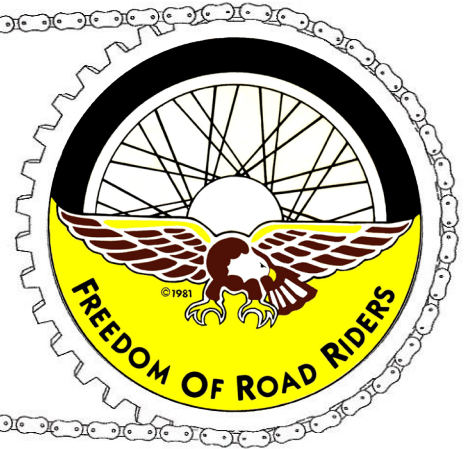




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Jefferson City, MO 65101-2839
(573) 636-2311

Central Committee Meetings are at 10:00 am on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered months of the year,

**Next Central Committee Meeting:
September 17, 2023**

ONLY current membership Central Committee Representatives can conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings. Please be sure your membership is current.

Committee Meetings are the Saturday before the scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

Saturday Committees

Membership 12:00 pm
Legislative 1:00 pm
PAC Rally 2:00 pm
FEW Seminar 3:00 pm
Motorcycle Awareness 4:00 pm
Open Officers Meeting 5:00 pm

**Scheduled Central Committee Meetings for 2023 are as follows:
Sept. 16-17, Nov. 11-12**

Freedom of Road Riders® Local 3 NOT Rally *September 22-24, 2023*

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Central Committee Meeting #261 July 9, 2023

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at the American Legion Post #5. Jefferson City, MO. Corporate officers present were Chairman, Ken Lewis, Vice Chairman, Joe Karr, Corporate Secretary Amy Allmon, Treasurer Kathleen Karr, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Tricia Ruby, Rider Education Coordinator Beth Livingston, Sergeant at Arms Tim O'Connor, Membership Coordinator Kerri Lewis

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

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

Location	Local	Count	Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	34	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Macon*	Local 02	58	1 Vote	James Willam
Truman Lake	Local 03	55	1 Votes	Sasha Bowen
South Kansas City	Local 05	73	1 Vote	Duane Copowycz
St. Joseph	Local 06	128	2 Votes	Larry Gilpin
Lebanon	Local 07	72	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	64	1 Vote	Ronnie McLean
Jefferson City	Local 10	122	2 Votes	Marla Wallace
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	58	1 Vote	Jake High
Glasgow	Local 12	62	1 Vote	Jim Fitzsimonds
Mexico	Local 13	67	1 Vote	Chad Gardner
Lexington	Local 14	64	1 Vote	Donna Hilburn
Branson	Local 15	162	2 Votes	Les Morris
SEMO	Local 16	37	1 Vote	George Reutzel
Dexter	Local 20	41	1 Vote	Absent
St. Louis	Local 24	59	1 Vote	Tricia Ruby
St. Charles County	Local 25	82	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville*	Local 26	40	1 Vote	Katherine Rice
Waynesville	Local 28	64	1 Vote	Absent
North Kansas City	Local 29	40	1 Vote	Jim and Donna
Springfield/Nixa*	Local 30	60	1 Vote	Nichole Boyd
Central Missouri	Local 31	68	1 Vote	Charlie Dowell
Highway 50 West	Local 33	61	1 Vote	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	39	1 Vote	Rod Huff
Cameron Crossroads*	Local 41	13	1 Vote	Stephen Gallus
Franklin County*	Local 42	27	1 Vote	Absent
Members at Large	Local 00	66	0 Vote	
Total		1,761		
Corporate Sponsors		6		

* Vote suspended due to financial reports - * Vote suspended due to member total less than 10

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Locals. Local 1 made a motion to approve the minutes, Local 11, 2nd. The Motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Chairman – Ken “Squirrel” Lewis

Life members please stand for round of applause.

There were 23 people in attendance and 8 locals represented at the committee meetings Saturday. I have 3 CC meetings as chairman. Announcement: September Committee Meetings and CC meeting date have been changed to September 16-17 from September 9-10 due to scheduling conflict at the Legion Hall. Every problem has a solution and I need to worry less. For some time now we have known that Beth Clark health is failing and we are in dire need of replacement for the Rider Education Coordinator for next riding season.

Vice Chairman – Joe “DC” Karr

The EOF winner Duane Copowycz, Local 5. Congratulations! Following the by-laws as a Local.

Department Reports**Treasurer – Kathleen “Duchess” Warner**

I have added the Financial Report page that includes the Local's standing with current financial reports, the same report that will be included in the Freedom Press. Including the donations and \$5 membership dues reports to the financial package. Working with the accountant, will need to dig into the old QuickBooks accounts, things are somewhat hazy and can't find evidence of the tax return for the final year of Ronda's term.

Total Company Balance \$126,793.94.
 State Accts. Balances: June 30, 2023
 GENERAL FUND: beginning \$10,202.00 ending \$6,876.46.
 PAC FUND: beginning \$62,221.36 ending \$ 61,900.06.
 RIDERS ED: beginning: \$22,421.02 ending \$ 27,237.21.
 AWARENESS AND MEMBERSHIP Marketing: beginning \$6,025.44 ending \$5,664.06.
 GIVEAWAY: Beginning and ending \$7,830.42
 MEETING OF THE MINDS: Beginning and ending 3,740.30.
 HOMECOMING: Beginning \$11,860.00 ending \$13,545.43.
 DONATIONS: Local 5 - \$500 to Meeting of the Minds, Local 10 - \$500 to Homecoming, Local 15 - \$200 to Homecoming, \$50 T-shirt sponsor Homecoming and \$500 toward PAC fund.

Local 1 made the motion to accept the financial report as corrected and Local 26 2nd the report. Passed unanimous voice vote.

