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BIG NEWS...

Legislative Update:

House Bill 1393 Helmet Modification was give a 'due pass' out of the House Committee on February 6th.

Thank you all for your tremendous efforts, and keep up the good work, and stay tuned for further updates....

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ENGINEER OF FREEDOM AWARD

Congratulations to Debbie Mullanix from Local 13 in Mexico, MO.

As she was the recipient of the Engineer of Freedom Award at the January 2008 Central Committee Meeting.

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10th Annual Bike Show

Dedicated to all our lost Brothers and Sisters, and those who have served our country.

Sunday, March 30, 2008

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Judging begins at 12:00 p.m.
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All Motorcycles Welcome.
Ride or Trailer-ed In.
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$ 10.00 entry fee per bike.
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On Site Poker Run

Local 29

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E. Howard Porter
Kearney VFW Post 5717

Food and refreshments on sale by the VFW.

Central Committee Meeting #169
January 13, 2008

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the Truman Hotel Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman Mark Chapman, Vice-Chairman Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix, Corporate Secretary Kathy Garver, Treasurer/Membership Secretary Dallas Chapman, Webmaster Steve "Tanker" King; Newsletter Editor Michelle O'Connor; Product Line Managers Keith and Shirley Cronin.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by reading the Preamble to the By-laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman Chapman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local #		Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local	01	73	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Eastern Jackson County	Local	02	42	1 Vote	Linda Parish
Tri County	Local	03	48	1 Vote	John Crandall
South Kansas City	Local	05	60	1 Vote	James Enloe
St. Joseph	Local	06	80	1 Vote	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local	07	56	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local	08	180	2 Votes	Lisa Becton
Hannibal	Local	09	50	1 Vote	***ABSENT***
Jefferson City	Local	10	145	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Joplin	Local	11	49	1 Vote	Rick Brabant
Glasgow	Local	12	88	1 Vote	David Kateman
Mexico	Local	13	126	2 Votes	Scott Fennewald
Independence	Local	14	31	1 Vote*	***ABSENT***
Branson	Local	15	229	3 Votes	Dennis Oxford
Cape Girardeau	Local	16	77	1 Vote	Martin King
Springfield	Local	18	24	1 Vote	Jim Scheele
Kirksville	Local	19	299	3 Votes	Susie King
Dexter	Local	20	31	1 Vote	Robert Reif Jr
Eldon	Local	21	27	1 Vote*	Tom Shauck
St. Peters	Local	25	69	1 Vote	Tony Shepherd
Maryville	Local	26	77	1 Vote	***ABSENT***
Sac-Osage	Local	27	18	1 Vote	Perry Wick
Waynesville	Local	28	366	4 Votes	Tim Minarik
North Kansas City	Local	29	109	2 Vote	Ann Dodson
Nixa	Local	30	48	1 Vote	Larry Dotson
Rolla	Local	31	32	1 Vote *	Brian Swift
Bootheel	Local	32	53	1 Vote	Don Massie
Highway 50 West	Local	33	110	2 Votes	JR DeGraffenreid
Poplar Bluff	Local	34	47	1 Vote	***ABSENT***
Golden Valley	Local	35	68	1 Vote	Lisa Stone
Bethany	Local	40	24	1 Vote	Mike Sims
Cameron Crossroads	Local	41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local	42	88	1 Vote	Jason Stulce
California	Local	44	7	0 Vote	David Miller
Greater K.C.	Local	46	16	1 Vote	Dennis Stevenson
Members at Large	Local	00	73	0 Vote	
Total			**2952**		**January 1, 2008**
Corporate Sponsors			18	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer.
**Votes suspended by order of Central Committee November 2001, until insurance/event records are complete with the Insurance/ Events Coordinator.
#Votes suspended due to noncompliance of reconciling Motorcycle Project obligations.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary - Local 29, Ann Dodson requested the following correction to the roll call in November minutes: Local 29 needs to be corrected to reflect 2 votes, Local 35 should be corrected to reflect 1 vote. Motion by Local 40, Mike Sims to accept November minutes as published with the above correction, 2nd Local 29, Ann Dodson, motion passes unanimously by voice vote.
Kathy Garver introduced herself and asked local representatives to please state their name and local number when making motions until she learns everyone's names.

Treasurer - Dallas Chapman introduced herself and announced the ending balances in all accounts: General Fund ending balance

$23,918.93; PAC $24,075.23, Rider Education $22,945.33, Homecoming $10,000.00. Profit from FEW Seminar $2,209.57. Local 19 recognized for $1,500.00 donation for the PAC Fund.

Vice Chairman - Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix introduced himself. He then presented information concerning the Engineer of Freedom Award. This is the highest award given to a member of this organization. The individuals nominated for this award are individuals who have gone above and beyond in the preservation of Freedom. To nominate an individual send a written submission nominating the member to the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary outlining why this individual should be considered for this award. Vice Chairman Mullanix indicated that new nominees for this award are being sought. Also, if you have previously submitted a nomination and this individual has not received the award please resubmit the nomination. Vice Chairman Mullanix then presented the Engineer of Freedom Award to Debbie Mullanix. Vice Chairman Mullanix is looking for individuals interested in helping him do things across the state.

Membership Secretary - Dallas Chapman requested every local submit an updated officer list. In November we had 98 new members, 160 renewed members, 1 life member and 126 expirations. December 18 new members, 90 renewed members, 1 life member and 79 expirations. Total memberships processed in November and December 116 new members and 250 renewed members. Total membership as of January 1st, 2,952 which is a decrease of 107 from the last report. Reminded all locals to submit application or reminder card with 101 form even if it is a renewal. Make sure 101 forms are filled out completely and legibly.

Rider Education - Doug Clawson has had a death in the family and as such will be unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Chapman indicated we are looking for someone to serve as the rider education coordinator with Doug serving as the assistant. Doug has indicated that he will continue hauling the training bikes to and from the classes.
Ed Johnson, instructor, had quadruple bypass surgery on Friday, he is home now, but it will take him a little bit to get back up in the saddle.

Product Line - Chairman Chapman introduced Keith and Shirley Cronin, long time members of local 5, who have volunteered to take over the product line. Product Managers indicated they are working on a full inventory and will be placing it on the website. Product was available at the CC meeting for purchase by locals. Current t-shirts will be liquidated and the state product will not carry t-shirts except for possibly a specialty shirt. Limited edition watches have arrived. Quantity limited to 100. Each local will be allowed to get their local serial number. Cost is $30 each. Locals have 30 days to let product managers know if they want their local number. If there is no corresponding local those watches will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Local 17 is a memorial local and this number will be available.

Steve King talked about special license plates. He indicated the Department of Revenue website refers to custom license plates that are available through DOR. Not sure if these are available as motorcycle size plates but are available as car plates. There are a lot of organizations who have these custom plates. Cost to turn in application is a one time fee of $5,000 along with guarantee of 200 people who will purchase plates at $15.00 over the standard licensing fee. Organizations may charge more than this amount for authorization to use the plate. We will keep pursuing this to see if we can get this for motorcycles. If automobile plates are the only thing available not sure that it would be worth pursuing. Treasurer Chapman stated that Locals are on a net 30 on all product line purchases. When a local pays for items they need to send copy of the invoice with 101 form to Shirley and Keith Cronin, Product managers.

Newsletter - Michelle O'Connor introduced herself. She requested that Local editors submit their contact information, including name, phone number and e-mail address so that so she can contact them if necessary. Question concerning submission of event flyers in the newsletter. Editor O'Connor stated that locals receive a ¼ page ad free, and may purchase additional ads. Locals were reminded that before a flyer can be put in the newsletter or on website all paperwork must be submitted and approved.

