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Notes From Katherine

Greetings! The Missouri General Assembly gave final approval to 164 bills during the 2013 legislative session. Missouri Governor has until July 14 to sign, veto, or allow to become law without his signature any other bills that have been, or will be, delivered to the Governor from this regular session. Regarding motorcycle issues, language that was passed through both chambers were: prohibiting the establishment of roadway block patterns based on vehicle type; allowing a person who has been issued a MC permit to renew permit two additional times for a total of 18 months; designating May as "MC Awareness" month; modulating brake lights. I word it as "the language passed through", as (for example) the permit issue was not mentioned in last e-mail to membership, for Legislative Dept. was still waiting on confirmation it actually passed in an all-inclusive/"omnibus" Bill, etc. As always requested, and highly encouraged, please do not take my word/one word as "golden"; please verify information (any information given to you) for yourself. Something else mentioned in last e-mail that might not have gotten to all/majority of membership was my hiatus. It is with heavy heart that I announce my hiatus to the Legislative Dept. for FORR, Inc. I stress the "hiatus" part; this is just a pause, break, time away. This is by no means saying I quit. Quite the opposite.... This is a necessary step for me, personally, to improve on "stuff" so I may return to FORR, if wanted by the membership, stronger than ever (body & soul). I will not be accepting any positions State or Local, elected or appointed for 2014; I will continue as Chairman for the 2014 Meeting of the Minds Committee, as this is a most important venue, and technically was committed to in 2013.

Please be vigilant in YOUR fight for YOUR rights; might come a day you actually have to stand up...can't fake showing up.

Best Regards,

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JULY 2013 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Truman Hotel

Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 12 noon

Legislative Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 2 pm

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 3 pm

Meeting of the Minds 2014
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 4 pm

Officers Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 5 pm

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 14, 2013 10:00 am

Classified Ad

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WHAT IS THE BUCK STOPS HERE AWARD?

The sign "The Buck Stops Here" that was on President Truman's desk in his White House office was made in the Federal Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma. Fred M. Canfil, then United States Marshall for the Western District of Missouri and a friend of Mr. Truman, saw a similar sign while visiting the Reformatory and asked the Warden if a sign like it could be made for President Truman. The sign was made and mailed to the President on October 2, 1945.

Approximately 2 ½" x 13" in size and mounted on a walnut base, the painted glass sign has the words "I'm from Missouri" on the reverse side. It appeared at different times on his desk until late in his administration.

The saying "the buck stops here" derives from a slang expression "pass the buck" which means passing the responsibility on to someone else. The latter expression is said to have originated with the game of poker, in which a marker or counter, frequently in frontier days a knife with a buckhorn handle, was used to indicate the person whose turn it was to deal. If the player did not wish to deal he could pass the responsibility by passing the "buck" as the counter came to be called, to the next player.

On more than one occasion President Truman referred to the desk sign in public statements. For example, in an address at the National War College on December 19, 1952, Mr. Truman said, "You know, it's easy for the Monday morning quarterback to say what the coach should have done, after the game is over. But when the decision is up before you – and on my desk I have a motto which says The Buck Stops Here – the decision has to be made." In his farewell address to the American people given in January 1953, President Truman referred to this concept very specifically in asserting that "The President – whoever he is – has to decide. He can't pass the buck to anybody. No one else can do the deciding for him. That's his job."

This is FORR's highest honor which is given out at the FEW Seminar. The Buck Stops Here Award recognizes those individuals that have gone above and beyond, who steadfastly fight to protect the rights of Missouri's motorcyclists, who are willing to make that hard decision and not pass the buck. A Missouri state flag is flown above our State Capitol in honor of the individual selected to receive this award.

Nominations for the 2014 Buck Stops Here Award are being accepted now through November 30, 2013. Nominations should be sent to Jim Scheele.

Voting on the nominees will be done by those honored individuals who have received this award in the past.



CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING #201**MAY 5, 2013**

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Rhodes, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Veteran Nick Swope 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	Members	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	59	1 Vote	Melany McDermed
Truman Lake	Local 03	46	1 Vote	Cheryl Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	53	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	133	2 Votes	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	44	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	115	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	156	2 Votes	Scott Hemeyer
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	28	1 Vote	Kaime Johnson
Glasgow	Local 12	60	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	76	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	65	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	277	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	82	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirkville	Local 19	130	2 Votes	Doug Yearns
Dexter	Local 20	63	1 Vote	Robert Reif Jr
Eldon	Local 21	23	1 Vote	Donnie Lambeth
Lincoln County	Local 23	19	1 Vote	Lynn McKenzie
St. Louis	Local 24	140	2 Votes	Missy DeVan
St. Peters	Local 25	68	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	79	1 Vote	Harold Duryea
Sac-Osage	Local 27	102	2 Votes	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	210	3 Votes	Shena Flick
North Kansas City	Local 29	81	1 Votes	LA Ross
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	66	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	27	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	117	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	49	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	30	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	113	2 Votes	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	24	1 Vote	Russell Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	54	0 Vote	
Total		2,589		May 1, 2013
Corporate Sponsors		10	0 Vote	

The organization and Central Committee recently lost two very valuable members Tom Shauck CC Rep for Local 21 and Georgia Haley who has been with several locals during her time with FORR and currently called Local 24 her home. Due to the families financial situation several locals have helped with cover the cost of her cremation. On June 9th there will be a poker run benefit ride called Stand Up in Memory of Georgia Haley to help the family. Locals 24 and 47 will be hosting this event on each side of the state. Georgia's wish was for her ashes to be spread on the ocean. Nick Swope said he has friends that live in Daytona who would be happy to spread Georgia's ashes in the ocean since this was her wish. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both Tom and Georgia's family.

Veteran John Stouffer led Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of all locals. Local 23's vote suspended due to financials. All locals were represented.

Chairman King reminded the CC reps it is their job to take information from this meeting back to the local so the local knows what is going on and can make informed decisions. If you have questions please ask, either this body, the officers or other CC reps.

Approval of Minutes, the following corrections need to be made.

Motion to approve new locals minutes reflect 1st and 2nd by Local 25. Local 8 made the 2nd

Typo in financial report of minutes, Freedom Park has balance of \$12,570.05. Next paragraph tent size is being rented by Local 15 is 30x60 not 20x30. Motion by Local 35 to approve minutes as corrected, 2nd Local 41, motion carries by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

PAC donation advertisement. Katherine has been so busy with the legislative tasks she has not had time to do anything on this. Melanie Coy Local 16 reported she has talked with several other SMRO's as well as other organizations regarding PAC fundraising ideas and has found that most other organizations are not doing any type of PayPal or online PAC requests. We might want to look at the NRA to see what they are doing regarding PAC donations online. This matter will remain on the table and we will continue to work on it. We need money in our PAC account, however we need to make sure we are meeting all of our ethical and reporting requirements regarding any PAC donations.

Toxic member by-law proposal. This was voted at the last meeting to print. Local 33 made a motion to table the vote on this by-law

proposal as there are several members of the local that have problems with the wording of the proposal. The local set up a committee to work on this and come to this body with a recommendation, but the first committee meeting was iced out and the second meeting Local 33's meeting place burned, 2nd Local 27 motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Chairman King presented a corrected by-law proposal concerning policies and procedures. When we took another look at what was proposed at the last meeting we realized that there was a conflict with our existing bylaws.

Proposed amendment to Article 9.1: Any proposed amendment(s) to the By-laws and Policies and Procedures must be in writing with the reason for the amendment explained and presented to each Cabinet Member and Central Committee Representative in attendance. By-law amendments shall be approved to print in The Freedom Press with a simple majority vote of the Central Committee Representatives in attendance. Policies and Procedures amendments will be considered to take effect immediately upon a simple majority vote of the Central Committee Representatives in attendance.

Motion to approve to printing of this by-law proposal Local 27, 2nd Local 20, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Local 1 would like to have their name changed to West Central Missouri. We addressed this issue at the last meeting and locals will be allowed to change their name without bringing it to the CC floor for approval. Locals wishing to change their name need to advise the General Office and Corporate Secretary of their name change.

Chairman King reported Skyler is unable to attend the meeting due to out of town work. He sends his apologies for not being able to attend the meetings this weekend. We need to remember family, work and then FORR.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

TREASURER: Steve "Staples" Comeau – New treasurer handouts were distributed at the FEW Seminar. About 90% of the local treasurers are following the new forms and requirements. General fund Beginning balance \$18,000.39; ending balance \$14,844.90; Rider Education beginning balance \$12,860.97 ending balance \$21,400.51; MMR beginning balance \$4,610.57 ending balance \$7,584.16; PAC beginning balance \$10,155.70 ending balance \$2,631.85; Freedom Park beginning balance \$12,570.05 ending balance \$12,770.05; Give a way project beginning balance \$4,000.43 ending balance \$9,705.43. At the last meeting it was decided we would move the money being held in the PAC account for 2014 MOTM back into the give a way account so it was clear this money was dedicated to this event.

Donations – Local 42 \$500 to FEW Seminar and \$1,000 to PAC; Local 19 \$500 to PAC and \$500 to General and a challenge issued to other locals to do the same; Local 16 \$250 to PAC; Local 25 \$100 to PAC, \$65 to Safety; Local 24 \$206.50 MOTM and \$1,000 to PAC; Local 6 \$60.00 towards Buckhorn buyout.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Chairman King handled on behalf of Vice Chairman Skyler McWilliams

Engineer of Freedom award presented to Debra John of Local 31

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally – We had a good committee meeting yesterday. This committee is working extremely hard on the new event. Chairman King reminded everyone this event is being coordinated by the committee and not the officers. This puts the event back in the hands of the membership to make this a successful fundraiser for the organization. The committee is working daily on this event through emails and there have been a lot of individuals working very hard to get sponsors for the event. JR DeGraffenreid is the MMR rally coordinator because Skyler has been unable to fulfill those duties due to his job requirements. JR presented an overview of the committee's activities. At the last CC meeting it was reported that our PAC account was broke yet the financial report for the end of February showed we had quite a bit of money in the account. This confused him and lead to a lot of discussion. Yet two months later it only shows \$2,631.85. At the last meeting we heard what Dallas does as our general office manager on a daily basis for the organization. One third of the costs to run the office come out of the PAC account. This Labor Day rally is a PAC fundraiser. The locals and membership can support this rally by local sponsorships, attendance, etc, but you have to do it. This is why we exist, we are a legislative business. There has been a lot of confusion lately as to what the MMR is or is not going to be. This rally is not going to have a Ms. whatever contest, a Mr. whatever contest, a wet t-shirt contest. MMR is having a tattoo contest, horseshoe throwing contest, off site poker run, motorcycle rodeo, bike show, dirt drags, nightly bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in Sedalia MO at the state fairgrounds, it is allowing children into the event and will have a family camping area available, however we will not tell anyone where they have to camp, FORR will be encouraging families to camp in the family campground. The committee is looking into the possibility of having a Sunday only swap meet area. This event is being coordinated entirely by the committee. Anyone interested in helping coordinate this rally please contact JR and he will be happy to get you added to the committee. The committee meets on Saturday prior to CC and will also be having on site meetings as we get closer to the event. The bike show has been moved to Saturday from 6 pm to 9 pm. Rhonda Felts Local 47 is working on a program for the rally. If anyone attends any events where they have a program please pick one up and get it to her. The history channel will be there Saturday night following one of the bands. JR thanked everyone that has worked so hard to obtain sponsors for the event, but we can't stop now, we need all the help we can get to pull off this event and make it a great fundraiser for the organization. Local 35 stated they have 21 work spots and even though they are a small local they will fulfill their obligations, he challenged all locals to do the same. This is going to be a very fun and exciting new event.

