the web site is www.forrlocal31.net let's try to get some action on there.

Once again I received the Editors Award for our local for contributing to the Freedom Press each month. Thank-you, Rebel! I understand the position as Senior Editor is no longer in the hands of Michelle "Rebel" O'Connor. She had obtained the job since 1995. I have never had the opportunity of meeting her personally but, have corresponded with her thru e-mail on many occasions. Rebel, I personally want to say THANKS! for a job well done, for I know you have had to spend many hours working

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to put out the Freedom Press each month & you have done a great job! Here's a pat on the back, you go girl!

Well, I've bored you long enough, so, till next time this is "Kickstand" saying "Put another log on the fire & dream about your summer full of rides!"

See ya, Sue

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.

Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949 For newsletter input Contact: Jr. "Moose" @ 816-716-4350

INFO INFO INFO: You want it, you got it!

The George Washington pot for the February meeting was won by Shelley Miller, sorry folks didn't catch what she was claiming she won to the IRS though.

The incentive pot for \$171.00 would have been won by Lonnie Chambers if he had been present at the meeting, but NO he had to stay home and change the baby's diapers.

It was brought up at the meeting that there are some of us that have attended for years and years and never have had our name drawn for the incentive pot. And there are those that come to a couple meetings and win BIG and never return. So as a Local we changed how the incentive pot works, only the names of the people that are at a monthly meeting will have there name put in for the drawing. Good Luck!

March events are as follows,

March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Capitol Crusader Days are on the 2nd at 9:00 am, the 3rd at 9:00 am, and the 4th at 10:00 am.

March 7th the annual KMOS TV Telethon at the CMSU college at 6:00 pm.

March 13th FORR Committees meetings in Jefferson City (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

March 14th Central Committee meeting 10:00 am Jefferson City (OPEN TO ALL)

March 14th Daylight savings starts spring ahead 1 hour.

March 21st Local 33 monthly meeting at noon.

REMEMBER go to www.forrlocal33.com for all up to the minute updates. See me "Moose"

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 6 p.m. Den Dee's, 138 N Main St, Clinton, MO

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

We had a good meeting in January and laid out what were going to do in 2010. First thing was to stay warm and ride our motorcycles if it warmed up. We voted to have a Fun Run the first weekend of every month. We would alternate between the first Saturday and Sunday so everyone would have a chance to go. Lyle Browning volunteered to be the Road Captain in charge. Talking to Lyle on the day before he turned "60", (had to get that in, as next month will be my turn). He already had a

couple of rides planned out. I love it when someone takes their job serious and runs with it. Of course Randy and I will be going to Freedom Rally meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We would love to have other riders to go with us. We get a great ride in before the meeting and another one in on our way home. Sometimes they get quite long for some. Hey Randy, when was the last time you were in Malta Bend? You will just have to ask Randy about his road trip, as I won't tell.

Can you believe some of the Bills that have been introduced this year. I'm not talking about motorcycles but Bills to take away our Freedom in other areas. Yes, I read every Bill that is introduced in both the House and the Senate. Looking for things that will affect my life. There are a couple there, this term, that I have written a dozen E-mails on. But I cancelled all of them, because I didn't want to go to Jail.

I want to Thank Lyle and Linda Browning and Paul Williamson for renewing their memberships. Also we would like to welcome Leonard Moree, who belonged to FORR when he lived in Ozark.

Ride safe and FREE WHILE U STILL CAN;

Bob #5960

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON

CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thurs @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeaux Pizza

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We rescheduled our last meeting due to weather so we met on January 14, 2010. The Family that received our Secret Santa goodies where so grateful, lots of thank yous, tears and smiles, what an awesome feeling that was.

Local #41 Anniversary party will be held March 6th, 2010 at McCorkle's, 109 West 3rd Street, Cameron, MO everyone is to meet there at 7:00 pm. McCorkle's is on the South side of the Park. It is going to be a fun filled evening.... ALL are welcome to join in on the celebration.

Discussion of the 2010 Black Top Rally is under way with ideas for vendors, games, band etc... are being taken. We vote to help local # 8 with their Spring Fling June 17-19th.

Our next meeting will be Feb 4th.