Secretary –**Membership Report**

May - June 2023

Memberships Processed:

May Total	20 New Members	84 Renewed Members
Life Members for May - 2		
*Life Maint – 8		
June Total	25 New Members	69 Renewed Members
Life Members for June - 3		
*Life Maint – 5		
Life Members - 5	45 New Members	153 Renewed Members
May – June	207 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED	
2023	1761 Total Membership	
	(Increase of 23 members)	
	446 LIFE MEMBERS	

Webmaster – Duchess

The FORR Product Line Store logistics are more labor intensive and challenging. It is up however we are not currently taking money through the site it will direct you to call or email Shelly with your order. There are photos of the merchandise for you to view. It is a matter of availability and payments to Shelly. The sanction form on-line will not allow user to attach the flyer to the form and will not send without it, Duchess will investigate the problem. Is Membership Auto renew an option? Possible but it would require us to store payment info. Will investigate. Would like to include a photo archive page (PG only please), please forward to webmaster@forn.net. Please try to label it with event, subject, year, or approximate year.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Tricia Ruby - Purchased pens with the FORR logo, blue ink. More can be purchased if the Locals like them. Pricing out banners and posters for Awareness Booths, bestofsigns.com was suggested. Biker Bingo, random PSAs for drivers. Awareness shirts: with Bigfoot riding a motorcycle and other give away items for the Awareness booths. Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest will need bodies working our booth. Bikefest September 13-17

Legislative Coordinator – Joe Widmer - Hands free driving passed this session and signed by the Governor. Secondary offence goes into effect August 28, 2023. Fines will be charged beginning 2025. Warnings issued if there is a phone in your hand.

Nebraska has passed a helmet free law: must be over 21 and if out of State, be able to present proof of Safety Course Completion. Goes into effect January 2024. You might be able to get replacement cards from MMSP, contact the site where you took the course. Go to website mmmsp@ucmo.edu if site is now closed. You will need to pinpoint the year and approximate month when the course was completed. 660-543-8416.

December 1 is the prefilling deadline, and we need to determine what we wish to file. There will be most likely driver's education bills, lighting bill is still out there but on hold. Rep. Jamie Burger requesting a campaign donation for State Representative, and he is the assistant floor leader currently. Local 11 made a motion that we donate \$100 to his campaign and 2nd by Local 10, passed with unanimous voice vote.

MODOT provided a motorcycle fatalities comparison report and that is available through your CC representative. QuestionS "was there medical issue or emergency that caused the rider to go down." Also, other concerns are unlicensed riders, lack of training and inattention. Do we want Bill Eigel, candidate for Missouri Governor, to speak at a CC meeting? And/or Mike Kehoe.

MRF – Amy Allmon - MOTM 2023 is September 21-24 in Harrisburg, PA. Let me know if you are interested. We are also beginning another give away for MOTM 2024, September 19-23, Combat Armory AR-15, with 2 magazines and a padded case, \$10 tickets. Donated to FORR, tickets are available for sale. Tickets can be purchased through CashApp, Venmo or PayPal. Message or call Joe Karr. MOTM 2024 has several levels of sponsorship and I have forms if you need. Also, we will accept donations of items for auction or for the bar in the hospitality suite. We will have 2 give-away items and we will be selling tickets, to raise funds for this year's travel to MOTM. FORR cornhole game and a cement garden bench that resembles motorcycle axel w/wheels (photos enclosed I hope).

Mid-South Mile – Roy "Cowboy" Hoard – The MILE was moved to Springfield, MO due to hotel availability. It will be October 20-22, at The University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO room rate \$95. Hosting State provides lunch on Saturday. NEED items for basket that is Missouri made please bring to September CC meeting. Tami is Site Coordinator for the MILE.

Riders Education – Beth Clark – Paid for Can-Am Storage through November and submitted for reimbursement from Can-Am. If you want to take the 3-wheel course and pay the \$199 with Can-Am, go to www.learnoride3wheel.com.

Classes will be August 18-20 and September 1-3. We had 2 transmissions blow up in the last 2 years of the volunteer driver's trucks. It takes at least a ¾ ton with hauling package and diesel would be preferable. We had to hire a tow truck to deliver the trailer to the site at \$60 a class. Do we have a contract to cover our interest? Going to check about getting that agreement in writing. Having issues with E-course and gmail accounts not receiving the course timely. Riders Education has a gmail account just for this purpose, forrsafety@gmail.com. We had to reschedule several students due to this issue.

It does not allow students who sign up at the last minute to complete the E-course after the riding course. The State of Missouri does allow students to take the e-course after the riding course but then must come back after the class to complete the written test. Riders Education would like to set a policy that you must complete the e-course prior to the riding course. We will inform prospective students up front and if unable to return to complete the course, we will refund the fee. We have a bike that most likely has a bad cam, informed that it's expensive to fix. We have a bike that wasn't sold, and we can switch them out. We can possibly have it looked at and maybe it could be fixed for a reasonable price.

Beth will no longer be able to coach, coordinate and site manage. She is willing to train. FORR will also reimburse anyone who wishes to become a coach, up to \$600. Classes are available in the Kansas City area and only 4 days and e-course. Range aide/site manager available to unlock the gate Friday night and meet the trailer, load and unload bikes and meet the tow truck to retrieve the trailer and minor repairs/maintenance. Propose paying a site manager \$4,000 a year. Local 1 makes a motion to pay a site manager \$4000 per year, Local 10 second to motion. Call the vote, 19 yay and 2 abstain.

Membership Coordinator – Tricia Ruby – Suggest offering a promotional membership drive at Homecoming Rally by announcing a \$5 discount for membership at the event sort of like a "blue light special"? Need to grow or we will die. Approval to attempt the blue light special promotion at Homecoming. Post insurance prices in the newsletter.

COCI Liaison – Ken Lewis - COC meeting was attended by Jim Fitzsimonds was essentially the State party.

Product Line – Shelly Payne (Absent) - Contact her (660)251-3904 or photobysshelly@yahoo.com. New designs are available. Beanies – multiple colors. New Shirts with multiple colors. Puff vinyl logo shirts. Jewelry. Still working on the FORR Store Page for the website logistics for payment, shipping, etc. The Product Line Trailer is undergoing a rebuild thanks to Heinz Maurer and Doug Hilburn and should be ready for the Freedom Rally. Local 1 made a motion that if the State Product is invited to an event, then the vendor fee would be waived. Local 14 will 2nd the motion. Unanimous voice vote. Local 30 made a motion that if Shelly hauls the trailer to an event, then she is reimbursed for fuel. Local 1 will 2nd the motion. Unanimous voice vote.