Webmaster - Steve "Tanker" King introduced himself and indicated that so far it has been a fun experience. He is looking into adding a comments and suggestions section on the website so that members can submit ideas and have those go directly to the Chairman or Vice Chairman. New items on website: Kids corner, updated front page graphics, "Newest Updates" to draw attention to new postings. Working on a restricted member only area that will require you to insert your membership number to obtain access to the information contained in this section. Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid asked if a corporate sponsor could post a for sale item on our classified page on the website, not in the newsletter. Cost to post this on the website will be zero to the organization but will require some time on the part of the webmaster. Motion by Local 6, Nick Swope to allow corporate sponsors provided they are also members of the organization to post classified ads on our website, 2nd Local 1, Tim O'Connor. Technically this is a moot point since we already allow members to post free classified ads. Motion withdrawn. Motion Local 25, Tony Shepherd that members be limited to two classified postings and that if you are also a corporate sponsor you can place five classified postings at one time on the website, 2nd Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid. Motion passed with one opposed by show of hands. Steve indicated that classified ads are posted on the website for a limited period of time as indicated on the website. If locals have photographs that they want placed on the website they should be submitted on CD or if sent via email, limit it to 1 to 2 at a time due to file size.

Giveaway Project - Susan and Darell Chavis introduced themselves. Last years incentive checks passed out to those locals not present at the last meeting. Bike project was placed on hold at the direction of the central committee. Local 29, Ann Dodson suggested either a cruise or seven day trip for 2. Local 15, Dennis Oxford suggested a trip to Bike Week with bike rental thrown in. Local 28, Tim Minarik suggested to continue with the give a way but go with something different such as an enclosed box trailer or motorcycle trailer. Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid suggested that we continue project but give away a $10,000 gift certificate to Yeager's.

He indicated he has already talked with Yeager's about this and they think it is a good idea. The certificate would have no cash value and the entire amount would have to be spent at Yeager's. This would open us up to the younger generation and allow the winner to choose what they get. Dallas indicated that there are some fantastic ideas being presented on the floor but these ideas require commitment from the general membership to push donations on the tickets. At Homecoming last year there were in excess of 2500 tickets that had never been checked out. Therefore ticket donations are extremely down. This is due to our own apathy. Incentive to locals may not be sufficient to encourage members to get donations. Gift certificate idea discussed at length. Suggestion that amount needs to be more than $10,000 to allow winner to purchase at least a low end Superglide. Show of hands how many want to continue with give a way in any form, carries with three opposed.

After discussion the following suggestions were considered for vote: Gift Certificate won by a long shot; Enclosed Trailer 3 votes; Trip for two 11 votes.

Chairman Chapman asked how much we have paid for our motorcycle and Susan stated that it was just a bit over $18,000 for the bike alone. JR DeGraffenreid was asked the cost of his 08 Gold Wing- it was $18,300.00. Cash prizes will remain as they have been. Suggestion that we obtain a $15,000 gift certificate. Discussion that $10,000 can put more funds into our PAC fund and this amount would allow an individual to purchase a really nice sport bike or other bike, or put a good down payment on a higher priced bike. Suggestion that we do $13,000 and call it the Lucky 13 give a way. Asked how quick flyers and tickets could be done. Darell indicated a month at least to get them done. Question about what Yeager's is giving us for this gift certificate. They will advertise the project for us. In the past they have taken care of the bike for us, allowed us to keep the trailer there, etc. Discussion about whether we could do this as a gift certificate to a dealership of the winner's choice. Motion by Local 28, Tim Minarik that we do a $10,000 gift certificate from Yeager's with the same cash prizes as we have done in the past for the year 2008, 2nd Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid. Motion rescinded, 2nd concurs. Motion by Local 28, Tim Minarik that we do a $13,000.00 gift certificate from Yeager's with the same cash prize as we have done in the past with the give a way to be called Lucky 13 for the year 2008, 2nd Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid, roll call vote, motion fails 19 yes 21 no. Motion by Local 25, Tony Shepherd that we do a gift certificate give a way of $13,000.00 to a dealer of your choice be it in or out of the state, 2nd Local 29, Ann Dodson, roll call vote, motion passes, 35 yes 5 no. Tickets will state that this will be a motorcycle dealership of their choice and that certificate has no cash value. Discussion about whether we want to change the giveaway date from Labor Day to sometime later in the year. Whether we need to state on the tickets USA motorcycle dealer only. Suggestion that maybe we are acting too hastily on this matter and that the bike giveaway should be tabled for this year. Motion by Local 6, Nick Swope, 2nd Local 20, Robert Reif, Jr., that we do the 2008 giveaway on Labor Day weekend at Homecoming, motion passes by show of hands with 2 opposed. Locals reminded that money and tickets for the giveaway project are the same as treasury reports, i.e. local vote can be suspended for failure to reconcile their tickets.

Statewide Poker Run will be April 6, 2008. Locals who want to participate must submit sanction form which reflects starting and ending points. Run must be on Sunday the 6th of April. Can not be on any other date. Insurance has been paid for this date by Local 15. Locals must submit flyers for approval. No rain date.

Insurance - Bob Hawkins is our new insurance agent of record as the other agent has retired. Chairman Chapman would like to limit our statewide events to four a year. We already do the MAY Rally, Toy Run, statewide poker run and Proclamation Run. Bob indicated the cost of the insurance is based upon the number of events covered per year. Right now we are covering somewhere around 100 events per year. The more events we have the more expensive the insurance cost will be. Currently the Central Committee pays around $15-16,000 for event insurance every year with locals bearing approximately 50% of the actual cost.

Motion by Local 29, Ann Dodson that the Central Committee covers the insurance cost for the Run for the Wall rest stop scheduled for May 19, 2008, 2nd by Local 1, Tim O'Connor, motion carries 18 yes, 5 no by show of hands. Discussion concerning the fact that this is not a District 4 or FORR event but is an event put on by multiple motorcycle organizations. District 4 Chairman, Tim O'Connor indicated that most of the other organizations involved do not have access to insurance for the event. Suggestion that the Run for the Wall committee ask for the other organizations to contribute to the cost of insurance for this event. Chairman Chapman asked the representatives present who are involved with this event to take back to the Run for the Wall committee that our insurance only covers FORR, if any other organizations want to be added to the coverage they will need to pay $52.50 per additional named insured. Statewide Toy Run this year we are going to make a new rule that Locals/Districts must submit a sanction form which shows starting and ending points. Also if there will be a flyer it must be approved. Failure to do so will result in your Toy Run not being insured. Locals/Districts that have a Toy Run without approval will be subject to sanctions by the Central Committee.

Thank you letters of credit for locals who worked at Homecoming submitted to those locals who were not present at the last meeting.

Awards presented for attendance at all 2007 Central Committee meetings Locals 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 28, 29, 33, 35, 44. Certificates presented to all Engineers of Freedom for 2007– Chad Coffelt Local 15, Bob Hawkins Local 35, Sandy Bates Local 5, Halfbreed Local 13, Richard "Chief" Engle Local 28, Darrell Wray Local 28, Robert Reif, Local 20.

Chairman Chapman presented his State of the Organization in writing to all Central Committee Representatives.

Legislative - Awards presented for attendance at Capitol Crusaders Days and legislative activities – Local 10 1st place; Local 28 and Local 33 tied for 2nd place.
Leadership and legislation award (this is a new award) – These individuals really worked hard within their local to get people to attend capitol crusaders days. Bill Kempker Local 10, Darrell Wray Local 28, Bob Hawkins Local 35, Martin King Local 16.
We had 250 people attend capitol crusaders days last year. Let's make it more in 2008.
FORR is currently watching the following bills:
SB761 dead red and motorcycle headlight modulators.

SB884 is the primary seat belt bill
HB1388 prohibits person from operating motorcycle or motorcycle tricycle with passenger 10 years of age or younger
HB1428 has nothing to do with motorcycles on its face but in the bottom line it has a lot to do with us. It establishes a percentage of fault for not wearing a seat belt from 1% to up to 50%.
HB1442 creates crime of motorcycle stunt riding. Bill is more explicit on definition of stunt riding.
HB1447 does not apply directly to motorcycles either but it can include us. It allows non charter counties to adopt noise ordinances.
HB1459 requires proof of completion of a motorcycle rider education program every time you obtain or renew your motorcycle driver endorsement.
HB1492 Increases driving age from 16 to 18.
HB1532 motorcycle modulating headlights
HB1533 dead red
HB1393 is helmet modification
FORR has a new government relations specialist, Steven R. Carroll. Mr. Carroll is a member of Local 9 in Hannibal. Mr. Carroll has some new ideas and suggestions on our legislation. Discussion held concerning some of Mr. Carroll's ideas and the status of our bills. Central Committee Reps asked if they could accept the proposed ideas, one local objected, everyone else consented by show of hands.
Halfbreed reported that he has reviewed NHTSA and NTSB's own data and that when you review the data concerning decrease in helmet usage, number of deaths and increase in motorcycle registrations, the summaries used by NHTSA and NTSB just don't add up.