Chairman King reminded everyone this is our biggest state fundraiser. Several locals voted to not move the rally to the new site but many of those locals have stepped up and are doing what they can to support the event and the organization. Chairman King addressed how the work schedule was set up. At the last meeting each CC rep was asked how many volunteers each local would have in attendance at the event. We unfortunately failed to take the Bike Show into account for Local 15 and now have some scheduling conflicts which we will need to resolve. Locals 8 and 47 have stepped up to run the drags and rodeo events and therefore have not been scheduled for any other work shifts. 163 people were what the locals told us were known volunteers. That number divided by the number of known work shifts came out to 1.5 work shifts per worker. 1.5 times the number of workers each local said would be there resulted in the number of work shifts per local. Since this is an entirely new event there are going to be tasks during the event where we will need help so please volunteer to help by giving your name to security chief Jim Scheele. We call it a work shift but it really should be called a fun shift because it's really a lot of fun.

FEW Seminar – We had a very good committee meeting yesterday to start planning the 2014 FEW Seminar. None of the corporate officers are holding any of the leadership positions for next year's seminar. Martin will be working on the duck derby again next year. Melanie Coy and Susan Lockhart will be co-chairing the event. A lot of work was accomplished yesterday during the committee meeting and this should prove

to be a very fun and educational event.

The Buck Stops Here Award is presented at the FEW Seminar. The membership is encouraged to submit nominations for this prestigious award. November 30th is the deadline for submitting nominations for this award. Nominations should be sent to prior award winner Jim Scheele. Voting is done by past winners of the award.

It was decided that we will alternate between officer training and other pertinent types of membership training to help move this organization into the future. We have procured the American Legion Post #5 again for next year's event. The event will be on the 2nd Saturday of January, 2014, which is CC weekend. There will be no committee meetings that weekend. Thanked everyone that stepped up to volunteer to be on the committee.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – BRC 4 classes scheduled, 3 held, 1 cancelled due to lack of participation, 36 students took classes with 30 passing. ERC we have a couple of classes scheduled for this year. Mo Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee met in April. 2012 statistics booklet will be out in July 102 killed in M/C accidents with 47 unlicensed with M endorsement (some of these may be permit riders). MMSP spring update 5,369 people trained in 2012, 31 ranges with 165 rider coaches working at these ranges. Budget for this year is \$375,000.00. He met Dennis Jones who was the first chief instructor for the State of Missouri and knew a lot of our old time members. He received a life time achievement award from the MMSP. One of the organizations that he gave high praise to for helping to get the MMSP going was FORR. Jeff Earls was another speaker from the Oregon program. He talked about long rides and how to prepare for them. Teamwork award went to Jeff Pringa and John Scala out of the St Louis area. Outstanding instructor went to Jerry White. Top training site went to Worth HD. Training bikes for sale 2001 Honda Rebel, 2001 Kawasaki KE 100 and 1998 Suzuki DR200. The DR200 does not have a title. Watch website for class dates and availability. Doug also stated that we are on you tube. Last October one of our training classes was videotaped. These videos are available at MMSP.org, go to the U-Tube link and it will take you to the videos. Local 35 asked if it was possible for our website to have a link to these videos. There was no cost to FORR for this video. We were just honored to be able to host the class.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne – Coordinator Payne brought a lot of new product ideas to the officers meeting last night. New items presented: totally customizable poker chips \$2.00 each or 10 for \$1.75; 25 for \$1.50 each. Custom ribbons \$2.00 each. She is working on some other possible options for these and will see what she can come up with. Neoprene cell phone covers 2 sizes \$7 for 2 ½ x 4 and \$8 for 3 ½ x 5. Neoprene laptop bag 17" \$30 and 14" \$28 sizes with removable covers (\$15) that you can change out or use as a mouse pad. Eye glass cleaning cloth \$2. Eye glass retainers \$5. Gaiters – these are very versatile items \$12. Large tote bags 22x17" \$20. New tie \$12. Garden flag – flag only \$15; stand \$24, set \$38. Cotton polos short sleeve \$20, long sleeve \$25. T-shirts with winged wheel \$12.; Pocket tee \$14. Ladies tanks \$12. Ladies t-shirt tank dress \$28. Denim shirts long sleeve or short sleeve s-xl \$25, 2 xl/3 xl \$28 4xl-5xl \$30. She can also get ladies sizes. She is still working on double pocket shirts. Moisture wicking polo sm – xl \$25 2-4xl \$28, ladies and mens sizes available. Photo-GraphicsbyShelly.com is her new business e-commerce website. On this website at the top is a button for FORR state product line. All of the 20% and on demand items that Shelly does for us as part of the state product line are on this page. She is working on the items that have been expressly purchased by FORR product such as the hoodies, long sleeve black tees, hats, etc. to get those items on line as well. Right now she has it a flat \$10 shipping fee but if you want to avoid the shipping charge go to coupon and click on CC pickup. She greatly appreciates all the people that have come to her with new ideas but would also like to encourage locals to develop their own product lines and to set up an e-commerce site for their local product so that all locals can be linked together. Shelly and Kevin thanked for all of their hard work on the product line and in promoting FORR. Chairman King reminded the CC that if any locals have product, banners, etc that need to be approved please send those requests to the officers and not to the General Office. Please also allow sufficient time for the officers to have time to review the request as not everyone is on email every night and it makes things much easier when all of the officers have had an opportunity to review the requested item.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS - Deanna Rhodes. She would like to see pictures from the MAY Rally. Thanked everyone that helped with this event. Katherine worked very hard to get a proclamation from the Governor's office. Usually this takes a minimum of three weeks but she was able to get it done in one day. The proclamation from Governor Nixon was read to the CC. The local proclamations are also important because it brings motorcycle awareness to the local areas. These are not always easy to obtain as several cities have refused to do this. Awareness supplies from MODOT. These supplies are mailed out directly by MODOT so if you're local did not get her contact information for your local MAC officer, your local will probably not receive any supplies. When you get your supplies use them sparingly because what you get is probably what you will receive for the entire year. The grant may not go through next year so they are saving half of the money from this year to cover the cost of supplies for next year. Please send photographs of how these supplies are being used so we can share this information with MODOT. HOG, HD shops, regional offices are also receiving supplies from MODOT. We are the largest entity that is receiving these supplies. More organizations are asking for supplies each year. She has asked MODOT to set aside some supplies for the state fair project that Local 33 is doing. Local 35 said they have run into quite a few problems in handing out tri-folds and other items because while they do have the winged wheel on them many people don't associate the winged wheel with motorcycles. The officers are aware we need to update the tri-fold but unfortunately other issues have taken precedence on available time. If anyone is interested in helping with changes to the tri-fold please let him know. Funds are down right now so if any locals want tri-folds they will need to do their own printing. Deanna is continuing to talk with the Department of Revenue about the changes to the driver's manual and driver testing questions concerning motorcycles. If anyone has a location that is interested in having a motorcycle awareness presentation please contact her to make arrangements for the program to be presented. Electric signs are now putting up motorcycle awareness signs. There are also radio PSA's being run right now all over the state regarding motorcycle awareness issues.

WEBMASTER – Mike Allen has stepped down and Mike "Tex" Garner has stepped in to try to do the job. Tex was unable to attend this weekend due to illness. Tex and Mike are working together on training so he can handle the webmaster duties.

NEWSLETTER – There were some problems with delivery of the April newsletter across large portions of the state. We are not sure what happened but we are working on trying to find out what happened and ensure that it doesn't happen again.

CORPORATE SECRETARY – Kathy Garver - Membership report – Total life members processed March and April 34, new members 128, renewals 329. Total membership 2,589, increase of 39 members since last report. Please contact the general office for any membership questions.

Locals need to make sure they submit an accident/incident report form anytime something happens at an event, even if the person says

they are ok or it was just a minor incident. These need to be submitted to the General Office as soon as possible after the event.

LEGISLATIVE - Katherine Fox – With approximately two weeks to go in this year's legislative session, Coordinator Fox provided us with a detailed update on the status of our legislative agenda.

May Rally had approximately 55 bikes and 80-90 people in attendance. Overall it was a good event. Katherine was able to obtain a proclamation from the Governor declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness and You month. There seemed to be a little bit of confusion about why we were at the capitol. This is strictly an awareness rally to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. Unfortunately this year our helmet modification bill was scheduled to be perfected that day. Because of that some of the speakers actually thought we were there to rally for the helmet modification bill. We need to start practicing what we preach. Awareness and education as the fundamentals to accident avoidance instead of making a safer crash. The helmet does you absolutely no good if other roadway users are not paying attention.

May 16th Thursday is Bikers in the Beltway in Washington DC put on by the MRF.

May 17th Friday at 6 pm session ends

May 30-June 2nd Branson motorcycle rally. FORR has been offered a spot to put up a booth and share the word

June 19th the AMA will be holding their Fuel for Thought rally in DC. This event will be addressing the E-15 issue and the need for further studies to be done concerning the use of this fuel.

Scholarships – MOTM and MILE. At this point in time we will not be offering any scholarships for MOTM or MILE because of the lack of funds.