Freedom Press – Michelle “Rebel” O’Connor - There are several locals that do not provide a newsletter submission. Please provide something to keep the rest of the membership to inform them of the meeting date and time and just a line on what’s happening.

FEW Seminar – Trisha Ruby - Theme for 2024 “Back to the Future”. Confirmed date March 9, 2024. We will rope off the silent auction area while we are setting it up. YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL READY, ONLY THE LAST BID COUNTS. Need volunteers for a discussion panel of new and old members and how we can merge our strengths to grow the organization.

Trying to schedule an accident scene recreation and will keep you posted. Award nominations will be limited to 15 and received by January CC meeting. You must “sell” the individual nominated; 2 sentences will not cut it. You must remember most likely we do not know the person very well or at all. Buck stops here award nominations are due by October and go the Jim Scheele in Local 30. Games and ducks as always. We need feedback, please complete the surveys.

Homecoming – Joe “DC” Karr. Thank Rod Huff for putting up the large banner on Hwy 7. Homecoming Rally August 25-27, 2023. The flyer, sponsor forms and vendor form are available on the website. RV spot reservations (660) 342-2729 to reserve, 3 left as of today. The on-site meeting will be June 4, 2023, at 1pm. Bands, bike games before human games, using dog tags for trophies. Frozen T-shirt and underwear, wet T-shirt for Ms. Homecoming. \$25 member and \$30 non-member, day passes \$10 member and \$15 non-member. RV is \$35 each night and Thursday is free. No RV hook-up, it’s only \$25. If you don’t show up after paying for an RV spot, we will resell the spot and thank you for the donation. You can rent an RV/Camper at Blue Bird Outdoor Adventure (660)553-8937 The New Quonset Hut will soon be completed and will be the beer garden. Work shift schedule is available contact Donna Hilburn. The State PAC fundraiser, by-laws state the locals are to support the state organization. Bike giveaway 2009 Ultra Glide with about 40,000 miles, heated seats, new handgrips, hitch for a trailer.

Old Business – The By-law change to increase membership dues. Local 1 makes motion to take the By-law change off the table for a vote, Local 14 second the motion. A unanimous voice vote to bring off the table. Roll call vote: 7 yay and 14 nays, motion fails.

New Business – All memberships applications or changes need to go to Freedom of Road Riders, Kerri Lewis, 1350 Greenway Chase Dr, Florissant, MO 63031. Sonic donated discount cards we sell for \$5 each and that would be profit for the Meeting of the Minds. Life members are covered by the American Income life policy as long as they remain rostered members.

Insurance Prices

1 day event \$95.

Multiple day events of less than 500 attendees \$175 / 500 attendees or more \$235 .

Additional Insured \$100

Good of the order/Connections

American Income Life contact Aaron Bronson, (816) 853-4304.

Local 24 – Redneck Biker Golf – Aug 19

Local 13 – Bike, Car and Truck show – Aug 19

Local 12 – Firecracker Classic – September 22-23 – Glasgow

District 4 – Octoberfest – October 6,7,8 in Grain Valley, MO need sponsors please.

Local 14 – Pool Tournament at the Hideaway October 28 (pending approval)

Local 14 – Christmas party December 2 (pending approval)

Dragon still has Animal memorial patches since he was the founding member, and everyone should have one.

Message from Vice Chairman, by-laws state the “main purpose of the Locals raising funds for the collective purpose of supporting FORR each Local should financially contribute cause which in turn keeps the wheel of the organization spinning.” We have a couple Locals with potential presidents that have not read the by-laws don’t understand that Locals are here to support the State. You cannot use Freedom of Road Riders name to promote events to fund their own charity. When facts are explained the response received is “If that’s the way is going to go then I’m walking”. BYE! We need quality members and quantity will follow. Seems that some like to whine and cry if they don’t get their way. It’s a volunteer organization, you volunteered to join, and you can volunteer to leave.

A motion to adjourn was made by Local 11 and 2nd by Local 1 motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting

**The CC meeting will be September 17, 2023, at American Legion
1423 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City.**

Local 1 – Lee’s Summit (March 1980)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. - Location Varies

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906

Facebook: FORR Local 1

Howdy all! Man, it's HOT!!! Thankfully as of this writing Mother Nature has seen it fit to giving a us a break for the day.

Went on the Local 35 Memorial Ride & Poker Run yesterday. Over 65 folks signed in – What a group! Started in Clinton, ending in Windsor at one of our Corporate Sponsors – Pickled Possum. Nice Place! Everyone seemed to have a good time & most missed the rain on the way home.

We have 6 - 40th Anniversary patches & 11 Animal patches left if you need them. Contact us!

After all of the heavy rain down south-east in Missouri – I hope our Local 20 in Dexter is staying a float! Take care down there folks...

Our August meeting is at the Lumber Yard in Urich the weekend of Homecoming. Sunday @ 1pm. Hope to see many of you there. If not just for the meeting, but for the 'Chicken'. It's really good.

Our September meeting is September 10th @ 1pm at El Paso off of 50 & 131 Hwy.

Octoberfest is just around the corner. My favorite event of the year.... Make sure to pencil it in for your next event!
IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME RAIN OR SHINE!

Well time to go for now, and I always say.... Have a good one then, have another!

See ya, **Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157**

**Local 2 – Macon** (November 2020)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30pm

Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley 660-973-5557

Facebook: FORR Local 2

Local 3 - Truman Lake (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.

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Local 5 - South Kansas City (June 1981)

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 3 p.m. @ VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)

Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Local 5 South KC

Hello, hope everyone is having a glorious summer. Thankfully heat not buckling highways so great riding weather. Just a couple of quick notes. State is looking for a new Rider's Ed. Coordinator. If interested contact your CC rep.

FORR.net the state website has added the FORR store. Open the drop-down menu and scroll down to store. Many items available and many, many more not shown. Shelley Payne contact info listed so you can talk to her if item not shown.

Octoberfest 6th thru 8th fast approaching so make your plans and hey help us work a shift. Thanks in advance. Be there or be square!!

2024 FEW seminar in in the works with a "Back to the Future" theme. So get your mind to working for the best decorated table and auction basket.