Elaine Gerstenberger 816-294-7465 (C)

Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 (W), 816-724-0098 (C)

The address is FORR #41 PO Box 94 Weatherby, MO 64497



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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO

Contact: President - Rick Gish 314-578-6006

Hello everyone...good to see you. We had our monthly meeting on the last Sunday in January and I must say the December meeting was a lot more fun. This meeting was a long one but we got a lot accomplished. Our Prez Rick brought a batch of homemade chili and believe me when I tell you, it was delicious. It was a cold day and not a lot of riders showed up on bikes but all together we had 32 members present with 5 guests. After settling down and getting to our business and going through our usual stuff, we were happy that two of our guests took the time out to visit with us. They were Brian Nieves and Steve Hinson. Brian is our State Rep running for the Senate and Steve is running for State Rep. I think I got that right. We listened to Brian and what he had to say was that he is fully committed to support FORR and would like to have our support. I don't know Brian that well but I do know his family. His Mother and Father are good friends of mine and I have a lot of respect for them. Basically to put it in a nutshell he has the same pet peeves that most riders have and that is a low tolerance for B.S. Steve is a family man and also a fireman. He has a lot of experience with motorcyclists especially when it comes to recovering them. Both young men are from our area and I feel

that they were very straight forward and honest with their opinions. But that is just my view on it and I haven't had a chance to get any opinions from anyone else. It was a great honor for them to attend the meeting and share stories with us. After they spoke we worked on details for our Leather and Lace dance coming up on March 27th then we adjourned the meeting and dove into the chili. Gonna keep things kind of simple for this article and let someone else have some space in the newsletter.

Talk later, Tex



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LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. (Location Varies)
Contact: Deb 816-868-9369 or Tina 816-289-6408

Top of the mornin' to Ya,

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Watch the parade and have a good time. Be careful. Local 46 has two birthdays this month: Mike "Buddah" Horner-March 14, and Kevin Olver- March 26. Happy Birthday! May this year bring you joy and good health.

Feb. 7th was our last meeting date, which we had in Buckner. We were going to have a party for new family members, but they have not arrived. You can't rush life so we are waiting.

In the meantime, Local 46 is growing healthy. We are always open to newcomers! Come and join our fun! Contact Tina or Deb for more information! On another note we are going to have a 2nd Annual Bunny Run this April. See flyer for details and see more details in next months newsletter.

Quote of the Day: "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."~ Unknown

Megan Maddox
30029

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our Children

As I write this, I am thinking of my girls. My oldest has been lucky enough to have had Drivers' Education in Tennessee. Her grandparents sent her to a private class, which cost a lot. Unfortunately, my younger two girls do not have that option, not the same grandparents.

Just in the last 6 years, in the area I live in we have lost 8 teenagers, due to car related deaths. I believe this is the result of lack of education. We teach our kids to be productive in our society, but we are putting our kids in a weapon without teaching them how and why they should respect the fact that the car they want to drive could be the car that kills them!

What would be the best way to protect them? I hate to say this: I would have to say some kind of law that says you either have Drivers' Ed or you don't get your license until you are 18. Then you have to make Drivers' Ed accessible.

I challenge those out there who are better at numbers than I am to do the math and find out what it would cost per child to take a Drivers' Ed class. Once we have those numbers, then we can go out and ask each parent if their child's safety is worth that amount. Broken down per child, the cost could not be more than \$100.00. I would gladly pay that to make sure my girls will know how to operate a vehicle properly and with the respect it deserves.

Thanks for your attention and hopefully I will hear from someone with some numbers. I know we can all figure this out together.

Georgia S. Haley
FORR #19645
Abate Member
Home#: 636-583-8678

Hello, I don't know if we have met or not. I am Bones, a.k.a. Patrick Parker, member of Local 24 in St. Louis, and Gateway Chapter of ABATE. I am spearheading an effort to run magazine articles in 3 local magazines, Thunder Roads, Biking Life, and Wide Open. The purpose of these articles is to educate all riders on issues that are or should be important to them as riders and to educate them in matters that pertain to them, both legislative and safety issues. What I would like is to get the word out there to all FORR, (and ABATE), members statewide and perhaps attempt to get a few articles from members other than in the St. Louis area. Ideally it would be nice to have articles submitted by each local and chapter of both organizations. Each year that they, the magazines, agree to run the articles I will need 28 total articles each year. I think this is a good way to attain more membership in both organizations, as well as reach out to the riders and let them know that we, (Both organizations), are out there working for them, members or not. It's also free publicity for everyone involved. We can also list upcoming events in the articles which should boost attendance, if only minimally. Any gain at all is better than no gain at all.