CHAIRMAN:

AMA – Steve Comeau - There seems to be a little bit of confusion about the difference between the AMA and the MRF. Both are national motorcycle rights organizations. The MRF is strictly about on-road street riders. The AMA covers just every type of motorcycling from on to off road, racing, etc. The AMA has focused recently on land grants because in the past couple of years the federal government has seized millions of acres of public land that was open to off road trail riding and has closed that land to off road motor vehicles of all types. Both organizations are very deserving of your time, effort and money as both depend upon your membership and support.

MRE – JR DeGraffenreid. If you're not on the MRF's mailing list, please get with JR to enable you to keep up with everything that is going on. The AMA and MRF are actively working on the E-15 fuel issue and how it affects motorcyclists. Bill Kempker said he has met someone whose job is with the petroleum industry and would like to talk with us about the ethanol issue. Hopefully we will be able to get this scheduled in the near future.

Mid South MILE – Jim Scheele was not able to attend the meeting today so Roy Hoard, rep to the MILE for Missouri presented a brief overview of the activities of the MILE Committee. The last meeting was in Oklahoma at the hotel where this year's event will be held. When you make a reservation if you want a refrigerator and/or microwave in your room you will need to let them know when you make the reservation as they are not regularly in their rooms. Still in the planning stages concerning seminars and presenters. Committee discussion concerning paying travel expenses for presenters. In the past the MILE has given Theo some money to help with travel expenses from Belgium but he has donated some of this money back to the MILE. Discussion on covering \$500 of travel expenses for two other individuals who come with Theo. The committee has decided this will be up to the MILE chairman to decide if this money will be offered and he will base his decision upon the MILE's financial status.

2014 Meeting of the Minds – We had a very good planning meeting yesterday and covered a lot of ground. Several individuals volunteered to fulfill leadership roles in this endeavor. Katherine Fox will serve as the committee chair with assistance from Martin King. Hospitality room will be coordinated by Amy Allmon. Need someone to chair the PAC Fundraiser for the MRF on Friday night. There has been a variety of things done in the past so if anyone has any ideas please bring them to the next planning meeting. Security chair Russell Felts and Bill Duncan. Timekeeper chair need someone to step up for this job. The hosting state is allowed to have their product line at the event. Need someone to take care of heading up registration and getting together tourism packets and information to promote our state and the KC area. We can also seek out sponsorships to help offset the cost to FORR. The event will be held the third week in September, we think the 18th through 21st of 2014. It seems like it's a long time away but it will be here before we know it. This event has between 350-500 attendees. It will also be the 30th anniversary of MOTM.

Give a Way project to fund FORR's cost to host the 2014 MOTM. Projected cost to host this event is \$12,000. Discussion was held concerning various project ideas. Chairman King suggested a Taurus Circuit Judge because it is a practical usable weapon that is very popular. It is a rifle that will handle 44 long colts and 410 shot gun shells. They look nice and are good eye candy. He may have an outlet for the tickets to be done in house. Gun cost would be under \$600.. \$1.00 per ticket donation with 7,500 tickets printed. We really need to get moving on this as soon as possible. The committee talked about doing this give-a-way at the FEW Seminar and already have another project ready to go. Motion by Local 35 that we proceed with the gun give a way project as proposed, 2nd Local 27, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Chairman King will make the necessary arrangements to locate the gun and have the tickets ready for distribution at the next CC meeting. Robert Reif of Local 20 volunteered to serve as the project coordinator.

General Office – General consensus is that Dallas is going a wonderful job for the organization. There is simply no way a volunteer individual can do what our General Office is able to do for us. We pay Dallas to handle the day to day operation of FORR which includes handling our event information, collection of crash information, newsletter editor duties, assisting with rider education classes, and much more.

Locals can double side release forms to cut down the cost of printing and postage in mailing completed forms to the General Office. When an event is sanctioned you will receive a specific release form from the General Office to use for that event. Please make copies of that specific release form to use during that. There are no more generic release forms. Also please try to use blue ink when signing the release forms. This way there can be no question that it is an original document. Please also keep a copy of the release forms for your local records and mail the originals to the General Office. You can also scan and retain your local copy electronically on a CD. Also please remember to display the Release poster at all events. Any questions concerning an event should be directed to the General Office.

District Chairmen

District 4 – Ursula DeMoss – Thanked all the members and locals that step up and help to get things done. There are always a lot of things going on in the summer time and there are locals that are struggling financially. With the cost of insurance it is difficult for a local to put on a small event like a poker run, etc. She would like to know if it would be possible for a local to have a game weekend, Friday and Saturday night and only purchase insurance for one event. Bob said he could probably not get it through underwriting as one event. He suggested that she write up something about what is being proposed send it to Dallas and he will talk to underwriting about it.

Chairman King reminded everyone to please send event flyers for approval to the General Office, not the corporate officers. The General Office handles all event sanctioning and flyer issues. Also any locals doing a Fun Run, this can not be a fundraising event. There can be no money collected during Fun Runs, no entry fees, etc. You can take memberships but that's it.

Father's Day weekend is Local 8th Spring Fling

Memorial Day weekend is the Mid America Freedom Rally

Local 16 has come up with an idea for a possible additional state fundraiser. They are prepared to pay the insurance costs for a state-wide event but are still working out the details for this proposed event. This would probably not happen this year but could happen next year.

Motion by Local 27 to adjourn, 2nd Local 42, meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076

Contact: Melany 816-633-7710 or Linda 797-9849



Hey all you good lookin people! Wanting to wish you all a safe and happy Independence Day!!

Our last meeting at Knob Noster State Park was short but the scenery was very pretty. We are still meeting at the VFW in Odessa on a regular basis though and hope to one day pack the place.

I hope all of you have enjoyed many open roads with the wind in your hair despite this wet and crazy Missouri weather.

I would like to take a moment to welcome all of the members that have joined our family this year: Leon Burbanks, Johnny Lamb, Heather Seeley and Daniel Seeley. Here's to all the good times and good rides to be shared in the future!

Happy Birthday to all of our July babes and boys: Cheryl Brandsma, CJ Zouck, Larry Scott and Kay Jeffries!!

Well folks, until next time stay safe but have fun!!

Love ya!!!

Melany "Toothpick"

LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE

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

VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO

Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or

Vice-President: Myron Duskin 417-309-0423

Greetings Local 3 members,

We had a short meeting with a good bunch of riders. The safety supplies, consisting of bumper magnets, key rings, car fresheners and yard signs, arrived and were available for the taking. We'll have them at all the meetings for members who haven't gotten them yet. There is plenty of key-rings and can be given to new members when they sign up with L-3. Local 3 patches are finished and were also handed out. If you don't have one come to a meeting and get yours from Dean.

Several rides have come and gone including the freedom rally. Poker runs and just good ol' get your peace of mind rides. Some of the guys rode to Olean for the Testicle Festival. The eats were good the ride was enjoyable.

The Stand-up Memorial fundraiser for Georgia will have come and gone, hopefully the weather was good for some members planning on riding to the St. Louis area for this important event.

Remember, freedom isn't free if you're not personally working or fighting for it, support and thank those who are. Thank you veterans for what you do!

Welcome to new member Pat Price and thank you to Jim, Dave and Curtis for your donations to Local 3.

Dean #29076

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

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

Greetings,

Hey you missed a great time at the Mid-America Freedom Rally. I know since I was the only Local 5 member at the rally. Summer is here and lots of events are planned. Check your calendars: Spring Fling is a memory but lots of other things to do. Try to attend meetings and/or events for other locals. We need to spread the love and support.

SPONSORS NEEDED: for the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally and don't forget Octoberfest is not far behind. We need sponsors for the District 4 event as well. Please contact local businesses for their support. You can find the sponsorship info and forms for the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally on the rally website: www.mo-rally.com. If you need forms for Octoberfest see me or Ursula.

Happy Birthday to Zippy Wilson, July 7, Lynn Purdue, July 10, Kickstand Dickinson, July 15, Keith Cronin, July 21, and Darrill Purdue, July 29. July was popular for weddings, Ted & Cathy Benson, July 10, Steve & Amy Fifer, July 13, and Dan & Kim Tarwater, July 18.

If you would like to meet our local go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar or coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by e-mailing him: Sbfifer1@yahoo.com.

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

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Notes From Kathy

Throughout the past several years I've had many people ask me why I got involved in the motorcycle rights movement and why I chose to stay involved for so long. I really didn't have a good answer at the time and have given this quite a bit of thought lately so I've decided to stray away from the what has FORR done to address this question and hopefully get some of you thinking about why you joined FORR and why you've renewed your membership every year and stayed active in the organization.

I grew up in a motorcycle family. My father was a mechanic and machinist by trade and my mother a bookkeeper. We ran a small motorcycle shop and also ran the flat track and road race circuit making as many races as we could. In 1969 we took on the Honda franchise and I got my first taste of riding my own bike. Albeit a mini bike it was perfect in my eyes. A year or so later came the US90 Honda's first three wheeled all terrain cycle with the big balloon tires. If you were really careful and kept the speed up you could ride one of these newfangled inventions across the pond without sinking. Now that was fun and probably just a wee bit dangerous but then again so was horseback riding, riding in a car without your seat belt (but then again cars back then were really made of steel), but that's another story. Then came the first real dirt bike. Clutch and all. My dad showed me how everything worked, put me at the bottom of a big hill on the farm and said he'd see me at the top for dinner. It was about 8 in the morning and I remember looking at him and giggling that I'd beat him to the top. Nope that didn't happen but I did learn a lot of life lessons at the bottom of that hill.

Those were the carefree days. Weekdays spent waiting for the weekends on the farm with friends and family riding dirt bikes or at the racetrack. My parents always seemed to have eyes in the back of their heads when it came to us doing something stupid. Doesn't mean they didn't let us kids learn a lesson the hard way and doesn't mean we didn't get bumps and bruises along the way. But we learned from those lessons. We also learned just how far we could push our skills on two, three or four wheels before bad things happened. We also learned the need for honing our skills so the next time the bike stayed rubber side down. It wasn't long before the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) was hot on the band wagon to do something about the number of deaths and serious injuries to the three wheeled all terrain cycles. Consumer advocates and congress pushed for a full industry wide recall of all three wheelers.

In 1982 a small group of individuals approached my mom and brother about a fledgling motorcycle rights organization called Freedom of Road Riders and about the possibility of starting up a new local out of our dealership. I didn't get to attend the first planning meeting for Local 2, but they were one short of the ten new members needed to get the local going so I got volunteered to be the 10th new member. Mom and brother didn't figure I'd mind since they knew how passionate I was about the three wheeler issue and wanted to do something to stop the government from stomping on our individual rights even further.