2008 Capitol Crusaders Days- January 16th / February 13th / March 12th / Mike Sloan Memorial Ride April 29th / May 14th
We have been hearing about health insurance plans that are excluding coverage for injuries which occur while operating a motorcycle. Check your current policy to make sure your coverage did not change January 1st. If your health insurance carrier has eliminated motorcycle coverage let Halfbreed or Kathy know so they can track companies that are discriminating against motorcyclists.

Legislative days: Lincoln Days February 8, 9 at the University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri. Local 18 needs some help manning the hospitality room. Truman Days May 16, 17th, Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, Missouri. District 4 will also need help on this event. Demo Days in Hannibal – no word yet on dates for this event.
Halfbreed indicated that voter registration sign up cards can be carried with you to get people signed up to vote. It's not too late to get registered to vote.

Get involved in the legislative process. It doesn't matter what group you get involved with. It matters that you get involved.
FORR was invited to attend a motorcycle conference sponsored by Cycle Disciples in Kansas City last weekend. Halfbreed attended on behalf of FORR and presented information to the attendees about our activities and what has been going on legislatively.

Halfbreed is currently looking for people that can help in any manner with our legislative activities. There is so much information coming in right now that it is hard to keep up. Therefore the more eyes and ears out there looking for information or keeping things updated the better this organization will function. Locals also need to help other locals so that the burden is shared.
Our legislative committee meetings will continue to be every other month on the Saturday prior to the Central Committee meeting.

FEW Seminar - JR DeGraffenreid thanked all of the folks that helped to pull this event off. Specifically thanked locals 18, 28, 31, 33, 35, 10, 6, 3, 1, 2, 7, 29, Mid America Freedom Rally for their financial support of this event. This event put us a little over $2000 in the bank and the folks that attended have indicated they had a great time. Motion by Local 16, Martin King that we continue to have the FEW Seminar in 2008 in place of the awards banquet 2nd by Local 40, Mike Sims, motion passes unanimously by show of hands. Chairman Chapman stated that he had one stipulation that we have the same emcee for the event this year. We are looking at having the event at the Truman Hotel. The event was such a success that we have already exceeded the available room at the Elks Lodge. JR reported that he has already started communication with Slider Gilmore to put on his accident scene management program. He charges $1000 plus hotel room. He indicated he already has individuals who have stepped up to cover $500 of Slider's expenses. JR asked the Central Committee to cover the balance of his costs if he can not find a local who is willing to step up to cover this amount. This could also be a great money maker for us if we advertise him coming to other motorcycle organizations or dealerships in the area. Slider has two presentations. One is a motivational presentation and the other is his accident scene management program. Motion by Local 25, Tony Shepherd that we commit to spending the other half or whatever it takes to bring Slider Gilmore to the FEW Seminar, 2nd by Local 20, Robert Reif, Jr. Treasurer Chapman indicated that since the Central Committee has already voted to do this event we don't need to have a motion to spend money to put on the event. Motion withdrawn, 2nd withdrawn. Local 13's representative, Scott Fennewald, indicated he will request the local cover Slider's room costs. Treasurer Chapman reminded locals that contributions to this event count towards their state donation. The cost to rent the room at the Truman Hotel will be around $200.00. Chairman Chapman requested that additional time be allotted to build a cabinet and discuss officer positions. Discussion held about possibility of starting the event earlier in the day. Chairman Chapman thanked Kathy Garver and JR DeGraffenreid for taking this ball and running with it in 2007 and for their work already on this year's event.

New Business:

Chairman Chapman presented proposed changes to our winged wheel logo. The current winged wheel is a scanned copy of our membership patch. The proposed logo is a digital image which is much cleaner and sharper. Motion by Local 25, Tony Shepherd to approve the use of the proposed winged wheel logo 2nd Local 20, Robert Reif, Jr., motion passes by show of hands. Copies will be made available on line and disks will be available for locals at the next CC meeting

Chairman Chapman presented a motorcycle tire with winged wheel logo inside. He indicated that each local will receive two of the center winged wheel inserts, courtesy of Local 15. Each local will need to obtain their own 19" tire to surround the insert. Locals can then use these at events, in bike shops or however they want to promote the organization. Local 15 will receive credit towards

their state donation for this. There will be additional ones available in product line. Local 15 is also going to redo the tri-folds once they receive additional information from Chairman Chapman.

The May Safety Rally flyer will be posted on the website as soon as the dates are updated. Meeting place same as last year. Just north of the river on the left. Flyer will go in the March newsletter. All reps asked to encourage local attendance at the event. Also encourage members to take the time after the rally to go inside and talk to your Senators and Reps. Proclamation Run Day is usually the weekend before. If Local wants to have a proclamation run, do it as a Fun Run.

Tent that we purchased for the central committee use at Homecoming and other events needs a new top. Replacement tarp can be obtained for around $125.00. They make two kinds. The one we have now goes about 6" shy of the edge which allows water to pour inside of the tent. The other type wraps around the edge, hangs over the side and with the side panels completely encloses the tent. The cost is $20 more. Motion Local 6, Nick Swope that we purchase an over the rim tent tarp, 2nd Local 11, Rick Brabant, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed. Request that we look into the cost of having FORR's name put on the overlap of the tent so when the tent is being used it is clear who we are.

Homecoming Committee meeting yesterday. Basically nothing is changing regarding entrance fees, etc. We have a signed contract with the Shrine Club. Fee that they charge us for vendor is going up by $25.00 but our vendor fee is not going up. Camping in anything other than a tent or trailer pulled behind a motorcycle will be charged $10.00 extra. Things may change next year as we are trying to get them to put in electricity for campers so that fee may increase. T-shirt contest will be taking place again this year. Rules will be posted in the newsletter. Chairman Chapman asked if everyone was happy about our current location. General consensus is that everyone is happy with our current location. We want to keep our options open and as such the officers have looked at the Midway Center as a possible location for this event or possibly another event. Mark indicated that he is considering the possibility of putting on a one day concert. He is also looking at other possible locations for this one day event or as possible considerations for a new location for Homecoming. We are locked in this year at our current location but next year we are not.

2008 Chairman's Challenge. Only one local met the challenge requirements. Local 3 will be able to have two events with insurance is paid for by Chairman Chapman. Local 5, Jim Enloe indicated that Local 5 also met the requirements of the challenge and that he gave the documentation to Mark last year on the CC floor. Mark indicated he will check into this and contact Mr. Enloe. There will not be a chairman's challenge this year since there was not a lot of interest if this last year.

Bylaw changes. Several months ago proposed changes to the bylaws were presented to the Central Committee body. At the September CC meeting they were approved for publication and published in the November newsletter. Motion by Local 33, JR DeGraffenreid that the vote be tabled until the March meeting. Motion dies for lack of second. Roll call vote to approve bylaw changes as published, motion passes unanimously. Randy Adkison thanked for all of his help on the bylaws. The new version will be posted on the internet as soon as possible.

Awards presented to locals and members.
Timely return of Membership rosters - awards presented to Locals 41, 40, 35, 32, 29, 28, 26, 25, 19, 16, 15, 11, 10, 9, 5, 3, 2, 1.
Local with greatest percentage of membership increase. Traveling trophy, local keeps trophy for one year. Local with the largest percentage of increase from November 1, 2006 to November 1, 2007. Local started out with 10 members on 11/1/06 and on 11/1/07 they had 56 members. Award presented to Local 30. Local will retain traveling trophy until November 2008 Central Committee meeting.
Timely submission of financial reports – awards presented to Locals 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 44, 35, District 2, District 4.
Locals meeting their yearly financial donations – Locals 46, 31, 42, 35, 33, 29, 28, 19, 18, 16, 14, 13, 11, 10, 1, 15. Local 15 gave the largest amount whether monetary or in kind $5,598.00.
Timely submission of newsletter articles – awards presented to Locals 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42. Michelle thanked everyone for all of their help in getting things submitted in a timely manner.
All locals who made have made donations throughout the year thanked.
Nick Swope from Local 6 indicated the local has voted to return the check for the money they received from the bike give a way project. Dallas advised them that they need to deposit the check and submit the funds with the 101 to her.