Lastly our neighbor to the north Nebraska has amended their helmet law to allow riders over the age of 21 with a motorcycle drivers course card to ride helmet free. The choice is great to have.

Thank you for your time, **Rebecca**

Local 6 - St. Joseph (March 1982)

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

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501

Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenbbitch@hotmail.com 913-645-1570

In July we had 2 members run away to ride the "Tail of the Dragon" in North Carolina, glad they had a safe and fun trip. On the 15th of July there were 20 members from the local that teamed up with other riders and MRO's to join in the 10th Annual Jesse's Memorial Run. This year's ride was an all VFW poker stop to help promote local VFW's. All proceeds from the run go to the Gary Sinise Foundation. Want to thank the Auxiliary at the Wathena Post 5531 for the great meal they put on for everyone. There were 56 bikes present for the ride, it was a great day for a ride.

On July 16th we had our meeting, total attendance was 25, next meeting is August 20th, hope to see everyone there.

On the weekend of July 21st, we had members from the local show up and support ABATE of Kansas 23rd Annual Dirt Drags in Easton, Kansas. Dirt drags and field events all weekend, with bands playing at night to keep everyone entertained.



On 22 July we had one member ride out to Junction City, Kansas for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association State Meeting. The meeting was held at City Cycle Sales. If you want to do a nice day ride, I think you should head out and give these great people a little support. City Cycle Sales will be closing soon

To all those travelling to and from Sturgis, hope you have a great time and safe ride.

On August 1st two members from the local participated in escorting the Vietnam Traveling Wall from Cameron, Mo. to Chillicothe High School where it was on display to the public for free. If you ever have the chance, go by the wall when it's in your area and pay respects.

Birthdays this month include Ben Hughes on the 25th, Jim Cross on the 26th, and Tressa Livingston on the 29th, (a little birdie told me that Tressa turns the big 5-0 this year!) We also have David Rapson Sr. celebrating a birthday on September 4. Make sure to wish everyone a happy birthday when you see them. **Christine**

Local 7 – Lebanon (January 1983)

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

T'S Redneck Restaurant in Lebanon, MO.

Contact: Donald Goertz 573-586-7271

Well, here we are again another month gone by.

I have lost my notes from last meeting and have to write this letter before the next meeting.

I did not go on the last local 7 ride due to a surprise birthday for my wife Juanita. I know we are to help Lebanon area cyclist on a poker run for Sound House I think it will be Sunday September 3rd at 10:00 am meeting to follow at Sound house. We also decided rather than having 2 or 3 memorial rides we would combine them. So now the Robert Evans ride which is Aug. 27th will now be a memorial ride for all our fallen brothers and sisters. I am sorry but I do not have the time for this or meeting place please call our president Don at 573-586-7271. Know before our last meeting some of us got together with local 28 and did a ride with Bama from local 28 led the group on a nice tour through the countryside. Places I have not been. It was some awesome roads and beautiful sites. Thanks, Bama for the tour. Oh yeah, and Bell was collecting wasps in her bra that did not go over well but she is ok.

Thats all I got for now, so ride safe.

Sir Robert

Local 8 – Chillicothe (March 1986)

Meetings: (call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907

Facebook: FORR Local 8

Local 10 - Jefferson City (March 1987)

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

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill 4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO

Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005 or Secy. Julie Loveall 573-645-7106 Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889

Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR) Local 10

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri (February 1984)

Meetings: Please watch posts on our Facebook page for meeting dates as they may change due to scheduling conflicts Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO

Contact: President - Mike Mort @ (417) 396-3691 or Vice President – Shawn Pilcher (497) 200-2495

Facebook – Freedom of the Road Riders Local 11

Hello everyone, Happy August! Hard to believe we are already in the 8th month of the year. The weather has been dry for riding but oh so hot! I hope all of you have been able to enjoy some wind therapy.

We have our annual bike show coming up on September 9th at the Eagles. Come out and support us! There will be a silent auction, food and live band! Other events are listed on our FB page as well so check them out. Safe riding everyone, much love! **Brandy**

Local 12 – Glasgow (April 1994)

Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 3:00 P.M.

Location: Varies Times may vary for special circumstances...

check Local 12's Facebook page for exact times.

Upcoming meetings: Sept. 10 Socko and Laura's Sept. 21 Thurs.) Stump Island after rally set up Oct.8 Jay and

Patti's Contact Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024

Facebook Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Hey Local 12: July started out with a Fourth of July ride to Boz and Jude's where we had a BBQ with ribs and all the fixings. We had a good turn out and everyone had a great time.

Our July meeting was held at Socko and Laura's with 14 members present. Greg Barron's name was drawn for the incentive pot but he was not at the meeting to collect. Socko cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and Laura had an awesome pasta salad for us. Four of us took a ride to Columbia to the Indian Motorcycle open house. Then we went to visit April Williams at the Ride for the Hoohas event. She then joined us for a ride up scenic highway 87 into Glasgow where we stopped and cooled off at the Beak. Jim, Susan, Chuck, Jay and I took a ride to Crane for the Hootentown Rally in late July. We all enjoyed the rally and the ride. The Firecracker Classic is coming up soon. We sure hope to see you there Sept. 22 and 23. It's sure to be a great time.

Till next time, **Patti B**

Local 13 – Mexico (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @3 pm

For Meeting info or Membership

Call: President Chad "Dump Truck" Gardner @ 573-253-8742 Or Terra Hanon @ 573-721-7211

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13



Hey all you Freedom Lovers,
 Last month I was talking about our O'Connor Family reunions and why it is so important to be able to visit with family at something other than funerals. Well tomorrow Rebel and I will be driving to Springfield for a funeral. My Dad's younger sister died on July 29th, just 4 short weeks after our reunion. It was such a blessing to have the time we did with her at the reunion, Aunt Sug, as we called her, outlasted us a couple nights sitting around singing and telling stories. And let me tell you she could sing the blues with her sexy silky voice. There are only 2 left in the second generation now, my dad and one sister, Aunt Joanne, and we just celebrated Aunt Joanne's 93 birthday this year.