Ultimately the Justice Department and CPSC agreed on a ten year ban on

the sale of all three wheeled ATV's. Before that ban went into effect most of the major manufacturers were already developing and marketing the four wheeled ATV as a much safer version. But the writing was already on the wall. The CPSC had succeeded in getting a specific type of vehicle off the market because of alleged deaths and injuries associated with the use of the product. The media hysteria was all over the deaths and injuries that were occurring. Never once did it seem like they were addressing the real issues which were lack of proper training, lack of parental supervision, etc. Three wheeled ATC's required operator skill. No it all came down to the 3 wheeled design was inherently dangerous because they could tip over so they had to go. And so they did in 1987.

But it didn't stop there. Now that three wheeled ATV's were off the market the focus shifted to a new style of vehicle. The Japanese motorcycle manufacturers were looking towards the future of motorcycling and had come out with a whole new motorcycle design. Many of these bikes were born on the racetrack but later adapted to life on the street. Bikes like the Interceptor, KZ1000, Hurricane, Katana and more were born. These bikes were new and exciting. They also attracted young people back to the sport of motorcycling as the late 70's and early 80's were a rough time economically for the industry.

It didn't take long before the CPSC and others started to take an interest in these "killer motorcycles" and in 1987 Senator John Danforth sought to ban these superbikes and introduced the Motorcycle Safety Act of 1987. Senator Danforth rationalized the marketing and usage of these killer superbikes as "a lesson in corporate irresponsibility". The motorcycling community was outraged at this proposal and vigorously fought the proposed superbike ban. Senator Danforth wasn't successful in getting the superbikes banned but it's an issue we still fight to this day. It seems like every few years some government entity comes up with a new study or figures seeking the removal of these types of bikes from our roadways because of their alleged inherent danger.

I wasn't really that involved in the rights part of FORR during those first few years as I was really the baby of the local and was just trying to learn all I could from the leaders of the organization. I did write letters, make phone calls, worked campaigns, put up yard signs, went to rallies and tried to do what I could to support the local and the organization but did I really understand what reaching affect this organization could have on motorcycling at that time, No.

So in answer to the first question. Why did I get involved in FORR in the first place. Well I guess I really didn't get to make that choice, it was made for me. But I chose to stay involved because I believe I knew then that we needed to maintain our vigilance to protect motorcycle rights or things like the 3 wheeler ban or the sport bike ban would become reality. I still believe that this is true. We must remain vigilant or some day we may only be able to look at motorcycles in a glass case because they too may be deemed to be too inherently dangerous.

Many people said that a few bikers couldn't make a difference in the overall scheme of things, but I think through the history of FORR and the motorcycle rights movement they've learned better. There have been campaigns one or lost by a few votes, there has been legislation passed or blocked both at the state and federal levels, there have been motorcycle safety programs developed, there have been motorcycle awareness campaigns developed, there have been charity rides and much more, all as a result of motorcyclists involvement in protecting their right to ride.

During these early years many motorcycle rights organizations adopted a saying "Let Those Who Ride Decide" in response to the helmet law issue. This saying goes much deeper than just the helmet law fight. In my opinion it refers to everything from what type of bike I chose to ride, what safety equipment I chose to use, where I chose to ride, etc. But it also comes with some responsibility on my part to responsibly and respectfully operate my motorcycle at all times.

Until next time, keep the rubber side down, learn from your mistakes, come up with your own answer(s) to the question, and if you're not already actively involved in your local or if its been a while, take the time to go to a local meeting, meet some new friends and maybe volunteer to pick up a piece of the rights puzzle and help us put it into place.



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LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****Amnesia, 207 St Joe Ave****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Happy July Everybody!! Hope you're getting to put lots of miles on your ride. Keep your ears open for all the legislative news going around. Many topics need our attention and our representatives need to know our views. Welcome new member for May, Ronald Hux. And I know of a few members that had been expired for a while and they rejoined, Welcome Back!

Our Cabin Fever Bike Show in May had 29 entries. The People's Choice Award went to Ed "Granny" Granville. Congrats to all the trophy winners that day. And thanks to Jackson Cycles for letting us have it in their parking lot and supplying the great BBQ and all the fixin's (and for supplying the trophy girls). Thanks to Chaps for the great music like always, and to everyone else that took part to make the event a success.

Kenny & Connie Burks are off to Hawaii this month. Let's wish them a safe journey. I bet they wish they could take their bikes with them. This reminds me: a biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want." The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that ...kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me." The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy." The Lord replied, "Do you want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Kenny you will never understand Connie...so ask for that bridge. Here are some dates to remember but I never get them all listed so make sure you make it to the meetings to get all the latest events and gossip.

June 23rd – Sunday – Local 6 Meeting at Amnesia Too, 2007 St. Joe Ave, 12:30.

July 4th – Independence Day – Stay Safe

July 20th – Saturday – Local 6 Dice Run,

July 21st – Sunday – Local 6 Meeting at Amnesia Too, 2007 St. Joe Ave, 12:30

August 30th – September 1st – FORR Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally, Sedalia

September 29th – Local 6 Family Day Poker Run and Picnic at Krug Park

Contact me if you want something in the newsletter. Keep the rubber on the road.

Sheila E (816)284-9653, sheethrn@yahoo.com or local6forr@yahoo.com

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627**

Greetings Local 7

Here we go again, it's already June, seems like the year is going so fast. Mainly because all winter I looked forward to spring and when spring arrived it was not as desirable as I would have liked. Our monthly rides before our meetings have been cold or wet and sometimes both. But now it's June and it's our Kannyn Ball Run. An event Local 7 sponsors for S.C.A.N. (Supporters of Children with Additional Needs). The weather

for the ride was in the middle 50's with dark clouds all around. We had a great turn out with a great ride. Somehow Don made a 100 mile route that avoided the rain. The past 2 runs each raised \$1000 from this year's turn out. Local 7 donated an extra \$150. The local is able to donate money to our events we sponsor because of the work our members do at the Freedom Rally. We've got some members who deserve special thanks for their work at this year's Freedom Rally. Of course, Charlie & Robert did their 24 hour days. Also Don, Lee, Beaver & Nita were putting in more than their fair share of hours too. I almost forgot Bruce, he was on stage duty every night from 6 pm - 2 am. Also we had 2 non-members helping. They are members of WOW. So for anyone who did a Shift at the Freedom Rally...THANK YOU Your help gave another member more time to enjoy the rally.

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.****(call for info - location varies)****Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905**

Greetings from Local 8:

Otherwise known as the land of floods. Yes Mother Nature is still messing with us. Weather has gotten a little warmer but not much. I know we will gripe more this summer when it is 100 plus. I guess we will just enjoy it when we can.

By the time you read this the 27th Annual Spring Fling will be history. It is our second year at the Peanut Barrel. We learned a lot the first year so I hope this year is even better.

Another thing that will be history is our BRC class. Hopefully two of the graduates will be my grandsons. This will make five members of our family to take the courses. I promote them every chance I get. If you hear anyone say I want to learn to ride, give them the information to take the class.

Our local wants to make a clarification about our financial contribution to state. We didn't make our goal because we donated \$500 to Freedom Park. We didn't realize that didn't count until it was too late. We have always been one of the top contributors and will continue to do so in the future.

We are doing ride in meetings thru the summer months. Our July meeting will be at Pershing Park at Brook field. We will meet at Hy-Vee at 11 am to ride together. We will have a meal at noon with the meeting at 1. Be there to hear how Spring Fling went. The date is the 14 due to people taking a long weekend for the 4th.

I hope everyone get to ride all they can. Attend rallies and make new friends. FORR people are the best..

Ride safe,
Foxy Gama

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LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127



The "Mid-America Freedom Rally" at Buckhorn Memorial Day weekend was an absolute blast! Couldn't have asked for better weather! It was good to see everyone again... can't wait until next year!

Had a really good turnout for the "Spring Poker Run" that was held Sunday, May 19th. Good job Bill Kempker in organizing this event. Was another great day with friends (old and new)!

Getting amped up for our "Second Annual Christmas in July" event scheduled for Saturday, July 13, this was a real success last year! Hope to make this one even better! Watch for more information on this event.

For all of you Facebook people, keep checking Local 10's FB page and group page for upcoming events and just news in general.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899

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LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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

Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information

IMPORTANT NOTE!! AS OF THIS WRITING (THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE) A LARGE PORTION OF STUMP ISLAND PARK HAS BEEN FLOODED BY THE MISSOURI RIVER. WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE SITE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRECRACKER CLASSIC AT THE SLATER AIRPORT IF STUMP ISLAND IS UNUSABLE. CALL ONE OF THE PHONE NUMBERS ON THE FLIER BEFORE YOU COME IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD WHICH SITE WILL BE USED.

Damn, I wish Mother Nature would turn the faucet off! A lot of us are getting tired of floods, wet rides, weedy gardens, out-of-control lawns, and other problems all the moisture is causing. The farmers were worried about lack of moisture after the dry winter but I think we have more than caught up by now.

We had a great May meeting on a slightly chilly but nice Sunday afternoon.

The meeting was held at Poodle's II Palms in Boonesboro. Pork Chop called the meeting to order and the minutes were approved as read. Laura's treasury report was approved. John reported that the helmet modification bill and motorcycle permit bill were coming down to the wire and we needed to try to get them heard on the floor before the session ended. Things are looking very good for the Mid-MO Motorcycle Rally. John introduced a special guest, Representative Dave Muntzel of the 48th District. Many of our members are in his district.

Shelly at photobyshelly@embarqmail.com can make custom t-shirts with any picture she is supplied with. Pork Chop thanked everyone that came and Socko also thanked them and also all the workers at the Anniversary Party. Tami needs all her sponsors in by the next meeting on June 2nd. We will be making a profit of \$3 per shirt on all t-shirts that are sold. She had a picture of the design and it really looks great.

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The port-a-potties will cost us \$590 this year. Smokey has taken care of getting the contract for the Local 12 highway cleanup signs.

The June 2nd meeting will be held at the Slater American Legion. The July meeting will be held on Thursday evening, July 11th, at 7 pm on the night before the Firecracker Classic. The meeting was adjourned. Boz won the membership pot.