Connections:
AMA – Tony Shepherd indicated that next weekend is the Illinois state seminar. Slider will be making his motivational seminar presentation. HEARTLAND STEAM, Meeting of the Minds and MidSouth MILE are all events coming up this year. Try to attend these seminars if possible as you will learn a lot about motorcycle rights at these conferences. Vietnam now has a mandatory helmet law for all motorcycles. Internationally they are considering road injuries to be an epidemic. Its very important that we focus not only on what is going on within this state and this country but also to look ahead to what is going on internationally. March 16th Slider Gilmore will be presenting Accident Scene Management in Colins, IL.

MRF – Randy Adkison reported the HIPAA legislation to shut off the loopholes in the health insurance law is current sitting on the back burner with some more pressing things that are taking place in the capitol right now. However the good thing is that this legislation has a lot of co-sponsors who have now signed on. He reported that as of June 2008 states will be required to report vehicle miles traveled. This data is tracked by the mileage on the vehicle inspection report at the time of license renewal.
He also reported there have been letters sent by several Senators reprimanding the NTSB for their actions by stating that they did not adequately review accidents or information before making their recommendations.
Randy addressed the fact that California is seeking financial support to help pay for the legal expenses in the Quigley case currently pending in the California courts. This case challenges the California helmet law and how it defines a qualified helmet.
Kathy Garver presented information that several states are refusing to title custom bikes initially or refusing to renew tags or transfer ownership on custom bikes even if they had been previously titled.

District 1 – Locals 6, 3, 26, 40, 41 District Rally will be May 16, 17 at Pony Express Park in Maysville. They will also be having ET drag races at this event weather permitting.

District 4 – Run for the Wall May 19th. A set of keys with remote was found at Octoberfest. Anyone missing these please call Tim O'Connor with Local 1.

ABATE for Missouri – Tony Shepherd reminded everyone to check tax reports to make sure your vehicles or property is properly coded. A lot of the tax appraisers do not properly code your vehicle's value. Also check insurance to make sure you are properly covered. Upcoming events: Wide Open Bike Show is this weekend in Kansas City. February 9 & 10 Wide Open Bike Show in St Louis. ABATE for Missouri is putting together a couple of helmet rallies this year on weekends. There are quite a few people that can't get off during the week so they are doing it on a weekend to try to get more people to the capitol.
Tony indicated that they have members in Springfield, Kansas City and St. Louis who are not wearing helmets and have not received tickets. Officers are being sent to school to learn what an approved helmet is and what is not a compliant helmet.
HB1393 filed by Gary Dusenberg. Gary reports that he did not file this bill for FORR or for ABATE for MO. He filed the bill on behalf of all Missouri's motorcyclists. We need to get all motorcycle groups involved to get this bill through.
Chairman Chapman indicated that Local 46 in the last newsletter had an interesting article. A lot of it was about prejudice. You need to remember this – we don't care what they are, who they are, what they ride, it doesn't matter why they joined, it only matters that they joined. Please remember you should never attack anyone who is a member of this organization because they are not doing enough legislatively, or because of anything else. Be thankful that they are a member and through their membership support the organization. The fun run was established for the very purpose of getting together and having fun and at the same time to get the name of FORR out there. Don't try to cram information down someone's throat. 29,000 people have at one time or another joined FORR and we currently have about 10% who are still members. The mission of the locals is to get membership for the organization and to get stuff done for the Central Committee. Don't dismiss someone just because they don't believe in something you do or don't want to be legislatively involved.

Motion to adjourn by Local 5 Jim Enloe, 2nd by Local 16, Martin King.

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.
Central Committee Meeting #170
March 9, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Truman Hotel & Conference Center
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Agenda

I. Call to Order
- a. Preamble
- b. Moment of Silence
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Put cell phones on vibrate
- e. Roll Call of Locals
- f. Approval of Minutes

II. Department Reports
- a. Corporate Secretary
- b. Treasurer
- c. Membership Secretary
- d. Vice-Chairman
  - i. Engineer of Freedom Award
  - ii. Legislative
    - a. Sub Committees
    - b. Assistant/ Successor
- e. Rider Education
  - i. Successor
- f. Product Line
  - i. license plates
- g. Newsletter
- h. Webmaster
- i. 2008 Give a Way Project
- j. Chairman
  - i. Homecoming
  - ii. F.E.W. Seminar
  - iii. M.A.Y Rally – April 29th

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

V. Connections
- a. AMA
- b. MRF
- c. Mid-South M.I.L.E.
- d. District Chairmen
- e. ABATE for Missouri

Legislative Meeting
Saturday March 8, 2008 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday March 8, 2008 3:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday March 8, 2008 6:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday March 9, 2008 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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Local 1 - Lee's Summit

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. V.F.W. (3rd & Douglas) Lee's Summit, MO.
Contact: President - Larry 816-690-8822 or Local1@FORR.net

Hello All,

We had another great meeting at the VFW it is nice being in such a patriotic place for our meetings. Chappy (aka Mark Chapman) got us the serial number 1 of the new F.O.R.R. watches that just got released. What we decided to do with the number 1 watch since it is our local number is to have a giveaway with it. We will be taking $5 donation for a chance to win the watch you must be an active Local 1 member but you don't have to be present to win. We will draw for it at the April meeting.

As I had put in last months newsletter there is a group of us that will be traveling down to southeastern Missouri to attend Local 32s Bootheel Boogaloo June 6th, 7th, and 8th. We decided we will meet at Morgans in Odessa, MO. Morgans is 2 buildings east of McDonalds on the main drag of Odessa. We will be meeting early to eat and leaving at 8:00am on Friday the 6th. Chappy will be the road captain and has assured us of a nice relaxing trip not a drag race. This is not just for Local 1 members anyone that wants to have a good time feel free to join us the more the better. And last but not least we will be participating in the state wide poker run on April 6th. We will be starting at the VFW in Lee's Summit were we meet. I will give you more info on that next month.

Have a great day and man I am glad we are getting close to riding season!!!

Larry Scott, Local 1 President/ Newsletter

Local 2 - Eastern Jackson County

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.
MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant in Oak Grove, MO.
Contact: 816-228-2656

Local 3 - Tri-County

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
VFW Post 741, 200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO
Contact: Dour Edmisten 816-516-5869

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

Hello everyone.

This will be short and sweet this month.

Our last meeting went very well. We had a real good attendance and a couple of very familiar faces we are always happy to see. Doug passed out very nice Certificates Of Appreciation to the officers. Lynne received a Beautiful Plaque for all the dedicated years of work she has put into our local and beyond. We love ya girl!

We still have Rusty Memory Patches. The memory patches for Sandy and for Bonnie should be in soon. I believe Indy still has some patches for Norton also.

The Bike Show is rapidly approaching. Please get out and get your sponsors. Pass out your flyers and tell everyone you know to come out and party with us!

See you at the next meeting.

Take care and Ride safe, ***Kim***

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Local 6 - St. Joseph

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. LaPalmas Restaurant on North Bell Hwy. (next to K-Mart) in St. Joseph, Mo.
Contact: 816-617-6316 or 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks. First of all, Cecil Coffee our newly elected VP has accepted a job in Tucson, AZ. He will be managing a modular home subdivision. Cecil will remain an active member of Local 6. Due to his job he had to resign his VP job. He will have a nice house and a pool and has invited anyone to come for a visit.

Scott Clark has agreed to assume the VP duties. Thanks Scott for filling in. Scott and the activities committee have been working on our events for the upcoming year.

Nick Swope Sr, Dan Harmon, Jim Cross attended the last CC meeting in Jefferson City, MO. Nick got up on the table and performed a great belly dance. Nick's not a small guy either. Randy Adkison from Local 29 was standing and talking to a couple of people when things got a little warm. The flames burned a hole in his levis so it got real warm and he didn't even know it. We wished a Happy Birthday to Mark Chapman, who was the best paper airplane pilot in the room. There were a lot of notes flying and a fun Saturday night at the CC meeting. Jim Cross did 1 and a half more than Dan and Nick fell behind.