Bones
#30367

titan3_69@yahoo.com

Local 46 Fundraiser
2nd Annual Bunny Run

Saturday April 17th, 2010

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On May 2, 2010 all motorcycleists, motorcycle organizations and groups are invited to attend the 2nd annual BUFR Run. We will be gathering at the Capitol Building in Jefferson City, MO at 2:00PM for a short ceremony followed by a parade.

There will be multiple rendezvous points throughout Missouri to meet and ride as a group to the Capitol.

Area Departure:

For more information or to set up a meeting spot call, E-mail or visit our websites:

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Guest Submittals

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CROSSROADS CRUNCH

by John Del Santo

Do you want to meet new people and try some exciting, death-defying aerobatics ? No...not Bungee Jumping....Just roll on into that next intersection ! In any urban area about half of all collisions happen at intersections.....22 percent of them because someone did not yield at a Stop Sign or Red Light. A high percentage of motorcycle accidents occur when a car driver makes a bad left turn....Watch them ! ...Are his wheels straight or turned ? Is he on the car phone ? The new car phones just clip onto someone's ear and we don't get the tip-off of seeing their hand up next to the side of their head. Does he look aware and awake ? Does he SEE you ?

Be Visible.....When traffic is heavy, car drivers often jump back and forth from lane to lane, and often don't check the blind spots around their vehicle. Be conspicuous...In daytime heavy traffic a Headlight Modulator or running a High beam can cause you to be seen quicker. When you are entering a big crowded intersection, stay out in the open as much as possible where you are visible to most of the drivers. Be Visible ! When you are coming to a stop at an intersection, the traffic coming in behind you is where your hazard is...Flash your brake lights...Be Visible....But be ready to scoot !

We will be in someone's Blind Spot about a thousand times a day, but the trick is to say there as short as time as possible....Drop back, move forward, or change lanes. One of the worst blind spots on a big truck is just off their right-front corner. Big trucks have big convex mirrors to help the driver see along the sides of the truck, but motorcycles show up as just a little blurb. If you are using a high beam headlight you are more visible to them.

When you see a car at the next corner....consider them to be potential trouble.....Can you make eye contact with them ? If not, for whatever reason, consider them to be Double-Trouble ! Anyone changing lanes in an intersection creates a hazard....Many people doing a "Right On Red" forget the part that requires them to make a full stop...These are the same folks that think that an amber light means "Go Real Fast". The last vehicle into the intersection on a yellow and the first in on a green are usually those involved in a collision, AND YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE JUST DON'T SEE MOTORCYCLES ! If you expect everyone at the next intersection to make the worst possible mistake, then you are ready, and can be pleasantly surprised when they don't. Now you have a better chance of getting through that intersection with both wheels on the ground. Be aware, Ride Straight, and Ride Safe !

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 14, 2010

"Rep. Gary Dusenberg announces candidacy for 8th District Senate Seat"

"Blue Springs" – Gary Dusenberg, State Representative for the 54th District issued the following statement:

I am humbled and privileged today to announce my candidacy for Missouri's 8th District Senate seat. I have received overwhelming support from people in the 8th District urging me to seek this office. I am dedicated to fighting for the best interests of the people and **not** special interest groups. I've spent my entire life serving the citizens of the State of Missouri: as a state trooper, state representative and as a marine in Vietnam. I'm prepared to represent the people of the 8th Senate District with honesty and integrity. I'll serve as a full time Senator and I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to foster an environment of economic growth and low taxes. I pledge to be accountable to the people and listen to voters across the district.

For further information, questions or comments, please call me at 816-228-6923 or 816-668-9998.

(Gary is a friend of FORR - he has filed our helmet bill for numerous years)



ACEM - The Motorcycle Industry in Europe

European motorcycle manufacturers seek regulatory stability and a level playing field in foreign markets

European Commission to unveil new rules for a technical regulation as Powered Two-Wheeler sector faces tough consequences of economic crisis

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels 2.2.2010 - The financial and economic crisis, which hit public finances, businesses, employment and households, took a heavy toll on the motorcycle industry in Europe as well. Registrations of Powered Two-Wheelers (PTWs) plunged in the final quarter of 2008, and for 2009, a drop in the range of -25% was recorded.