A few months ago I wrote about Local 12's formation meeting and said the next chapter would be about Local 12's first fundraiser. As a brand-new local we needed to raise money for the treasury but needed some ideas for a flyer and name. One day I was looking through my old issues of Choppers magazine and found one with a picture on the cover of a '78 Low Rider just like the one Dave Kateman used to ride. The editor of the magazine was right in the middle of a kicking stroke.

A little light bulb lit in my head and I thought a "Kickstart the Local Party" would be a great name for our first party. I brought it up at the next meeting and the members loved it. I "borrowed" a tracing of Chopper magazine's picture and we made plans for the event. We had a natural location out at the farm. At the time we had a swimming pool and the party would be held during the hot summer months. We put up lots of flyers and hoped for the best.

We pulled a good crowd that first year with riders from around the area as well as Kansas City, Jefferson City, Sedalia, and Columbia. My best memory of that first year was sharing a bottle of Wild Turkey with Crash while watching Jim Maag get his first tattoo. Jim was starting to turn white and we were trying to determine if he was going to pass out. We had my stereo blaring great tunes in the shop and lots of swimmers in the pool. After midnight we also noticed that most all of the swimmers had lost their trunks and bikinis.

I also had a trampoline next to the pool and some of the swimmers got on it. Believe me, you have not lived until you have watched fetching nude biker chicks bouncing on a trampoline, especially with a snootful of Wild Turkey. I think the ladies enjoyed them too because there are things that bounce on naked guys when they are on a trampoline. We had a lot of camping space for the parties and eventually everyone crashed for the night.

Subsequent Kickstart parties were famous for more big fun, new events like burnout contests in my shop, and sometimes terrible weather. I'll never forget the year we had a record thunderstorm right in the middle of the party. We heard a Harley coming and up rode Randy Elmore on his Superglide looking like he had ridden through the river. Ask Randy about that one sometime.

Those burnout contests were sometimes hell on my nice slick finished concrete shop floor. The biggest (and deepest) track ever laid in there was by Bert Monnig on my 6-cylinder Honda CBX superbike. Second (by a hair) was by Carl Hammond on his hopped up Harley FLHS. It took a LONG time for all the smoke could clear out from both of those. One year we got a great band, "Blue 88". They feature a lead singer who was like Janis Joplin reborn and a killer lead guitarist and drummer. One of my neighbors who lived nearly 3 miles away said he was outside that night and he could hear them so I guess they got a little loud.

We eventually discontinued the Kickstart parties and started the Firecracker Classic back up. I still miss those parties, though; maybe someday we'll have one again. Next time I do a history chapter it will be on the Firecracker Classic, from its' first year in 1984.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, July 11th, 7 pm- special Firecracker Classic Meeting, Stump Island Park, Glasgow

Friday and Saturday, July 12th and 13th, Firecracker Classic Poker Run, Field Meet, and Bike Show, either at Stump Island Park, Glasgow or Slater Airport, depending on river level. Call the numbers on the flyer in this issue to get the latest information.

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Stacey's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

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



Hello everyone! It's finally warming up and looking like summer will find us after all! I'm glad to say we survived the twisters and floods thus far. Time to pull our boots out of the mud and ride! Even though we did not hit 2,000 attendance at Buckhorn, a GR8 time was had by all who came. Thanks to all who showed up and helped. Congratulations to Kat & Gail, and Taz & Dee on their vow renewals, and

to Josh & Rach who also tied the knot at Buckhorn this year, all three had beautiful ceremonies! I'd also like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to look at the house bills, and make calls, to help the causes. All the information needed is on the www.forr.net website.

Be safe and hope to see you all soon at the next meeting!



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Awards immediately following
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POKER RUN

Registration 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Ron Keesee 816-898-4302**

Greetings fellow riders of Local 14 and Local 00,

This note is short and sweet so I am not killed by the newsletter editor.
Thanks, Dallas.

Not much going on for Local 14. We are riding when we can and gardening when we can't.

The legislative session is over and there were some bills passed. I do not have them on hand at this time but hope you kept up with legislative updates.

Keep your ears and eyes open for more fun rides and updates on meeting times/places.

Knees in the breeze,
The Terminator**LOCAL 15 - BRANSON****Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Rowdy Beaver, 1810 W Hwy 76,****Branson, MO 65616****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

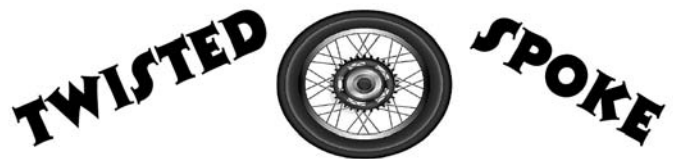
I can't believe that our Annual Hootentown Rally is just a few weeks away. We have had a few very successful meeting and everything is ready to go! I have heard that the band we have scheduled is amazing. I can hardly wait. We have a big tent there so we will be dancing rain or shine. Remember to bring your swimming suit, there is a river right there in the campground. For those of you who has never been, Hootentown has canoe and raft rentals. But we will have a Poker Run, bike games, people games, Tattoo contest and Wet-T shirt contests, so you don't have to look for things to do there at all!!!! We will start the party on July 12th, 13th and pack up on the 14th. Hope to see you there!

We just had our Branson Rally this past week-end. Fun,fun, fun! Thanks to all those who came and helped with our information booth, Bike show and Poker Run. I myself just came to play and enjoy the beer and friends. Hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

Our monthly business meeting will be at The Wheelhouse Restaurant in July. We want to go to a place that is off of Hwy 76 for the summer. So come out and tell us what you think.

Our BS meeting will be at the Pizza cellar, the 1st Tues. of Aug. Come and eat pizza and drink beer with us!!!!

Please plan on coming out to one of our events this summer. Hope to see you soon,
Lou



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LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU**Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

Shewwww....after the roller coaster ride of the 2013 Legislative Session, it's something of a relief to have L16 back to business as usual.

First we can never thank Bill and Linda enough for their support of this Local. The May meeting was held at the Bayou Bar & Grill and as always it can't be beaten

for food, atmosphere and brother (sister) hood. We also need to thank the Bayou for providing space for Shelly and Kevin of the State Product line to set up. What a successful evening for both Product Line and L16.

Upcoming FORR L16 events are as follows:

Next Local meeting at the Heartland Social Club, June 30 @ 3:00 pm. Please contact Whitey for directions (I'm hopelessly directionally challenged).

Just a reminder, mark your calendars for the Bayou Run, including field events on August 3. We need all the input possible for ways of insuring this is a successful event. Vendors and participation will be key!

Even with the insanity of our weather in Southeast Missouri, I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy our amazing roadways. Until next time, stay safe and we'll see you soon.

Mel

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE**Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Golden Eagle Hospitality Room****Contact: 660-988-1708**

Greetings Local-19,

We have had a busy month of May. On May-11 we held a Motor Cycle Awareness booth at the Kirksville Wal-Mart, there were about fifteen bikes for people to view along with literature on motor cycle safety along with candy and balloons for the kids. State Rep. Nate Walker stopped by to talk about current bills that are of interest to our group at the state capital. We would like to thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule.

On May-18 Road Capt. Kenny Lambert led a small group East to Arbela for dinner at the Catfish Place it was a nice evening for a ride and the dinner was great. I would like to thank everyone who attended. Rides scheduled for July is a ride to Locust Creek Covered Bridge; meet at the Health & fitness center parking lot 10:00 am. And a lunch ride to Harrisburg meet at the Health & fitness center parking lot 10:00 am.

There was a good turnout for last month's Safety Class ten new graduates will be hitting the road on two wheels, congratulations to them.



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On June-1 the monthly meeting was held at Golden Eagle with a carry in dinner. At this meeting Mindy Garrett from N.E. Community Action Agency talked about having a poker run, this event is still in the works and I will keep you posted. The next meeting will be June-29 at Lucky's in Edina at 6:00 pm. For those who wish to ride we will meet at the Health & Fitness center at 5:00 pm. till next time ride safe.

"IKE"

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Eagles Club on Hwy 25****Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480**

Hello out there



Well the rally has come and gone not sure how the numbers came out money wise but I think a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that worked and came out to play.

It has finally warmed up and stayed that way however not without a price to all of the folks in Oklahoma or to members that have family and friends there our thoughts are with you and to our

friends in Local 24 up around St. Louis it was wonderful to hear that everyone is OK after all of the crazy weather there. I am running late getting this done and hope to meet the deadline. Not a whole happening here right now other than everyone catching their breath after the rally. Welcome to new members....thank you to those that have renewed.... happy birthday and anniversary to those celebrating this month and as always it is great to see all of you at the events and meetings.

Until Next Time.....Keep it between the lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20

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LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM ALL OF US!

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369

Contact: 636-665-5004

BE CAREFULL WITH THOSE SPARKLERS!

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114

Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092



Hello from L24, I hope after all the storms, tornado's, and flooding this news letter finds you and all of your loved ones safe and sound. Personally I lost power for 5 days and I am writing this a day late, Sorry Dallas.

Welcome to or new members Bob & C.J Kintz, Sharon Leonard, and our newest transfer Lee Carpenter, welcome to our fight for our rights.

The "Stand up" for Georgia ride was a great success, a lot of brothers and sisters came out to support her and her family, it is very clear to all of us that she will be missed, I plea to all members to get a little more active in FORR's endeavors in her memory. She did it for you, time to pay it forward.

I believe that we as a group can get a lot accomplished in Jeff city if we can show up in numbers. I challenge all locals to put together a group that can and will show up to the Capitol when we need you, if every local can get just 4 or 5 people on top of what we generally have show that would be very memorable to our state government.

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LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

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



Hello All,

First off we would like to say we are glad Marty Marco is safe after being run off Hwy 44 by a semi truck on his way to MAFR.

Upcoming events for July & August ...

July

Sat 13 Save the Ta-Ta's

Sat 13 Run for the Son @ Chariots of Fire LLC 10 am

Sun 21 Christmas in July Run @ Tattooed Lady - sign ups from 11 am - 1 pm

August

Mon 5 - Sun 11 Sturgis Week

Sat 17 6th annual ABATE/ FORR Rodeo @ Tattooed Lady Bar & Grill.
 Rodeo events; Bike Show; Vendors; Bike Wash gates open @ 10 am.
 Don't forget to mark your calendars

Sun 18 Hartbauer/McBride Poker Run @ Ted Motorcycle World Alton Ill. 10:30 am. Start in Missouri @ Burger King 14124 Manchester Road Manchester, Mo. 63011 sign ups 10:30 am - Noon

If you haven't already done so, check out our Local 25 Facebook page.
 Next meeting is July 21st at Hobo's @ The American Legion Post 313.. 1 pm

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2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	L-24 (2)	L-1 (2) L-3 (1)	L-31 (2) L-26 (2)	0	0	0	0	L-12 (2)
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LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599**

Greetings from Local 26

It looks like warmer weather has finally arrived and we can finally enjoy some time in the wind: When it isn't raining. Not saying you can't ride in the rain, but I personally don't usually enjoy it as much. June will be moving along when you get this, and with it I hope you have been getting plenty of sunshine and good riding.