Willie Knadler went to the hospital January 18 and got out Jan 22. He had some medical problems and is doing much better now. He's much better now but not back to work yet.

Our preliminary schedule of events, which may change, for this year are:

March 29 Bike Show at Jackson Cycle	April 6 Statewide Poker Run
April 26 Proclamation Run	May 25 Dice Run
June 1 Biker Sunday	July 19 Breakfast Poker Run
August 24 Motorcycle Rodeo	August 29,30,31, Sept 1, Homecoming
Sept 28 Poker Run and Family Get together	Oct 4,5, Hog Roast
Nov 2 Annual Toy Run	Dec. 13 Christmas Party

We don't have a date for our Camp Quality yet but it should be sometime in June or July. Camp Quality is a camp for Children with cancer and is a very worthy cause. We give rides to the kids after escorting the busses to the camp in Stewartsville, MO. Happy Trails, til we meet again.
Ride Safe, ***Dan Harmon***



Local 7 - Lebanon

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Shoney's
Contact: 417-286-3845

Greeting from Local #7...
If this letter makes less sense than usual it's because I'm writing this while watching the Super Bowl game.
At our January meeting Charlie received a call from Bob Shilts, a member who has been overseas and now is somewhere in Kansas.
So Bob was able to attend his first meeting in a couple of years. At this meeting we discussed having a

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motorcycle rodeo on June 15. We are also planning a poker run & bike show. Present date we haven't been able to get the location nailed down for the rodeo. So as soon as we get the location, Don will be getting out some flyers.

This event will benefit the Share your Christmas and the Hughes Center. At the February meeting Rocky read a letter Don received from the Share your Christmas committee thanking us for our contributions. They were able to assist 240 families; this included 300 children and 73 emergency situations much happy holiday. All do to the great efforts of Local #7. We do make a difference.

Get ready for the riding, the season is just around the corner, it officially kicks off with the Freeze Yer Buns Run on March 2 meeting in the Bell Restaurant parking lot on city Route 66 east. Then on April 6th Local #7 will participate in the State wide poker run. We will start at Lebanon Suzuki – Kawasaki at 1pm. So there you go we have some rides, now all we need is some riders. Hope to see you all there.

Great way to start out the season. ***Later Geezer***

Local 8 - Chillicothe

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Diner, 1 p.m. ***(call for info - location varies)***
Contact: 660-646-7296

Greetings local 8!!! As I write this I'm setting here wondering if we're going to get the 4+ inches of snow they are saying we are going to get, I hope by the time this reaches your hands the snow is over and we're heading to nicer, warmer, sunnier days! I love the snow but I must admit I am very tired of it!

As we're approaching the spring months I want to remind everyone to double check your bikes before you get them out. Remember the T CLOCK (Tires/Wheels, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis and Kickstand) inspection. Also watch your roads for typical road hazards, but also be very careful of sand at intersections and along the side of the roadway. Then there is what I consider the most dangerous hazard of all, the other drivers. You know the ones that forget about motorcyclists over the winter months, they pull out in front of you, cut you off on the highways, pay no attention to the fact that you are there. Unfortunately these people are out there. Which leads me to the proclamation ride and the Mike Sloan Memorial M.A.Y. rally.

This year our proclamation ride will be on April 26th. This will be an all District 2 event and District 1 will possibly join us. The details are still being worked out and more information will come out later regarding the route and start times and locations. It's a good ride and great way to remind other motorists we're out there. The M.A.Y. rally will be on Tuesday April 29th in Jefferson City. We need a good turnout for this event. If you have any questions on either of these events please contact Gordon Becton, our local legislative Liaison, his information is on the website www.forr8.net.

Other items going on in the local are the plans for Spring Fling 2008, which will be held on June 13, 14, & 15 at McCullough Park. We're currently working on bands and getting sponsors. Anyone wanting to offer assistance can contact Bryan.

Our next Local meeting will be held on March 2, 2008 at Longshots in Chillicothe. We'll have a noon carry in dinner and 1pm meeting. Our April meeting will be our Spring Rider Tune Up meeting so mark your calendars for the first Sunday in April for that.

As I've said in previous newsletters, if you are not getting regular emails from me please send me an email so I can get you on the list, gely603@hotmail.com. This is a great way to keep you as members informed with up to date happenings of the Local and reminders.

If you don't have email you can check our local website at www.forr8.net or the state's website at www.forr.net. They are both full of information.

Until next time ~ Keep Smilin' – ***Glenda***

Local 9 - Hannibal

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m.
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Contact:MarkChapman,Chairman, Freedom of Road Riders®,Inc.
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Homecoming 2008 T-shirt Design Contest

Rules:
You design the graphic we will put in all the other details.
Design an original picture or graphic and submit it by May 1st, 2008 to:

Corporate Secretary
Kathy Garver
PO Box 308
Oak Grove, MO 64075

Or e-mail it to: secretary@forr.net
If you submit via e-mail please use either .jpg or .bmp file format
Or bring it to the Homecoming meeting held on May 10th, 2008
Winner gets two (2) free passes to Homecoming



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Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr. Contact: 573-635-7964

Hi to all FORR members! My name is Larry Schaefer, some people call me "Blinker" because I forget to turn off my turn signal sometimes. I live in Loose Creek, Mo. I'm the guy putting together the April 19th "Blessing of the Bikes" and Poker Run at the church in Loose Creek.

The Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary are serving the breakfast and if you've never had food at Loose Creek your taste buds have been denied a great pleasure and your stomach a big fulfillment.

So mark your calendars and "come one, come all". Bring your friends too.

Now, on to the run, it will be open to all legal wheels, and I will try my best to keep it on pavement (no gravel). I will have flyers at the February meeting. If you want one or several to put up, come to the meeting or call me at 53-694-1201 and I will send you some. Let's put a wrench on this event and crank it up!! ***Larry Schaefer L-10***

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Moose Lodge #905, 5056 Douglas Fir Road. Joplin, Mo.
Contact: 417-781-1784 OR www.FORR11.org

Hiya All from Southwest Missouri, warmer weather is coming around again that means more bikes are coming out of their winter haven. Time to get that oil changed, tires check (or replaced.. if anybody has seen mine). Polish that chrome, and dust that seat off. Time to get them plugs hot and get that odometer spinning again.

Don't ya just love springtime.. anyway more Bikes on the road means we gotta watch out for our fellow riders and keep an eye on all that we share the road with , some like to share some don't. Meaning you gotta watch them, cause they are not watching you.

VERY IMPORTANT... anyway things down here in this corner is looking good, bike show well under way, hope to see you all there.. March 29th, 66 Auto Auction, 7176 W. 7th street in Joplin.. Show starts at Noon. Cowskins, 2nd weekend of May. Choppers 4 Children, and a lot more just to start the year off right. Always something going on, been thought about in our local to host a bike rally.. still on table with that one. We have lots of friends down in this area the local BACA chapter is hosting a rally, asked us to give them a hand, more than glad to.. Talked about setting up both at the ever growing Choppers 4 children.. Biggest get together at cowskins we had in years and keep getting bigger, appreciation parties are a good event for our members, I try to make that special because the local sure do think its members are special.

St. patty's party good ol' corned beef and cabbage dinner. Looking forward to that. Hoping to see some new faces come around, I must say I think right now our numbers might not be changing as much as we like , but we have the most active members that we have had in years, so Local 11 give yourself a big pat on the back for that. I am looking forward to a successful bike show, and hope some of the old (not meaning older) members come out and join this new strong local we have going. We have go-getters and excitement going on, and nothing but pure clean fun, but when it comes down to business we have everyone's attention.

I am proud to be a part of this organization and a proud member of local 11. So thanks to everyone who makes it that way. Sometimes its not an easy job, but never has to be an unpleasant one. Just as long as we stick together. Til next time, get a few miles in, and I will change my tire. And catch up with ya. ***Mark "Sparky" Capps, Local 11 Chairman***

Local 12 - Glasgow

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Fishbeak Saloon on Main in Glasgow, Mo.
Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodtman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330
smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

This month's news begins with a big congratulations to Josh and Jacki Clemens on their recent wedding. Thanks to them for inviting all the local 12 members to their dinner and dance reception, where a great time was had by all.