I had the privilege to ride with Local 35, and several other locals, on their Memorial Ride last weekend. It was hot but it was great to get to see and visit with fellow Freedom Fighters. I think I heard there were over 60 people signed in for the ride. Make sure you are all taking advantage of the time you have cause you never know what tomorrow will bring. Hopefully I got a chance to see you at the Mo Bikers Homecoming Motorcycle Rally in August.

District 4 is still looking for a trailer for the Sign-in gate, if you know of one please let us know. We are also still looking for some 10' plywood for the tent trailer. We are struggling to come up with a food vendor for District 4 Octoberfest, if you know of a food vendor that can provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner, get ahold of the HBIC, Donna Hilburn.

Hope you have made your plans to attend the 42nd Sort of Annual D4 Octoberfest at the Thunder Valley Sand Drags in Grain Valley on October 6th thru 8th. We will have some great giveaways and raffle items.

Stay safe out there and watch out for each other.

**Keep Pushin On
 Tim "Dragon" O'Connor
 Member # 7156**

REALLY...

Can we still order Black Coffee???
 Are Brownies being taken off the shelf?
 Is White Castle changing it's name? ...
 I'm sure Cracker Barrel is screwed...
 Can we still play Chinese Checkers?...
 Is it still called an Indian Burn?...

No more Italian sausages?

How far to ya want to go with this foolishness?

Fire Cracker Classic

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Susan McDaniel (660) 631-6024

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Local 14 – Independence (September 1989)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ VFW Post 4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO 64067

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243

Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Hello brothers and sisters, hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday!!

Pool tournament is Oct 28. sign in is 5:00 to 6:00pm, starts at 6pm, held at The Hideaway Bar & Grill, 68 SE 180th Rd Warrensburg MO 64093..... Halloween Costumes are optional.....flyer is out.

L14 will be getting ready to work on our annual Christmas party as well, Dec 2nd. We also need to get busy on getting items for the baskets and silent auction.

Just a quick reminder to be safe out there. Stats are not looking good. Riders, please slow down, pay attention especially in curves. We are in a record we dont want. We worked hard and long for our rights. Let's keep our rights.

We meet 3rd Sunday each month @VFW Post 4052, 3109 Franklin Ave., Lexington, Mo 64067

Have a great summer and be safe out there!!!!!!!

Steph "Puff" Foulks

Local 15 – Branson / Tri-Lakes (May 1991)

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Call for information Contact: Cyndi Barker 417-339-1679

Facebook: FORR Local #15

Hey everyone!!!

We had a HELL OF A GOOD TIME at Hootentown this year!!!! Thank you to everyone that worked the front gate, led or worked games and contests, there are too many names to mention, but we all know who you are, and saw the work you put into it!!!! The vendors were awesome, especially the food trucks. The bands kicked ass, as we knew they would! Thank you to everyone that helped with the Poker Run, especially Terry Beltz, Ron Trickel and Linda Steelman. Thank you to everyone that participated in the games and contests. Thank you to our brothers and sisters from other locals that helped or played with us! As you may have heard, there were 616 through the gate. The most ever to attend. Thank you to everyone that came. You are the reason it was a success! A HUGE SHOUT OUT to everyone at Hootentown campground and canoe rentals for allowing us to continue to hold our little rally there!!!

Our Sept. BS will be at Cruise Inn and Throttle Down in Kimberling City on Sept.5 As always everyone starts coming after work between 6-6:30.

Our business meetings are at the Amvets in Rockaway. The meeting starts at 7. We had 32 in attendance at our last meeting. The last recorded new members were Dan Casterton, Mark Elkenbury, Gary Huges and Karen Streeter. I hope to have an updated list at the next meeting. Robert Brown could have gotten \$88 from our membership drawing, but he wasn't there. Scott Barker won the 50/50. Please come and join us at our next meeting. We will start working on our two Toy Runs. Hope to see you soon, **Lou**

Local 16 – SEMO (December 1984)

Meetings: Call for Info - Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494

E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com

Facebook: FORR Local 16

Dang! Time to write the newsletter again already!

There is no new news in the world of Local 16 since the last report. Nothing has changed, nothing has been added, nothing has been deleted. 30 days have gone by and that's all.

However, in my search for a particular Local 16 group photo I wound up deleting a bunch of empty photo folders and came across a really good picture of **Drake**, so I submitted Local 16's 'mascot' as a substitute instead of a group picture.

Reminder – September's meeting will be 7pm on the 29th at the West End Tavern (and grocery) in Frohna.

Martin King, of Pocahontas



"Drake"

Local 20 – Dexter (September 1985)

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 2PM

The Tin Can 24 N. Locust St., Dexter, MO

Contact: Daryl Maxey 573-421-0257

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter

Local 24 - St. Louis (October 1986 / Closed 2006 – reinstated January 2009)

Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7 p.m.

Amore Pizza 450 Rue St., St. Francois, Florissant, MO

Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624

Greetings.

I wonder how many of you fine folks are aware of Johnny's Hideout? Those of you that know, know. Those of you that don't.... Well let me tell you about them. They're located at 3367 High Ridge Blvd High Ridge, MO. Check 'em out! Google 'em on yer smarty pants phone. A friend of Terra's daughter works there. That's how Terra and I found out about this place. Johnny's is a VERY biker friendly eating and drinking establishment. Lots of motorcycle only parking, charming waitresses, and really good bar type food. But most importantly, and the reason I'm telling you about this place is they are sympathetic and very helpful to the F.O.R.R. cause. They have very graciously and generously allowed us to put up an information booth there on bike night which is every Wednesday! We are trying to do 2 per month. It's our aim to take advantage of a really good "bike bar" scene the likes of which I personally haven't seen around here since Cadillac Jack's, or more recently Shady Jack's. We are trying to make more people aware of the F.O.R.R. organization and the truly important cause that we all strive to maintain and protect. Patronize this place if you can. And if you do, tell them that you're with F.O.R.R. and thank them for their support!