Our local has finally started to get decent weather for the Eat & Rides. If you are in the Maryville area on a Tuesday evening, feel free to join us. A good time is almost guaranteed. We meet at the Breaktime, just west of the 71/136 junction and leave at 6 pm. Destinations vary, but any time in the wind with good people is time well spent.

Last week was rained out, but we rescheduled for Friday and had still managed to have a dozen riders, even with the unexpected change.

Summer is here and with it comes the heat. Remember to drink extra fluids this time of the year. Heat exhaustion can sneak up on you and leave you a bit light headed and slow your reactions. Neither is good while on a bike. Hydrate every chance you get. There are enough hazards out there we can't change. Take care of yourself, especially if you have a passenger. Road rash and sunburn are not fun individually and worse together.

Just as an aside, I'm off the crutches and I've replaced the bike. Still getting used to the new one, but that's part of the fun. Check your tire pressure before every ride and watch for texters and animals.

Until next month, safe journey,
Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 2:00 pm****June 13-July 11-August 8: 2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm****Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941****V.P. Olin Meadors 417-777-2883**

Here at Local 27 we've been discussing what it means to belong, what biker brotherhood means, and what our shared responsibilities are as we try to put together a small rally this fall. It's in that frame of mind that I want to share a thought with my fellow 27 members and bikers across the state.

This summer, as we head out to various rallies and runs, vacations and just daily riding, it's not enough to slap a "watch out for bikes" bumper sticker on your car... it's not enough to hang up more "share the road" signs. It's not enough to just keep our eyes peeled in self defense,... and it's certainly not enough to crow and complain about the folks in the "cages" who don't see us.

I challenge each and every person who reads this, my friends in Local 27 and FORR members across the state,... it's not enough to hang out with other bikers at meetings and rallies,... I challenge you to get a person who does not ride, to attend a rally,... get them to drive support on a run, or just show up at the last stop for the party.

If more people had at least ONE friend who road bikes, they would LOOK!,... And every bike they saw would remind them of that friend, or that uncle, or that classmate, or at least of the fun weekend they had. It's NOT about more FORR membership, it's not about getting more people to ride bikes,... it's about getting more people to see us,... if they see a bike and it makes them think of their friend Rick, then they will look twice.

My challenge to all of you this summer is to make new friends that AREN'T on 2 wheels.... So that when they SEE 2 wheels,... they'll think,... and SEE.

Heads up wheels down and balls out my friends -Jack

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Mike Moeller 573-528-1528, Vice****President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Shrine Club 573-774-5454**

Despite the weatherman's predictions of rain and thunder storms for the Rally weekend, it turned out to be beautiful. It started out a little cold, but it warmed up and life was good. It was good seeing everyone out there enjoying themselves and even better seeing the road filled with bikes enjoying the local scenery. A big congratulations to those who got married and to those who renewed their wedding vows during the Rally. We all wish you many more years of happiness! Thanks also needs to go out to all of the people who volunteered their time and services to make this a successful rally!!

Notes from this month's meeting:

There are no notes from the meeting as this article has to go to publication before the meeting will be held. Be sure to read the minutes on the local FORR web page.

-This is a reminder that if your birthday or anniversary is not being announced and you would like it to be, please get with Glitter at the meetings to have your information updated.

-Taz is looking for volunteers to help with the local t-shirt design.

-Taz is also looking for volunteers to sit on a committee to review the by-laws. If you are interested, please let him know.

-Due to health reasons, Taz will be unable to participate in any rides for a while. If you are interested in taking the lead to set up any fun runs, please get with Taz and he can help you with the coordination.

The Buckhorn Blast is going up soon. This year there will be a passport run. You can choose the ride for yourself and pick the spots that you want to stop at! Hope to see all of you out there enjoying the ride and the day.

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

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Upcoming Events:

7 June 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 15 June 2013 USO Ride
 15 June 2013 Waynesville Street Fest booth setup
 29 June 2013 Roadside clean up
 29 June 2013 County Fair booth setup
 5 July 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 6 July 2013 Buckhorn Blast
 20 July 2013 1st Annual Field Games Tourney
 2 August 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 10 August 2013 Memorial Ride
 30 August – 2 September 2013 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally (Homecoming) Sedalia
 6 September 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting / Officer Nominations
 7 September 2013 Roadside cleanup and Fun Run
 4 October 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 5 October 2013 Pop's Ride
 19 October 2013 Waynesville Street Fest booth setup
 19 October 2013 Pre-build for the Halloween Bash
 26 October 2013 Halloween Bash
 1 November 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting /Elections
 2 November 2013 Local 28 Toy Run
 11 November 2013 Veteran's Day Parade
 30 November 2013 Wal-Mart Toy Collection
 1 December 2013 Waynesville Christmas Parade
 1 December 2013 Local 28 Chili Cook Off after the parade
 6 December 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 7 December 2013 Toy drop off
 7 December 2013 Local 28 Holiday party
 31 December 2013 New Year's Eve party

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO****Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or****Ursula DeMoss 816-550-9591****Website: www.forrlocal29.com**

Our May meeting was conducted by our Vice-President Bob Neal as our President had graduation entanglements requiring his presence. Normal business was conducted. Local 29 wishes to send it's condolences to the family of Georgia Haley. She will be missed. We discussed the final plans for our fun run in June but I won't put the details in here as it will be history when you read this and it hasn't happened yet so I can't tell you about it. Don Jackson won the attendance incentive of \$10 and graciously donated it back to the local. Thank you Don! After the meeting many of us adjourned to Stroud's Oak Ridge Manor where we had some delicious chicken.

The 25th Annual Mid-America Freedom Rally was held Memorial weekend. It was a great time as usual. The weather was perfect. There was no rain, the nights were cool and perfect for sleeping, and the days were perfect for riding. It was some of the best weather I can ever remember for the rally. The only down side was the traffic through the gate was down from previous years. Still about 2,200 people attended. Local 29 had sixteen members attend and we easily covered our 35 work shifts. In fact a dozen Local 29 members worked at least two shifts and will get their memberships paid. They are: Barb Owen, John Owen, Bob Neal, Jim Duyck, Steve Williams, Sheila Neal, Janet Williams, Paul McCormack, Donna Duyck, Nancy Martin, Phil Chapin, and L.A. Ross. Thank you all! For breakfast many of us went up to the Shrine Club to help support them. But the evening meal was different. As usual our members cooked up some fabulous food. Saturday night we had some delicious home-made lasagna, salad, and bread. Sunday night we had grilled pork steaks, ribs, salad, boiled Cajun potatoes and ear corn. Now that was some good eating. It is amazing what can be boiled to perfection in a turkey fryer using just water. Things like walking omelets (ask me about them) and our corn and potatoes are just some

examples. Our turkey fryer was donated to Local 29 by the group that uses our pavilion for another event at the Shrine Campground. They are the same people who donated the stove to us last year. Thank you again Tiny and friends. Helped by the many pavilions that have been built there the Shrine Club is able to rent the campground out many times for several thousands of dollars each time. Part of the money they raise goes to help support the many Shriner's Hospitals. So a part of every dollar we spend there either by an entry fee to an event, a bag of ice, a drink or meal at the Shrine Club, or put into a pavilion helps raise money for a great cause. If you have never been to the Mid-America Freedom Rally you need to make plans to attend next year. It is the largest biker rally in Missouri and it is a great time.

Happy riding;
 Honest Bob

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd****Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

Local 30 meets the third Thursday of the month at Logan's in Springfield. May's meeting echoed some of our earlier meetings of 2013. Our local now has sixty-six members, and I might add they're passionate about riding and rights. Danne R. spent many days this spring riding to the capital and being our collective voice. We also appreciate all of the members who were able to call or write our legislators regarding the laws affecting motorcyclists. We don't always get what we want regarding legislative issues, but it goes to show how important it is for everyone to have a voice. As we know, it's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease.

Twenty of our members attended the 25th anniversary of the Freedom Rally at Buckhorn. The rally drew approximately 2,300 people. It was good to catch up with folks from other parts of the state and chat with some of the vendors we've all come to know and love. We're looking forward to the Hootentown Rally on July 12-14th. We still need volunteers so keep this in mind as we approach our next meeting. We want you to be able to participate the hours you'd like to. As for rallies later this season, we are excited to be a part of the Mid-America Labor Day rally. We discussed a group ride to Sedalia, work shifts, and the presence of the History Channel at the rally (Not sure why I find that humorous, but I do know that I don't want to be the one to make history at the rally).

On a local level and in an effort to offer more opportunities for group rides, we voted and approved two scheduled group rides each month: the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of will be designated for a group ride. Rides will begin at 10 am at the Casey's on S. Campbell and Republic Roads. Destinations may vary, but I'm almost certain will include an eatery of some sort. Organized rides should be posted on the local 30 Facebook page the Thursday prior to the weekend of the ride, and to be considered a "group" ride must consist of at least three bikes. In addition to the two posted rides each month, we hope to have many "unofficial" rides taking off this year. Feel free to post ideas/suggestions on Facebook, and check back often for additional information on tentative rides.

As usual, I'm tapping the keys of technology at the last minute, and thanks to Channy P., and several cups of strong office coffee our humble contribution to the FORR newsletter is off to the editor.

Ride safe,
 Christine S.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.****Location varies - call for info****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or****Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385**

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LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

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

President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625

Howdy you all, been wet enough for you? The May meeting was our rolling and picnic meeting. We ended up at Truman State Park, Warsaw. Great weather, ride, burgers, hot dogs. We started the meeting at a new meeting place. It is between AmVets and Scooters. The new meeting place was provided by Scooters. A big thank you to them. Russell and Ronda Felts from Local 47 were guests. Thanks for coming by and come back any time. Vice Pres. Randy reported that L-13 donated \$100, L-35 \$200, Dist. 4 \$50, Freedom Rally \$100 to help with the FORR info booth at the Missouri State Fair. Thank you so much.

Local 33 would like to welcome Connie McCormick who transferred from L-7. Glad to have you aboard.