The January meeting was held at the Beak on the 24th with 29 members and one guest present. Bert called the meeting



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to order at 7:32 and the minutes were read and approved. Jessica's treasury report showed a balance of $3,689.15. Randy welcomed all the members and guests present.

Dave gave the C.C. report, which is covered in the C.C. minutes in this newsletter. Some of the highlights: Kathy Garver is our new corporate secretary; 98 new members signed up and 126 renewed; local 12 membership dropped slightly, to 88 members; the total membership is now 2,952; the 2008 m/c project will be a $13,000 certificate which can be used at any dealer to buy the motorcycle of the winner's choice; locals can hold a poker run on 4/06 and the state will pick up the insurance.

The run to the wall will go through K.C. on 5/19. There will be a bill proposed this year to not allow passengers under the age of 10 on motorcycles. Another bill would raise the permit age to 18. There will be a bill outlawing stunt riding. Members should check their health insurance coverage and register to vote. Local 30 won the traveling trophy for membership increase. Debbie Mullanix won the Engineer of Freedom award. Local 12 won 3 awards: C.C. attendance; financial reports; and newsletter.

John gave the legislative report. The helmet law modification bill number is H.B. 1393 and the sponsor is Gary Dusenberg. We have not found a Senate sponsor yet because of the threat of a filibuster. Steve Carroll, a member of local 9, is our new lobbyist.

Bert passed out the Steve McQueen Day flyers. Jim Taylor has very generously donated the $100 needed for event insurance. It was voted to buy a full page ad in the March newsletter at a cost of $60.

Under old business, there was a discussion of the bridge closing and the possibility of having a ferry available. Bert has a boat and can bring members across the river. It was also discussed to alternate the meetings between Fat Boyz in Boonville and Dirty Sally's in Brunswick. A decision will be made at a later meeting and the results will be posted in the newsletter.

Bert and Tim Teeter will be co-chairmen of the Firecracker Classic this year since we have not heard from Steve. Volunteers are needed for the various committees and events.

Under district news, there will be three separate safety proclamation rides held on 4/26. They will end in Chillicothe or Brookfield. The district has $1,291.59 in the treasury. There is a district meeting on 2/17, Stacey Haines and James Harden will represent local 12. The district may hold a poker run in July.

Under new business, we voted to buy the FORR watch for Dave to thank him for his outstanding service as C.C. rep.

The meeting was adjourned and Randy Elmore won the Incentive Drawing of $40.

If you have any news you would like printed in the newsletter, contact me at 660-784-2231 or at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com. Until next month.... Be free, ***Smokey***

Local 13 - Mexico

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo. Contact: 573-581-7152 or 573-581-7677

Local 14 - Independence

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.
Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322

Howdy Folks, I bet you thought I was going to forget again this month, I fooled you. I really don't have a lot to report but I thought it was necessary to let you all know that we are still alive and kicking.

We decided at our January meeting that we would try and keep this local going for the time being and we are doing it with a skeleton crew. It would sure be nice to see some old and familiar faces make it to the meetings. If things don't improve somewhat we may have to rethink where this local is heading. This local has a lot of history and has in the past been a viable local within the state. I will only say this; I hope to see a few more members show up for our meetings in the near future.

As of right now we have not planned any events for this year but hopefully we will plan a couple down the road. The VFW Post 3976 is planning a spring dance sometime in April and we (the local) have volunteered to help them with this event. I hope to have a date for you all in the next newsletter or come to the next meeting and see what's up. We also discussed having some fun runs this summer to help get members involved and these will be more or less on the spur of the moment runs decided at a meeting. We have also talked about maybe moving some of our meetings this summer to La Benite Park

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or other outdoor sites just to break up the monotony. I will do my best to keep you up to date on these as they arise. When we have a fun run you may contact me, Kickstand or Ron or just drop by the VFW to find out if there is one scheduled because we will post them there.

I should let you all know that we had a successful Christmas Auction and raised a nice chunk of change for our families. It was good to see a great deal of support for this annual event. We will be working on this again soon for this upcoming year as well. And FYI the officers for this year are as follows: Joe Widmer – President/Treasurer/CC Rep., Ron Keesee – Vice-President, Cheryl Buell – Secretary, Al "Kickstand" Smart – Dist. Rep. and Louis David Copeland – Sgt. at Arms. Thank you all for sticking this out and all you have done over the years. Down the road and movin' on, ***Smokin' Joe***

Local 15 - Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Quality Inn @ 3269 Shepherd Hills Expressway in Branson, Mo.
Contact: 417-334-0775

Here it is already February so HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to all. In the last 3 weeks of January we have had tornados, an ice storm and Missouri's version of a blizzard. Wow is this crazy or what? Its really nice to see new people at our BS and business meetings and see our attendance and memberships grow (even when mother nature deals us a bad hand) makes me smile and wonder what the warmer months will bring us. Hopefully even more. For those people not attending please try to find time and join us, your friends are here – come join them.

We hope to have another exciting summer, over the next few months we will be making our plans. I personally have a few ideas that I would like to see happen and I would wager that there are others with a few ideas – Bring them to the meeting and put them on the floor.

Our February business (Feb. 18th at Jesters in Hollister) is when we will be planning a trash and treasure hunt and a work day on our newly constructed building in Buckhorn, just a few items for the month of March.

I don't usually like to repeat myself to many time unless it is really important but this is a something that I will say over and over until the day has past. April 6th, we (Local 15) have paid the insurance for all locals to host a Bike Ride. Here in the Tri-Lakes area we will be departing from the New Shangai Circus Theatre – Acrobats of China at 1:00 pm we will start meeting at 12:00 pm noon. The ride will depend on what mother nature deals us that day but we will, as always, have a good time and anyone not present is really missing out. The theatre is located on Hwy 165 heading south just past Green Mountain Drive on the right hand side.

It is not to early to start making your plans to attend the Swap Meet April 27 in Forsyth, MO at Shadow Rock Park. This is always a great time to browse for those hard to find parts or look for something new. The main gate will open at 9:00 am and the vendor gate will open at 7:00 am. Attention all Local 15 members, we will need help so try to make yourself available even if it for a short period – it will be greatly appreciated. The park is only about 9 miles from Branson and a great ride in from any direction. Everyone from F.O.R.R. Is invited and we would like to see members from all the locals come join us.

Here is what is going on in February and some of what will happen in March.

Feb. 8th & 9th – Republican party, Hammond Hotel, Downtown Springfield
Feb. 9th – Leather and Lace, Summers on the River, Nixa, MO. Sponsored by Local 18.
Feb. 16 & 17 Abate of Arkansas Bike Show and Swap Meet, Little Rock fairgrounds, Little Rock, AR.
Feb. 18th - Local 15 Business Meeting at 7:00 pm, Jesters, downtown Hollister.
Mar. 4th – BS meeting at 7:00 pm, Beverly Steak House and Saloon, located on East 76.
Mar. 17th – Local 15 Business Meeting at 7:00 pm, Jesters, downtown Hollister.
March ??? - date to be announced, Trash and Treasure Hunt
March ??? - date to be announced, work day on the pavilion in Buckhorn.
Mar. 29th - The Joplin local will host a Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

If anyone has information to share or something to say, please send me an e-mail to the following address: forrlocal15@yahoo.com.

See everyone at the next meeting cruising down the road with my feet high on the pegs.

Dennis Pick, Jr aka Rodeo

State of the Organization

As per the bylaws of FORR®, Inc. Article 8 Section 2, "The Chairman shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Central Committee an annual written report..."

Howdy folks,

Well here we are at the beginning of another year and I am extremely happy to tell you that for the first time since 2001 we did not see a decrease in membership. We actually gained a little.

We are financially sound. In 2007 we began accepting credit cards and using the website to allow members various ways to pay for memberships. We also began accepting credit cards for product line, rider education and even admission to the Central Committee events (Homecoming and the F.E.W. Seminar). In doing so we allowed our membership greater access to FORR® programs and products. In return FORR® netted an additional $4979.00 in revenues and $3125.00 of that was in membership dues for 125 people.