During its yearly conference held on 28 January ACEM, the European association of motorcycle manufacturers, gathering representatives of the industry, managers and officials from the European Institutions in Brussels, called for a common strategy to overcome the crisis and move towards recovery.

Fall in demand of PTWs gave way to a decline in production, putting high pressure on manufacturers and on employment. In this climate of uncertainty, exacerbated by the import of low-cost products from Asian countries, the European Commission is preparing to submit a proposal for a new technical regulation for the type-approval of PTWs. In Europe the PTW sector employs 150,000 people with a turnover of Euro 34 billion.

Just over a year ago, ACEM announced a series of initiatives focusing on environment and road safety. Despite the crisis, ACEM members are determined to keep these commitments, also considering the European Commission's upcoming EU 2020 strategy, aiming to boost the economy and employment.

But to achieve these objectives, the motorcycle manufacturers are urging European policy makers to outline a dedicated strategy for the short and medium term, underlining the importance of strengthening Europe as a destination for investments. In this regard, Gabriele Del Torchio, CEO of Ducati, has underscored the need for supportive measures for the PTW industry calling for swift action to ensure that the European industry is in the best position when the recovery starts.

During the ACEM Conference Giacomo Mattinò, deputy head of the automotive industry unit at DG Enterprise, announced that the Commission's proposal, due in April, will have environmental and road safety objectives, while taking into account the lead time required by industry to adapt production.

Bern Lange MEP, who chaired the conference, underlined the need of ambitious targets however he also acknowledged that the industry requires a clear roadmap with sufficient leadtime if these goals are to be collectively achieved.

To restore confidence it is necessary to address several issues: a new European regulatory framework for PTWs must be justified by a long-term perspective and be based on a cost-benefit analysis. This approach will ensure regulatory stability and simplification, providing the industry with a sensible timeframe and sufficient flexibility to develop new products meeting costumers' demand. Innovative technologies, especially with regard to urban mobility, are already on the market with more efficient vehicles, hybrids, three-wheelers and advanced braking systems becoming increasingly available. If electric motorcycles are soon to be a reality in the market place, fiscal incentives and the presence of recharging stations will be crucial to stimulate demand. Much depends on the infrastructure and policy-makers still have an important role to play.

The ACEM conference provided the opportunity to address the issue of imported products from emerging markets like China and the serious concerns they are causing, due to safety and environmental flaws. In fact, these vehicles often do not meet type-approval requirements. Regarding exports, greater attention must be paid to ensure equal conditions on foreign markets.

Quote:

Jacques Compagne, ACEM Secretary General, said: "We are pleased with the close collaboration established with the European Commission in the context of the future PTW regulation. The Commission has acknowledged the serious crisis faced by the industry, as well as the opportunities it represents for the European economy. The PTW Industry is ready to play its part provided the objectives are achievable and foresee a reasonable lead time. Furthermore, if we want a thriving PTW industry in Europe, a level playing field has to be guaranteed, here and abroad, for all manufacturers, including those from emerging economies".

Note to editors:

ACEM, the Motorcycle Industry in Europe, is the professional body representing the interests and combined skills of 12 powered two wheelers (PTWs) manufacturers producing a total of 26 motorcycle and moped brands, and 15 national associations out of 13 European countries, guaranteeing jobs to over 150.000 people. The aggregated turnover of the PTW sector (manufacturing, plus upstream and downstream activities) amounted to Euro 34 billion in 2006. Manufacturers alone account for Euro 7 billion. The members of ACEM are responsible for 90% of the production and up to 80% of the European powered two-wheeler (PTW) market. More information, statistics and policy statements at: <http://www.acem.eu/>

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Connections



The MRF's Statement For The Record

October 28, 2009
Statement For The Record
United States Senate
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Combating
Distracted Driving

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to offer this statement for the record before the US Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. Today's hearing on distracted driving touched on a lot of issued surround the problem. Multiple approaches were addressed with no real agreement on how to tackle the issue. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) would like to address the potential solutions to this problem that arguably affect the American motorcycling community worse than any other road users.

The Schumer approach (S1536) and its companion House bill (HR3535) would withhold one quarter of all Highway funds owed to a state that does not have an explicitly ban of texting while driving. This approach is opposed by the MRF. Withholding State owed monies by the Federal Government is fundamentally wrong and the MRF will oppose any legislation that does. Secondly, singling out the worst form of distracted driving will only force highway users to resort to other forms of communication and continue to driver distracted. Consider the recent Maine law that bans all form of distracted driving, not just one.