Coming up this month is Terra's and my favorite ride, REDNECK BIKER GOLF. You really have got to see just how much fun this is. It's a putt putt golf game. We ride from hole to hole and play the par 3 holes that are constructed by the venues. Prizes for the 3 best scores. Prizes for the voted 3 best holes are also given to the fine folks that build these holes. I personally make the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Player's trophies. I recently heard that the gold plated trophy given for 1st place last year was sold for \$12,000 on ebay! OK. That's a lie. Yeah. A big one. Anyway. REDNECK BIKER GOLF registration is 11AM to noon at AMORE PIZZA 450 St. Francois Florissant, MO 63301 RAIN OR SHINE THIS IS HAPPENING.

All bikes and cars are welcome. Like to dress up like a redneck? Already dress like one everyday? This ride is definitely for you because there will be a best dressed redneck man and best dressed redneck woman voted on at the last hole as well. Fun fun fun.

This is the part where I tell a tale from the road story, but Terra and I are gonna go riding now cause isn't that what this is really all about?

STAY VIGILANT. TCLOCK YOUR MACHINE. ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING ESPECIALLY WHEN APPROACHING INTERSECTIONS. REMEMBER WHEN WE RIDE, WE'RE INVISIBLE.

Rob & Terra

Local 25 - St. Charles County (November 1986)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 p.m. @ St Charles Music House

Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

Hello! Sorry I missed last month but, Shit happens. LOL!!

We had a good turnout for our meeting. Happy to see Scooter and Coffee in person!!! Mark gave us a good report from the C.C. meeting. We also talked about getting our flyers done for our next two events. We are still working on the location of the next pool tournament and the route for our "Leaves in the Breeze " poker run. Any and all help will be appreciated. For pool tournament we will need baskets for the silent auction, and volunteers for both.

Archie and Donna had their "Piss off the neighbors" party, and from the pics on FB it looks like everyone had a great time!! If they have one next year, we will have to plan a road trip. I want to wish them the best of luck in their new location!!

Our incentive is on its way to building up again. Had L.J. Oker been at the meeting they would have had a little more jingle in their pocket, BUT since they were not, the money rolls over to be added with next months. So, hope to see more faces in front of me at the next meeting.

Our numbers are growing, slowly but still growing. I have talked with Beth (Rider Safety Course) and have the updated tri-fold for the safety courses. I am going to try to get them out to all of the Can Am dealers, hopefully with Bonnie's help, and anyone else who wants to help get them out.

Until next month, remember it is NOT the destination but the Journey that makes the difference. Later, *Emily*

Local 26 – Maryville (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6p.m. Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

Local 28 – Waynesville (March 1990)

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike "Bama" Roser, VP Wes "Yeti" Ellzey, Sec./Treasurer Mayra Preble 573-765-5309

Membership Marta Bruno, CC/Freedom Press Merel Johnson, Shrine Club 573-774-5454

Facebook: Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

Local 29 - Kansas City North (February 1988)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ Boozer's Bar, 1100 State Highway B, Liberty, MO 64068

Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566 or Paul McCormack 816-560-5359

Facebook: FORR Local 29

Local 30 - Springfield / Nixa (January 2007)

Meetings: 3rd Thursdasy Starting promptly @ 7 p.m.

Foxhole Bar and Grill 2350 N. Clifton Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

Contact: President – David Hall 417-241-1230 or Vice President – Brandon Barber 417-837-9001

Facebook: FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO

Local 31 - Central Missouri (December 1990)

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7p.m.

Check Facebook for meeting location or call:

Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010 Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John, 573-647-0129

Facebook: Local 31 Central MO

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West (March 1999)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 1:00 pm @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 just East of Knob Noster, MO

President: Roy Hoard 660-527-3395

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

Local 35 - Golden Valley (July 1996)

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO

Contact: President David Roberts Nelson 660-492-7493

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders @ Local 35

Hello FORR friends! Hopefully you are all doing good!

I'd like to start out by thanking the members of Local 3, 11, 33, 14, 5, 1 and many other fellow bikers that came and supported our Local 35 Memorial Ride and Poker Run! Had a great turn out 64 total! Was a really good time hanging out and riding a fun, 105 mile route planned by our Road Captain Danny Gregory! Locals 3, 33, 11 and 14 captured our L35 flag, Bo Smith won 1st with the highest hand, 2nd place went to Troy Greer, 3rd place Carl Buce, and 4th place went to Duke. April Spears won the 50/50 drawing! We all also raised \$440 for the Happy Feet Organization in Memory of Linda Browning! All the money raised will help buy new school shoes for the kids! Thank you again to all of you that supported us and thanks to all the Local 35 members that helped and worked each stop along the route! Also a big thanks to Pickled Possum in Windsor Mo. being our end spot and for letting us come inside from the heat, have a few cold ones and a great meal! That's what the FORR family is all about! *(Continued on next page)*



**GREAT TIME
HAD BY ALL!**



Group prayer led by Heinz Maurer before the riders departed



(Continued from previous page) Now looking forward to getting back together August 25th-27th for the Missouri Biker's Homecoming in Urich Mo! Really hope to see a lot of support! This is one of our biggest state events of the year. It's also a hell of a good time!

Happy September Birthday's to April Spears, Krista Weyer, Clint Goldsmith, Becky Silvestro, Chester Hammond, Ronald Thompson and myself!

Congratulations to Krista Weyer on winning the Attendance Incentive pot at our last Local 35 monthly meeting. Thank you for donating part of your winnings to the Happy Feet Organization!

Hope everyone has a safe and fun Labor Day weekend!

Happy 13th wedding Anniversary to my lovely wife Angie Huff! Thank you for loving and putting up with me!

Keep an eye on the Local 35 Facebook page for the meeting times this summer! We will be planning a meeting/dinner ride for each month. So, please join us!

If you have questions, please call President David Nelson at 660-492-7493 or myself V.P Rod at 660-233-9944. Thanks guys!