In 2008 we hope to expand the web services to include: ordering and paying for product line, tuition for rider's education. The creation of a "members only" section with copies of the current newsletter, blog boards and or chat rooms and info that is just for our membership.

In 2007 we made great strides in making FORR® a stronger organization by giving the Locals greater leeway in the design of product line. Even though all products must be approved by the Central Committee Corporate officers, the Locals now have a greater flexibility of design.

In 2008 we hope to make our Locals stronger and more active than ever before. By using the Fun Run we hope to get Local members riding together and get non members to ride with us just to have FUN.

In 2007 we got legislation introduced that would not allow insurance companies to use the type of vehicle you are operating to determine percentage of fault for injuries sustained in an accident. We also started working with legislators to put driver education that includes the concerns motorcycling of some type back in our schools. Once again the helmet bill made it through the House but stalled in the Senate due to threats of a filibuster.

In 2008 we are still pursuing Helmet law modification, drivers ed. in schools, comparative fault and the possibility of requiring riders ed. for new riders but this time with a new Government Relations Specialist Steven R. Carroll. Steve is a veteran legislator with experience writing, filing and passing bills. We look forward to working with him this year on all the issues that FORR® has an interest in.

In 2007 many suggestions were made by the membership of this organization on ways to make things better or easier. Many of these were used but here are a couple that stood out:
Not to have the Awards Banquet in December but replace it with the F.E.W. Seminar in November, thus allowing members more time with their families during the holidays. This event, by the way, was paid for entirely by Local donations.
Changing the start and stop times of the shifts at Homecoming there by eliminating several shifts and giving us time to instruct volunteers for the first shifts and take care of any loose ends before the gates open.

In 2008 we hope that more members make suggestions and comments so that we can improve FORR®, Inc. All ideas and suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

Looking toward the future here are a couple of things that should be considered.

1. The opening of a central (in home) office having a paid employee that would handle memberships, the scheduling of Riders Ed courses, Insurance and events. Possibly adding product line, newsletter and the website later on. All of the details would be worked out before hiring anyone.

2. The purchase of our own property for the purposes of having offices, Riders Ed courses, CC meetings, seminars, bike shows, swap meets and parties.

Respectfully submitted, January 13, 2008
Chairman Mark Chapman,
Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc.



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Local 16 - Cape Girardeau

Meetings: (Call for meeting info) Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265

The first meeting of 2008 was a long one but there was a lot of information covered. We had 15 people attend, 13 members and 2 guests. The election of local officers took place. Everyone did such a great job in 2007 that they decided to keep them in their designated positions for 2008. Linda also did a great job but was ready for a break, so I became not only a new member, but the new Secretary too. I look forward to reporting the happenings of Local 16 to all of you this year. We would also like to welcome all of our new members to Local 16.

We look forward to your ideas and participation in upcoming events for this year.

Speaking of upcoming events....we are getting geared up for the annual Broomstick Tournament at Moof's in Chester, IL on Feb. 23rd. This is one pool tournament that you don't have to be a pro player to participate in. Actually the less you know the better you will probably do! We hope everyone will be able to join us. The meeting will begin at 1:00 and the tournament will start at 3:00. We have the band but are still looking for a place to have the April Fools dance on March 29th. If anyone out there has any ideas, please let us know. We will let everyone know the details once we have them all ironed out. Hopefully you will have received your April addition of The Freedom Press before the 29th, so everyone will have the details on the dance. Until we talk again.....have fun and ride safe! ***Bene***

Local 18 - Springfield

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Los Portales. 1036 W. Sunshine. Contact: 417-863-9577 or 417-443-9002

Mother Nature is not being kind to motorcycle riders this year but she did throw us a bone yesterday, 76° on the 4th of February. Warm enough to get the old (kick start only) shovelhead out and go for a putt.

Our next big event is the State Wide Poker Run on April 6th. We are trying to do a joint Poker Run with Local 15 in Nixa.

Stay tuned for more information or better yet come to the meeting February 19th.

I was pulled over by the Springfield Police (after logging 1388 Free miles) on January 28th and informed that my stocking hat didn't meet the definition of protective head gear. I didn't argue with the officer but I won't get to argue with a judge either since I didn't receive a ticket just a lecture on how dangerous it is to ride without a helmet especially in the city. I put on my helmet with a DOT sticker on it and road to my next stop where the helmet went back in the saddle bags.

1488 Free miles and counting. **ZZ**

Local 19 -Kirksville

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 6:30p.m. Shrine Club Contact: President, Chuck Parks 660-766-2374 or Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Hi everyone, Not much going on so I'll make it short. Rader's Biker Ball is February 23rd at the Moose. Come out and have a great time.

Our own President Chuck Parks did the Polar Bear Plunge again this year. I bet he's still not warmed back up yet. We want to welcome our new members : Kenneth Cunningham, Wm. Michael Elam, David Barnes and last but certainly not least Herman (Al) Barnes. Welcome everyone. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. That's all for now. Be safe and let's look forward to the upcoming riding season. ***Kelly***

Local 20 - Dexter

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

I know it's been awhile since everyone has heard from us, but what with the holidays, jobs, etc., things have been hectic. It has been so good to see more faces at the meetings the last couple of months, let's keep it up!

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We are also having a drawing for various prizes at the end of each meeting which means you have to be there to win. There are lots of good things going this spring, including the statewide poker run in April, our thanks to Local 15 for their generous offer of insurance, we shall definitely take advantage of it. As a matter of fact, this will be a joint run with Local 34 as the first step in trying to work together more as a district. A few of our members attended Local 34's meeting in January, and we really appreciated their hospitality and the meal!

So, for those of you who have missed the last couple of meetings, here's an update on all that we are trying to organize, starting with the Poker Run on April 6. And a lot of our meeting time is being geared to our annual Bike Show and Rodeo, May 23 and 24. We really are going to need help this year, as it looks like its going to be bigger and better than ever. We are scouting bands and need more sponsors and vendors. If there are any members out there who own their own business or know of any vendors, please contact Rob (rrreifjr.@bpsnetworks.com). Also, be sure to check into our website at www.angelfire.com/mo2/RoadRiders for information on any and all upcoming events. Thanks to Rob for doing a great job with the website, we sure do appreciate you! Also, thanks to our latest membership renewals, Darrel Ray in December and David John Gasser in January. Don't forget our next meeting on the last Sunday of the month, there's a lot of you out there we would love to see! Weather permitting, we shall do a ride after the meetings, so far, the weather has only permitted once, but Spring is on its way, regardless of what that groundhog said! See ya next month, ride safe, and write your state representatives regularly, check the state website for information on what is pending. Signing off, ***ScarySherri***

Local 21 - Eldon

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.
American Legion Post below Bagnell Dam. 573-365-5118 or Contact: Lane at 573-392-5636

Local 25 - St. Peters

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

Local 26 - Maryville

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

Hi Northwest Missourians! Our January meeting was also a New Year Party! The festive event was held at the Countryside Bistro near Graham, MO and was attended by 53 members and friends. It was a welcome and relaxing time after Decembers rage of snow and ice causing most of us to be without water and/or electricity for days and creating a war zone image of downed tree limbs.

The celebration included a delicious buffet meal and local DJ artist Nick Seven provided a great variety of music and an awesome light show. Thanks to Kathy and Lewis Rice and everyone who helped with organizing the party. It was a great time for members and friends. There weren't any bikes there but a lot of talk about upcoming rides and adventures.

The 2008 Officers were introduced at the Jan. meeting/party as follows: President: Kathryn Rice, Vice President & Events Coordinator: Roy "Pops" Brown, Treasurer: Don Wyne, Secretary: Jeanine Montgomery, CC & District Representative: Linda Pitzenberger (& Jeanine M. as backup), Safety Officer: Paul Jones

As a reminder of events coming up:

Feb. 19 2008-- 7pm Meeting Carry-in Dinner at Movie Magic, 216 W 3rd St. Maryville MO. Bring 2 dishes, your family, your friends, pot-luck at its best.

March 18 2008--Meeting Carry-in Dinner at Movie Magic (7pm).