Roy has work schedule for the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally. See me at the local meeting or if you have seen it in the Freedom Press and see a shift you like call or e-mail me at 660-527-3395, the4boards@hughes.net. First come first served.

Donna won \$21, Connie won \$20 at the May meeting. Upcoming events

June 22-23 13th annual Overnight Got Lost Run. Leave AmVets 8:59 sharp.

July 28th our \$1000 poker run. Sign 12-1. Rain or shine. It don't play it won't pay. See you there.

Wish I had more to tell you but not that much going on right now. Deal with the faults of others as gently as you would your own.

Cowboy Roy

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

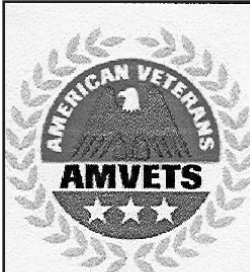
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LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

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

If you don't know where you're going, you could wind up someplace else so make that someplace else the CAMERON LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW on JULY 20th in McCorkle's PARK in beautiful downtown Cameron. See FLIER in this months newsletter.

The Mid America Motorcycle Rally at the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia Mo. on Labor Day Weekend is right in our back yard. Local 41 Work Schedule is two people for CAMP GATE--SATURDAY 2:00 a.m.--6:00 a.m. Two People for BAND SECURITY--SATURDAY 6:00 p.m.--10:00 p.m. One person for SUNDAY--ARENA PARKING 10:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m. and Two people for SUNDAY--CAMP PARKING--6:00 p.m.--10:00 p.m. This is going to be a good party.

Steve has more WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES signs so if you need any see Steve or call the number above.

We have got several fun runs planned for the summer. Hope to see you on one of them.

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband. Instead of getting married I should have found a girl I didn't like and just gave her a house.

The Missouri Marijuana issue was sent to a joint committee. I bet they got Pizza Hut on speed dial.

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Welcome... Rich C., Robin C., Gary E., Melanie M., Jason C., Meg W., Bob R., and Rachael J. to Local 42... it's good to have you join...

Not a lot to speak of this month due to all of the storms and rainy weather... I missed our last meeting so evidently it was a pretty smooth month... It was good to see everyone from our different Local's show up for Dawson's Run yesterday.... They had a benefit for him that started at the Legends in Eureka and rode about 60 miles to end at the Eagles in Pacific... A young man brought a Porsche that was converted into a BBQ pit... great food and great times for a very worthy cause... I met this young man when he did his bucket list last year and he fought valiantly... we lost him in September... but I have heard other people say he had to be looking down at us and smiling... his cause goes on and on....

July 13, 2013 - School Supply Poker Run...

July 26 & 27 - School Supply Distribution at the First Christian

Church, Union, Mo.

July 28, - Monthly Meeting @ Pacific

Eagles at 3:00 pm

Be safe out there and remember our Fallen.
Talk later, Tex



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LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

Meetings: Will be posted on the FORR Local 47

Facebook page

Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497

Hot dogs & fireworks - a great combination!

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday

Check with your local rep for location

DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove

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

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation sent out info regarding the helmet law change in Michigan. Please check out the article "The effects of Michigan's weakened motorcycle helmet use on insurance losses." at <http://www.iihs.org/externaldata/srdata/docs/sr4804.pdf>.

I also received e-mail from Doc of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. He sent this reference: "With all the discussion about Intelligent Transportation Systems lately, I found this article quite interesting... Imagine if you will a Motorcycle engine that cuts off, either internally or remotely, while riding at highway speed... Hmm..."

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/22462597/dc-ambulance-breaks-down-while-transporting-shooting-victim-to-hospital#axzz2UpTOSwiX>.

I mentioned this possibility at a seminar recently and someone actually said, "they wouldn't do that - it'd be stupid"... ARGH!

Hey check out the MMMR website: lots of info and the band schedule. We got an extra little bonus when we got Ricky Lee Tanner. Check out his website: www.rickieleetanner.com. Hey free advertising.

SPONSORS NEEDED: for the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally and don't forget Octoberfest is not far behind. We need sponsors for the District 4 event as well. Please contact local businesses for their support. You can find the sponsorship info and forms for the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally on the rally website: www.mo-rally.com. If you need forms for Octoberfest see me or Ursula.

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MO motorcycle riders had good legislative year

By Jordan Shapiro, Associated Press



(AP) — Missouri motorcyclists could benefit from several bills waiting the governor's signature

this year, but a top-tier priority to waive the state's helmet law for most adults didn't make it out of the proposal parking lot.

Under a measure passed this session, law enforcement wouldn't be able to set up checkpoints targeted to pull over motorcycles, which supporters said will protect riders at motorcycle rallies from being singled out.

Another measure declares May as motorcycle awareness month, something Katherine Fox, legislative director for the motorcycle advocacy group Freedom for Road Riders, said would promote road safety. And she also lauded one that allows the vehicles to have brake lights that change brightness as long as the visual effect is not more than 5 seconds, saying it will help drivers

to identify motorcycles on the road faster.

Despite these successes, a longstanding effort to change the state's motorcycle helmet law stalled again this year. The bill would have let motorcycle riders over age 21 and older to ride without a helmet; under current law, no helmet garners a maximum \$25 fine.

The House passed the helmet measure 94-63 earlier this month, but it didn't reach the Senate floor before lawmakers adjourned.

Supporters argued adults should have the freedom to decide whether to wear a helmet on the road.

"If we can remove the fallacy that it is only the helmet that is protecting our lives, we might be able to focus on awareness and

avoiding the crash rather than the safety of the crash," Fox said.

One opponent agreed that it was a freedom issue, but questioned whose freedom was at stake. Rep. Bill White, R-Joplin, said during House debate that allowing adults to ride without a helmet could cost the state in medical bills if they suffer serious injuries.

"It is a freedom issue for the rider, but it is not that they get to choose how safe they want to be. It's that they get to choose how much money that the taxpayers are going to have to pay for them to have this option," he said.

In 2011, there were 634 serious injuries and 81 fatalities in crashes involving motorcycles, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Eight of the fatalities and 59 of the serious injuries were riders who did not have a helmet.

Nixon vetoed a legislation in 2009 that would have lifted the helmet requirement for motorcycle riders ages 21 and older except on interstates, saying it would make riders less safe and increase the state's medical care costs.

Even without the helmet law changes, Fox said the Legislature's session was "absolutely a success" for riders, noting the bills passed could help other drivers be more cognizant of sharing the roadway.

"We like to educate our fellow neighbors that we are not the greasy bikers of yesteryear, we are professionals," she said.

Third Motorcycle Safety Foundation iBook targets prospective motorcyclists, their friends and families May 23, 2013

The following is an industry press release...

IRVINE, Calif., May 22, 2013 – The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has launched its third iBook on Apple's iTunes as part of an ongoing effort to promote motorcyclist safety on the roadways to a broader riding and non-riding audience.

Released exclusively for iPads, "Rider Choices" specifically addresses the questions and concerns of prospective motorcyclists, their families and friends. The interactive 32-page "Rider Choices" iBook is priced at just 99 cents.

"At MSF, we believe 'Rider Choices' is the smartest way to consider motorcycling or to help someone else consider riding," said Tim Buche, MSF president and chief executive officer. "We created an iBook that serves as an effective discussion tool to help a friend or family member have a serious conversation with a prospective motorcycle rider about the best next steps to take. It's our greatest hope that 'Rider Choices' stimulates meaningful discussions that lead to informed decisions about whether to ride."

Filled with visually appealing graphics, videos and interactive content, "Rider Choices" speaks candidly to risk management principles and the importance of training, motorist awareness, personal protective gear and more. Perhaps its most innovative feature is the "Contract for Safety," which affirms that the prospective motorcyclist understands that family and friends may be concerned about their safety, and serves as their tangible commitment to riding safely and to minimize risk.

Because "Rider Choices" was created with the iBooks Author application, its content is completely interactive and syncs with other devices. It follows the recently released MSF iBook, "Intersection: Sharing the Road" and prior to that, "Intersection: Leader's Guide." MSF will continue its practice of making many of its programs, conferences, lectures, and other motorcyclist safety content available for download.

"Each of us must do our part in making good decisions on the road so we can eliminate motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities. Every roadway user needs to be a trained, alert and active participant in the traffic mix," said Buche.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation promotes safety through rider training and education, operator licensing tests and public information programs. The MSF works with the federal government, state agencies, the military and others to offer training for all skill levels so riders can enjoy a lifetime of safe, responsible motorcycling. Standards established by the MSF® have been recognized worldwide since 1973.

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Privacy Problems & Congressional Motorcycle Caucus

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that Representatives Michael Capuano (D-MA) and James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) are working together to protect your right to privacy while operating a motor vehicle.

Increasingly, today's vehicles come equipped with an "event data recorder" or "black box". The purpose of this equipment is to record what happens in the moments prior to a crash. Currently, there is no federal law that clarifies the rights of the vehicle owner to maintain ownership of the recorded data. The two members of congress have developed legislation that would keep the data recorded in the hands of the owner unless they give permission to access the data. The bill also requires dealers to "prominently disclose if the automobile or motorcycle is equipped with a black box and its capacities".

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued a formal warning that they intend to require all automobiles manufactured after September 1, 2014 be equipped with the black box.

The MRF fully supports this legislation. Please contact your member of congress and ask them to co-sponsor the Sensenbrenner / Capuano Black Box Privacy Protection Act.

You can reach the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121

Congressional Motorcycle Caucus

The House of Representatives has reformed the U.S. House Motorcycle Caucus. The returning co-chair, Dr. Michael Burgess (TX), is joined by new co-chair Tim Griffin (AR). Rep. Griffin is in his second term with the House and is an avid and excitable rider who recently addressed the Bikers Inside the Beltway attendees. The purpose of the caucus is not political, but rather a forum for motorcycle minded members of congress to develop legislation and serve as a sounding board for all things motorcycle related in the congress.

Currently the newly formed caucus has thirteen members:

Braley (IA); Griffin (AR); Burgess (TX); Butterfield (NC); Conway (TX); Denham (CA); Duncan (TN); Forbes (VA); Jones (NC); Walberg (MI); Walz (MN)

Call your member of congress and ask them to join this important group, as it is open to the entire House of Representatives.

The MRF looks forward to continuing to work with the motorcycle caucus.