You all please stay safe out there!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free,

Rod Huff

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads (January 2002)

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m. @ Dino's Diner

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

Facebook: FORR® Local 41

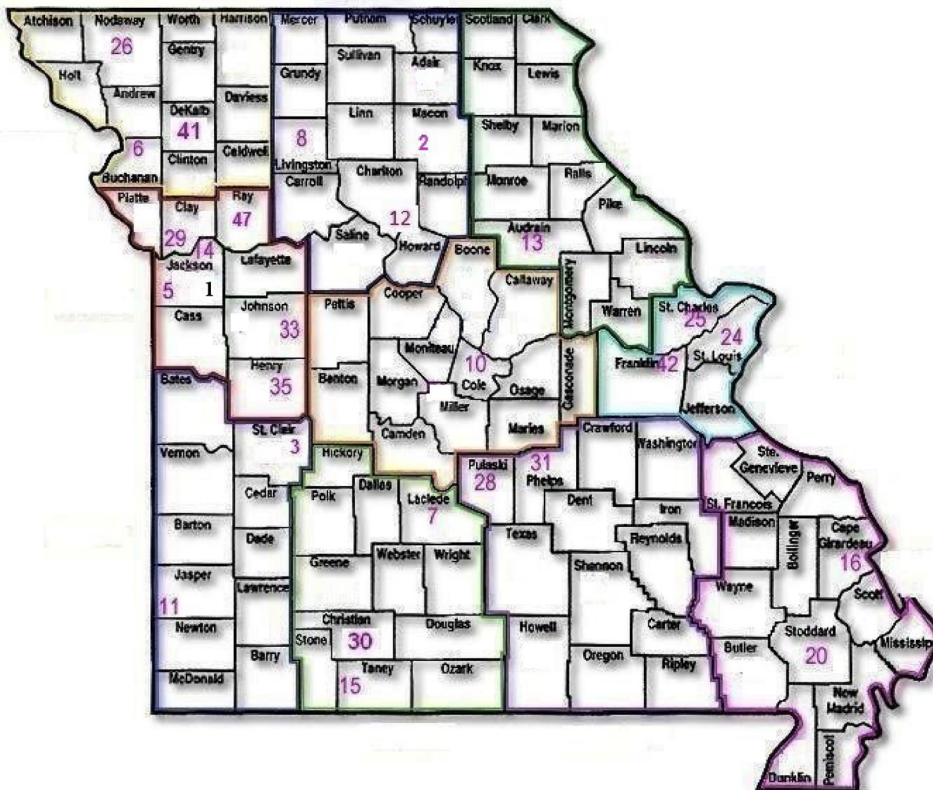
Local 42 - Franklin County (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10 a.m.

Roadhouse 100 – 2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO

Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194 or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136

Facebook: F.O.R.R. LOCAL 42 FRANKLIN CO.



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Appleton City Park (below)



Lumberyard in Urich, MO (below)



Even the Local 'PoPo' had to get involved...
Nah, just kiddin'

Pickled Possum in Winsor, MO (above)



Notice the sign on the building above the bikes...
This kinda says it all, don't ya think?



All were weather watching later in the day
due to the reports of heavy winds &
a thunderstorm watch.
And... MOST got home with dry butts!



Legislative Report

Hello all of you freedom fighters,

It's been a few months since I last reported on legislation for the year. I'm going to talk about three items of note real quickly and if there's any questions please bring them to the September CC meeting.

First thing I want to mention is the profiling resolution. We had an early hearing and it made it the Senate floor early in the session and passed the Senate without any opposition. It went to the House and there was a hearing before spring break but that's where it ended because of lack of support in the committee it was assigned to. So, we're going to try again this coming year.

Now, a hands-free law was passed this year and it goes into affect August 28, but the penalty phase doesn't go into effect until January 1, 2025. Here's a brief explanation of the new law:

Handsfree Legislation

OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE USING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES (Sections 304.820 and 304.822)

This act repeals the current prohibitions against operation of motor vehicles while using hand-held electronic wireless communications devices (Section 304.820), as defined by law, and enacts different prohibitions in lieu thereof (Section 304.822).

The act creates the "Siddens Bening Hands Free Law", which prohibits a number of uses of electronic communication devices while operating motor vehicles, as detailed in the act, as well as provides exceptions.

The act specifies penalties for violations of these provisions, including enhanced penalties for repeat offenders, violations occurring in a work zone when workers are present, violations occurring in a school zone, and violations that are the proximate cause of property damage, personal injury, or death.

Law enforcement officers who stop a noncommercial motor vehicle for a violation of these provisions shall inform the operator of the operator's right to decline a search of their device, and shall not access the device without a warrant or confiscate the device while awaiting issuance of a warrant.

Violations of these provisions shall not be used to establish probable cause for any other violation, and the provisions of the act shall be subject to racial bias reporting as required by law.

This act preempts local regulation of the use of electronic communication devices by the operators of vehicles.

Prior to January 1, 2025, a law enforcement officer who stops a noncommercial motor vehicle for a violation of these provisions shall not issue a citation for the violation, and shall only issue a warning.

No person shall be stopped, inspected, or detained solely for a violation of these provisions.

The last thing I want to mention is the motorcycle fatality rate and this has been a concern for the past couple of years. But we are approaching a record of which we really don't want to see.

Just a word of warning.. If we don't get these fatal motorcycle crash numbers lowered we could face some drastic changes to our Freedom. This could be back to a helmet mandatory State.

SLOW DOWN out there especially at/on corners. We've been working with MODOT and others on what the main contributing factors are.

Top factors – Speed Exceed Limit, Too Fast for Conditions, Substance Impaired (Drugs, Alcohol), Improper Lane Change/Usage. Most of the crashes are middle aged riders from 30-55. I hate to mention it but over half were Harley and similar type motorcycle riders. It might make you mad but we got the stats to back it up. We've really got to be more careful and take care of each other.

Please everyone be safe out there and please watch out for your brothers and sisters and keep them safe.

That's all I have for you now and we'll be discussing what direction we want to take on legislation for next year which will include, profiling and driver's education. If you have other issues that you think we, the organization, should be involved with please bring it to the September CC meeting. Thank you for reading. Have a good rest of the summer and stay safe.

*Joe Widmer
Legislative Coordinator*

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The 2023 Meeting of the Minds is coming up September 21-24 in Harrisburg, PA. We will be road tripping if you are interested.

The registration as a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation costs \$100 that includes banquet on Saturday evening. We are raising money at Homecoming for hotel and gas expense. Please contact Kat Fox, Chris McCurley or myself to become a member for the MRF or if you wish to ride along to Harrisburg.