We do look forward to reading the Rockefeller/Hutchinson bill. If the bill turns out to be similar to the way it was described at today's hearing we will be in full support. Providing resources to the States is the best approach to solving this problem. Letting States determine what is best for their own is the right way to get people to stop driving distracted. Secretary LaHood said it best, "**number one is education**". We need to shift everyone in this country to pay full attention when operating a vehicle. Good laws with proper enforcement and adjudication is the only way to make that shift happen.

We applaud the Committee for taking the first step in solving what is becoming one of the worst safety issues affecting our road users and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns. Should the committee have any questions please contact the Washington office of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Jeff Hennie
Vice President Government Affairs and Public Relations

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Urges Action to Prevent Trail Funding From Being Slashed in Budget!

On February 1, President Obama submitted his proposed budget for fiscal year (FY) 2011 to Congress. One proposed cut could be disastrous for motorized trail users.

Buried in the nearly 200-page document is one paragraph dealing with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Capital Improvement and Maintenance (CIM) program. The CIM program funds improvements, maintenance and the operation of U.S. Forest Service roads, trails and recreation infrastructure.

Under the budget proposal, the CIM program would be cut by \$100 million -- from a \$538 million appropriation in FY 2010 to a proposed \$438 million in FY 2011. In justification for the proposed cut the Administration says that it wants to focus the Forest Service on "road decommissioning, erosion control, watershed health and forest restoration."

The proposed cut is particularly disturbing in light of the Forest Service's recent work on off-highway vehicle (OHV) travel management. Many National Forest's have only recently completed their travel management plans and will need funding for implementation. As these plans were developed local Forest Service staff repeatedly told OHV enthusiasts that they lacked sufficient funding to maintain existing trails, provide trailhead facilities or to adequately inventory existing trails.

Furthermore, funding for good trail design, construction and maintenance is essential to meeting the Administration's stated goals of erosion control, watershed health and forest restoration.

The OHV enthusiast community has done all it can to assist the Forest Service in funding trails. In partnership with the Forest Service, OHV enthusiasts provide thousands of hours of volunteer hours each year to maintain trail systems. In addition to consistently asking Congress to provide adequate appropriations, enthusiasts also fostered the federal Recreational Trails Program and state level motorized trail programs that provide non-Forest Service funding for trails. The OHV community even supported the Forest Service's controversial Recreation Fee program to get badly needed funds on the ground. But it is incumbent on the agency to seek and provide a reasonable level of funding for trails in its own budget.

Congress will be considering the President's budget proposal over the next few months. The American Motorcyclist Association urges its members to contact their federal elected officials and request that they oppose any cut in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's CIM budget.

You can find contact information for your elected officials at AmericanMotorcyclist.com, click on "Rights," then "Issues & Legislation," and enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. Additionally, a prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your federal elected official immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

Please write or call your Senators and Representative today and ask them to oppose any cut in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's CIM budget.

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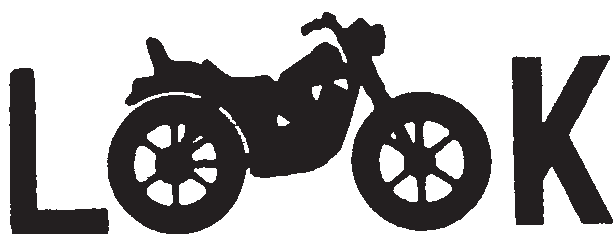
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27 L-42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance
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11 L-24 St Louis Blessing of Bikes 636-343-1037
11 L-33 50 Hwy W April Fool's Poker Run 660-233-3949

17 L-46 Greater KC Bunny Run 816-695-7563

18 L-15 Branson Forsyth Swap Meet 417-334-0775

24-25 FORR® Proclamation Run 800-309-7433

25 L-29 North Kansas City Kearney Bike Show
913-449-1533

27 FORR® Motorcycle Awareness Rally & You
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MAY

1 District 4 Legislative Fundraiser
816-716-4350

2 FORR® & Abate for Missouri BUFR Run
636-583-8678

9 FORR® Central Committee Meeting
800-309-7433
Truman Hotel - 800-392-0202

15 L-5 South KC & 14 Independence Bike Show
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