Motorcycle Only Checkpoint Introduced

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that Congressman James Sensenbrenner (Wisconsin) filed a bill on Tuesday, May 7th to prohibit the federal funding of motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

The bill, H.R. 1861, has nine original co-sponsors however, we need many more to pass this landmark legislation.

Sensenbrenner had this to say in a 'Dear Colleague letter' that is circulating in the House of Representatives: 'In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints. Section one of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates.'

The bill was officially introduced on May 7th. It's important to contact your sitting member of the House of Representatives and ask them to be a co-sponsor of this important legislation. Ask them to contact Congressman James Sensenbrenner and lend their support as co-sponsor of H.R. 1861.

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ABATE releases multi-year motorcycle fatality

analysis, calls for increased education, enforcement and penalties

With one of the longest and hottest riding seasons on record, higher gas prices and a slight increase in motorcycle registrations, 2012 saw a small increase in motorcycle fatalities with over half of those being fatalities being riders not endorsed to operate a motorcycle. The year also saw an increase in motorcycle tourism since the enactment of the rider choice law on April 12, 2013 allowing adults to choose whether or not they want to wear a helmet.

Recently, reports from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) analyzing the fatality and fatality rate increases since the helmet choice law went into effect have been presented in an erroneous and biased manner.

"Our primary concern about the accuracy of the data from OHSP is that two single points of data are being compared, when a multi-year comparison will give the clearest and most accurate depiction of motorcycle fatalities," said Vince Piacenti, Statistician, for ABATE Michigan. "The average fatality rate on motorcycles from 2005 - 2011 is 119.7 with a standard deviation (sigma) of 8.4. Standard practice is to add +/- 3 sigma to be statistically significant. This means that the normal year-to-year fatality rate can vary from 95 to 145. Anything within this range is normal variation; the fatalities would have to be above 145 or below 95 to make a statement with statistical confidence. Fatalities in 2012 were 129, which fall within the normal range of variation and proves conclusively that the helmet-law amendment has had no adverse effect on motorcycle safety."

What should concern the Michigan State Police, OSHP and the public is the fact that more than half of the fatalities involved riders NOT endorsed to drive a motorcycle.

"Losing a member of our motorcycle family is devastating. To know that a death could be prevented from motorcycle education and increased enforcement from State Police is unimaginable. Our mission at American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, or ABATE Michigan, as we approach Motorcycle Safety Awareness month in May is motorcycle safety. ABATE encourages the Michigan State Police to be proactive this coming riding season by focusing on car driver/motorcyclists awareness and motorcycle education," added Vince Consiglio, President, ABATE of Michigan. "But we also want to make sure those that ride without an endorsement face stiffer fines and we also support limiting Temporary Instructional Permits (TIP) to two per adult. If you need more than two TIPs, you shouldn't be riding."

Because more than half of Michigan motorcycle fatalities are unlicensed or unendorsed motorcyclists, ABATE's goal in teaching motorcycle rider education classes and going into the drivers' education classrooms is to ensure that everyone arrives home safely.

"A motorcyclist has a responsibility to know how to handle his or her bike," Consiglio added. "However, a motorcyclist is much more vulnerable than a passenger vehicle occupant in the event of a crash. The majority of Michigan 2012 fatalities were wearing helmets."

A motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license is required by law to ride on public roads and can be obtained by attending and passing a motorcycle rider education class, which are available statewide for a fee. A list of Secretary of State approved Michigan Motorcycle Safety Program instructors, along with their locations and contact information can be found the Secretary of State's website. ABATE Michigan supports public and private rider education. A current list of ABATE Michigan motorcycle rider education classes locations and times can be found on ABATE Michigan's website.

On April 12, 2012 the requirement for motorcycle helmets was amended to allow adult choice for motorcyclists 21 and older, providing they completed an accredited motorcycle-safety course or had a minimum of 2 years riding experience.

"Our members have reported an increase in motorcycle tourism since the

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enactment of the rider choice law," said Scott Ellis, Executive Director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, which represents more than 1,800 restaurants, bar, party store, hotel, and casino establishments across the state. "From Monroe to Muskegon to the Keweenaw Peninsula, more out-of-state motorcyclists are stopping, staying and spending money at our restaurants, hotels and attractions."

At least 20 different state license plates were counted on motorcycles at last year's sixth annual Muskegon Bike Time. With the increase in participants, planners are already concerned how many bikes and vendors can fit in the downtown area for this year's event.

ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the overall rights and promoting the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists.

ABATE Michigan has partnered with public schools and private driving instructors to teach more than 75,000 new drivers about motorcycle awareness, using resources donated by ABATE members.

The MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AWARENESS & EDUCATION, INC. (MRFA&E) has been invited to present the "3Rs Impaired Riding Campaign" at the 2013 State Motorcycle Safety Administrators National Summit. MRFA&E's 3Rs Impaired Riding Campaign, which has been presented at national, regional and state motorcycle rights conferences, will also be presented to the 2013 State Motorcycle Safety Administrators National Summit this August.

MRF A&E 3Rs: I Don't Want to Ride in Your Funeral Procession!

The presentation addresses the subject of impaired riding on a personal level. It says to the audience "I love riding with you, your friendship is important in my life. I don't want to ride in your funeral procession." By Being Responsible in what you do, Riding Responsibly when you are alone or in a group and Taking Responsibility for your actions we can successfully begin reducing fatalities due to impaired riding. The program was developed as a Power Point presentation that can be presented to your group or organization. A script is included on the disk to help develop talking points to make this program compatible with how you would like to address impaired riding in your group.

When you get out there on the road remember, Be Responsible, Ride Responsible, Take Responsibility.

MRF A&E would like to thank the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Alcohol and Awareness Committee and the Committee's Chair Steve Zimmer for providing the inspiration for this program. Committee member Wayne Wierson worked to adapt the idea to power point. Seeing that the presentation amplified the Awareness and Education role that MRF A&E was promoting, the presentation was placed under the management of MRF A&E.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education, Inc. was established to promote motorcycle awareness and education due to an ever-increasing rider population creating a greater need. Go to www.mrfae.org for more information.

For more information of this presentation contact wayne@mrfae.org.

Bikers Inside the Beltway 2013

Thursday May 16th, 2013 was the 4th annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington DC. The event, sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, is a national lobby day where motorcyclists come to Capitol Hill, meet with their elected officials and brief them on all issues affecting motorcyclists at the federal level.

This year's event drew hundreds of motorcyclists from 22 States and riders met with almost 300 elected officials.

One of the top issues the attendees were lobbying for, was asking members of Congress to advance two bills. H.R. 1861 which is a bill to

prohibit Federal funding of "motorcycle only" roadside checkpoints and also H.R. 875, a bill that would halt the sale of E-15 fuel and conduct an independent study on the effects of the blend on internal combustion engines.

During the Congressional Panel portion of the day, the group of riders gathered in a Longworth House building congressional meeting room to hear from a select group of Members of Congress. Addressing the group was Congressman Griffin (R-AR), the Motorcycle Safety Caucus Co Chair, Representative Jeff Denham (R-CA) and the House of Representatives Highway Subcommittee Chairman and longtime MRF Champion, Tom Petri (R-WI).

Representative Petri had this to say, "I commend you for being citizen lobbyists, we appreciate you being here in D.C., we take advantage of these visits, I support your call for reliance on personal responsibility-not mandates, and your call for Federal agencies to concentrate on their mission and live up to the their responsibility."

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped support those who attended. This year was a tremendous success.

Photos from the event can be found at www.MRF.org



Protect your privacy from event data recorders

Urge your representative to support federal legislation!

U.S. Reps. Mike Capuano (D-Mass.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) will introduce the Black Box Privacy Protection Act soon and are currently seeking to add original cosponsors.

The bill will protect motorcyclists' rights by requiring dealers to prominently disclose to consumers if an event data recorder, known as a black box, is installed in their motorcycle, the data collection capabilities of such a device, and how such data may be used. The bill clarifies that the owner of the motorcycle owns the data and it may not be accessed without the permission of the owner. Furthermore, this bill requires that manufacturers provide consumers with the option of controlling the recording function in future automobiles or motorcycles that are equipped with black boxes. In other words, the ability to turn the black box on or off.

Currently, no federal law exists that clarifies the rights of vehicle owners to ownership of the recorded data.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring black boxes in all cars manufactured after Sept. 1, 2014. The NHTSA already has disclosure requirements, but the Black Box Privacy Protection Act would make the disclosure more prominent and give consumers even greater choice and privacy protections.

The American Motorcyclist Association protects motorcyclists' freedom to ride and we support this bipartisan bill. If you are worried that your insurer will use data from a black box to increase your rates or have the ability to record data that can be used against you in a civil or criminal proceeding, then you—the motorcyclist—should urge your representative to become an original cosponsor to the Black Box Privacy Protection Act. Just follow the "Take Action" option to send a pre-written email directly to your representative.

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

Be sure to forward this to your motorcycling friends!

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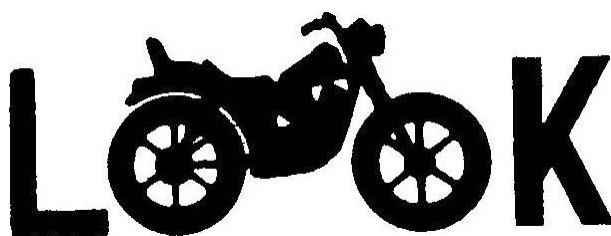
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JULY

6 Local 28 Waynesville Buckhorn Blast/Passport Run
573-528-1528

12-13 Local 12 Glasgow Fire Cracker Classic 660-815-0444

12-14 Local 30 Nixa Hootontown Motorcycle Rally 417-739-3592

13 Local 10 Jefferson City Christmas in July 573-353-4127

13 Local 25 St Peters Save the Ta-Ta's 636-366-9933

13 Local 42 Franklin County School Supply Poker Run
314-221-7164

20 Local 28 Waynesville Backyard Games Tourney /
MC & Car Show
573-528-1528

20 Local 41 Cameron Crossroads Bike Show 816-449-5037

28 Local 33 Hwy 50 West \$1,000 Poker Run 660-441-0625

AUGUST

10 Local 28 Waynesville Memorial Ride 573-528-1528

17 Local 25 St Peters 6th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo 636-358-5236

30-9/1 Central Committee Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally
800-309-7433

SEPTEMBER

7 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Back to School Poker Run 660-441-0625

28-29 Local 15 Branson Tri Lakes Motorcycle Swap Meet
417-334-0775

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