We also need auction items for the MRF Awareness and Education Fund. We will take gently used jeans, t-shirts, overstock t-shirts, stickers, cozies, motorcycle parts, or anything that someone may want or need. Anyone want to purchase items from Osceola Cheese, a local winery or distillery or craft items from members of Local or community.

Amy Allmon
 (816)536-1647
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MRF REPORT

*You gotta fight for your right to repair -
 SUPPORT H.R. 906!*

Do you enjoy working on your motorcycle?

Do you want to guarantee access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain your bike? If you answered yes to these questions, it's time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act" or the "REPAIR Act".

The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

As of July 1st, 32 members of the House of Representatives have signed on in support. That is twice as many as were on the bill before the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) held its Bikers Insider the Beltway event in May! The MRF is making a difference, let's keep up the pressure! Congress returns to Washington D.C. Tuesday, after a two-week break. That makes it the perfect time to contact your lawmaker and tell them you support H.R. 906.

Please be aware...

Due to circumstances beyond my control the Editor@forn.net (forn.net) is no longer able to respond to Gmail accounts. (Bluehost)

I have been getting all of the messages, but I can no longer confirm them to let you know that they have been received. (They keep coming back returned)

The same has been happening when I send the monthly digital issue of The Freedom Press.

Sorry for the inconvenience, hope this will be corrected soon.

Rebel

Animals Tracks 
A little something to think about...

Ways to Kill Almost Any Organization

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
3. Never have anything to say at the meeting - wait until you get outside.
4. When at the meeting, vote to do everything, then go home and do nothing.
5. The next day, find fault with the officers and other members.
6. Take no part in the organization's affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk freely to another member.
8. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
9. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
10. At every opportunity, threaten to resign and try to get others to also.
11. Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
12. If asked to help, say you don't have time.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
14. Never accept an office - it is easier to criticize than do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to it.
16. If there are finances to pay, just ignore it.
17. Don't do anymore than you have to, and, when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the good cause along, then complain that the organization is run by a clique.

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Website: www.midsouthmile.org



An opportunity for motorcyclist rights group members and others of like mind to meet and benefit from each others experiences while working toward a common goal:


The preservation of our freedom as motorcyclists

**31st Annual Conference
 October 20, 21 & 22 2023**

University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center
 333 S John Q Hammons Parkway, Springfield MO 65806

Reservations: 417-864-7333 or on line at www.midsouthmile.org/hotel
 Lodging and reduced rate for MILE participants guaranteed until Sept. 19, 2023
 Booking after September 19 subject to availability and regular rates

ORGANIZATION'S DIVISION - \$100 REGISTRATION INCENTIVE: Any organization's division (local, district, chapter or however the organization is divided), can preregister as a group through their respective organization for \$100. Then any member of that division may participate in the seminar portion of the event at no individual charge.

INDIVIDUAL PREREGISTRATION: \$20 - \$25 at Seminar if not Preregistered
BANQUET/PARTY FEE PREREGISTRATION: \$35 - \$45 AT SEMINAR IF NOT PREREGISTERED (To insure accurate meal count) 

**PREREGISTRATION FORM
 MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**
 \$20 SEMINAR PREREGISTRATION (\$25 AT EVENT)
 \$100 ORGANIZATION/DIVISION PREREGISTRATION
 (SEMINAR FEE ONLY - DOES NOT INCLUDE BANQUET FEE OR ROOMS)
 \$35 BANQUET/PARTY FEE PREREGISTRATION (\$45 AT EVENT)
MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E.
 P.O. Box 554
 TONGANOXIE, KS 66086

Register online at www.midsouthmile.org with



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NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 NUMBER ATTENDING _____ SEMINAR FEE _____ BANQUET FEE _____
 ORGANIZATION _____ DIVISION _____

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**MOTORCYCLISTS
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6-STATES WORKING
TOGETHER TO IMPROVE
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SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE
WORKSHOPS WITH
INFORMATION GEARED
TOWARD PROTECTING
MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS
AND GENERAL
INFORMATION FOR ALL
RIDERS.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20-22, 2023
REGISTRATION BEGINS
FRIDAY @ 4:00 P.M.**

FOR MORE INFO AND EARLY REGISTRATION VISIT:

WWW.MIDSOUTHMILE.ORG

**UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL
333 S JOHN Q HAMMONS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
65806 (417) 864-7333**



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**SEMINARS ONLY- \$20
BANQUET - \$35
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Cash Bar during banquet

Live and Silent Auctions
Raffles 50/50

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SEPTEMBER 2023



Events

AUGUST

18 / L24 - Redneck Biker Golf
19 / L13 - Bike, Truck & Car Show
25-27 / STATE - Homecoming

SEPTEMBER

9 / L11 - Bike Show
22-24 / L3 - NOT Rally
22-23 / L12 - Firecracker Classic

OCTOBER

6-8 / Dist 4 - Octoberfest
1 / L15 - Stone County Toy Run
18 / L14 - Pool Tournament
21 / L11 - Halloween Bash

NOVEMBER

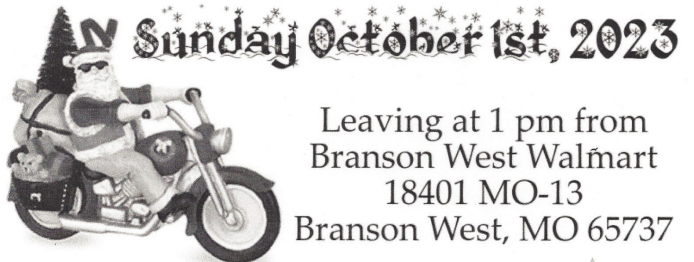
4 / L11 - Food Drive
5 / L15 - Motorcycle Run
18 / L25 - Pool Tournament



Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Local 15 - Branson Tri-Lakes



19th Annual Stone County Toy Run



Sunday October 1st, 2023

Leaving at 1 pm from
Branson West Walmart
18401 MO-13
Branson West, MO 65737

Food & Drawing at the Elks Lodge after the ride!

Toys, coats, hats and gloves accepted for boys & girls of all ages! Cash Donations Welcomed!

This event benefits families in Stone County.
For more info call (417)339-1679



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promoting safety and brotherhood
to all kinds of motorcyclist on all types of motorcycles.**

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