Thats all folks! Hope to see you all soon! ***Jeanine Montgomery 660-935-2254***

ALERT TODAY. ALIVE TOMORROW

ACCIDENTS HURT--SAFETY DOESN'T

Something to ponder; A quote from Abraham Lincoln...."If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."



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Local 27 - Sac-Osage

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Trail Inn Tavern 185 NW E Hwy. Roscoe, Mo. Contact: VP Ray Burns 417-646-2811 or Secy/Treas. Bobbi Mayer 417-646-8962

Hello to all! Lots to get caught up on, so down to business..introduction of officers for Local 27: CC Rep is Perry Witt, new Pres Ty Cashell, our VP Ray Burris, and our lovely Sec/Tres Bobbi Mayer. We are at 20 members strong, thanks to Rebel Dines transferring to our group. Rebel comes to us with knowledge and experience, and we welcome him whole-heartedly.

Local 27 will be participating in the Statewide Poker Run on April 6th, 2008-registration will start at noon through 1pm, and we'll start and end the run from our FAVORITE hang-out place, Trails Inn Tavern in Roscoe, MO; please call 417-646-8962 for more info, and start looking for fliers posted throughout our surrounding area. All are welcomed and encouraged to join us in this beautiful ride through the Ozarks.

Our local is presenting our first (of many??) Poker Run/Hog Roast/Bike Show combo event on June 14th, 2008; though I do not have all the info set in stone, the date IS and I personally guarantee a fabulous time. There will be prized/trophies/etc for the poker run AND the bike show, PLENTY to eat, and I promise to have more info next time (like pricing, times, etc. We are even planning some type of camping for the true party animals). PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR, and as ALWAYS, ALL ARE WELCOMED!

Wrapping this up, our next meeting is scheduled for March 02, 2008 at 1pm at the Trails Inn Tavern in Roscoe, MO; we will be having a Pot Luck Dinner after the meeting, so if you've been thinking about giving us a visit, this'll be the prime time to come see what Local 27 is all about. As a group, we wanted to give a congratulation shout-out to Local 15 for be the fastest growing local; this is something to be proud of, and we admire your proactive membership. Keep up the good work! Signing off for now with a sneaky Thank You to Dean for donating his winnings back to the group...I seen you!

Until next month, ***Katherine (your Local 27 news editor)***

Local 28 - Waynesville

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club. Contact: 573-774-5454 or 573-337-0088

The Local 28 February meeting had 86 members present and six guests present. We had 17 renewals for membership and one new member bringing our total to 358 members.

We opened our meeting with a special guest speaker, our 148th District Representative David Day. Rep. Day present our past Local 28 President Darrel Wray with a House Resolution certificate commemorating Local 28 and Darrel's term as president of our local. Day also reminded us to stay active in Jefferson City to see our helmet bill through.

There was a hearty welcome back to member Damien Bowers who returned from serving our country in Afghanistan. We are thankful for your safe return brother.

Information was provided on the upcoming flagpole assembly building project in front of the Shrine Club. The construction will include an area

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If you don't agree with this report,
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where bricks can be purchased and engraved. Taz made a motion to purchase a brick for Local 28 and purchase memorial bricks for our fallen members.
The motion passed to purchase bricks, one for Local 28 and then bricks for the fallen members with two to three names per brick and an indicator of being a Local 28 member on the brick.

Shena reported product line information discussed at the C.C. meeting in January. The state level product line is being phased out and locals are now responsible for designing, making and purchasing their own items for product line. She is open to suggestions of products and designs we want to consider for the future.

Other items discussed at the C.C. meeting were the new options in place of the bike giveaway at Homecoming. This year's giveaway will be a $13,000 gift certificate good at any nation wide motorcycle dealership. The certificate may be used for any item(s) sold at the motorcycle dealership.

Also, it was brought to FORR's attention at the C.C. meeting that many health insurance companies do not cover injuries caused by motorcycle accidents in their policies. FORR is encouraging all members and nonmembers to check their insurance policies to find out if they will be covered in an accident.

We also created a new officer's position of Historian and the local officers appointed Barb to this position of keeping a photographic history of Local 28. If you have pictures (web appropriate) from years past and current pictures, contact Barb so we can upload them to the Local 28 History webpage.

Hopefully the Leather and Lace Valentine's Party went off without a hitch and thanks to REACT for providing a safe ride home for folks who attended. A thank you to Ana and her "Decorating Divas."

Safety Officer Scott reminded everyone to be careful out riding this winter with all the salt and pebble build-up on the roads as well as emphasized the importance of taking the new rider safety course for all new riders and some veteran riders for a refresher. Scott introduced Beverly Roberts who recently had a motorcycle accident on Hwy. 17, thankfully she was in and out of the hospital in one day and is doing fine. Cheers to you Beverly.

We do have sad news to bring, we lost a member on January 23, Kenneth Wivell Sr. of Dixon passed away due to a heart attack. Our condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

Next month's meeting will have Mexican food provided by the Shriners. Until then, ride safe and be on the lookout for cars and trucks, they aren't expecting to see us out in the winter. ***Connie***

Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.
Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Don Jackson 816-452-3019 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: BIRTHDAY AND E-MAIL ADDRESS.

PAST: Local 29 has over 111 members and we are still growing. Welcome all new members! There was 1 guest (Susan Harris-Rohde, from Local 5), and 30 members in attendance at the January Business Meeting. Thank you all for attending! MEETING HILIGHTS: Carl "Pumpkin Head" is organizing Local 29's participation in Local 15's State Wide Poker Run on April 6th (It's looking to be @ a 100 mile run). Brent DeFord & Carl "Pumpkin Head" are looking to revive the Pud Pounder. FORR Supporter Pins are in! Talk to your Product Line Manager, Ronda Felts, if you would like one. Speaking of Ronda, she is looking to expand our existing product line if you have any merchandise suggestions. A membership incentive of $10 would have gone to Richard Rice had he been present to win (February's incentive will be $10). Sam DeFord won the attendance incentive of $25...Congratulations, Sam! Probably the most notable things to mention from January's meeting are the Awards presented by President Jim Duyck. All Officers were presented with 2007 Officer Awards for "Exceptional Service and Dedication"; Ann "Short Stuff" Dodson was the recipient of the 2007 Officer of the Year Award; Ken DeMoss, Nancy Martin, Keith Rice, and NeQuelle Wolfgeher received "Outstanding Member of 2007" Awards, and Brent DeFord received the "2007 Member of the Year" Award.

PRESENT: March Membership Expiration Reminders are going out to Patricia Kay Carver, Don "#66" Jackson, Carl "Pumpkin Head" Laber, Bob "Honest Bob" Neal, Tony Smith, and Beryl Speiser. If you have already submitted you're renewal, Great! If not...Get 'R Done! I'd like to acknowledge all the March Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too, including (but not limited to) Nancy DeMoss (3/5), Fast Eddie Hayes (3/16), and Tony Smith (3/19) ...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: March is all about the 2008 10th Annual Kearny Bike Show. ***(Continued on page 29)***



Road Trips

'Road Trips' *is for the experience alone...*

Found that great place to eat on one of those ozark backroads, stumbled across a good place by the river to take a rest for the night, or just have one of those cool road stories.
Let us hear about it. - *And yes, pictures are VERY welcome.*

Do you remember your first ride on a motorcycle? I do!

I was 4 or 5 years of age and my oldest brother Austin came home on a big white Harley dresser with hard bags. At the time I didn't know what a Harley was , all I knew is that I wanted to ride on it!

Of course my Mother said NO!!! That didn't stop Austin!!! He picked me up, put my sisters slippers w/the bells on them on my feet and set me me on the bike. Told Momma she worried to much and off we went. The roads in our small town were still gravel so everytime we hit a bump the bells on my slippers would ring. I thought that it was great!

I think about this ever so often when my husband and I are on some 2 lane somewhere and I must say it brings tears to my eyes.

Then I think about where I am now . A legislative officer for an organization that upholds motorcyclists rights . Just goes to show that you never know where that 1st ride will lead you !!!!!

Submitted by: Cynthia (Hill) York - FORR L-42 Legislative

2008 Riders Safety Course Information

FORR Riders Education Coord - Doug Clawson 841 N.E. Park Lane., Columbia, MO. 65201-7040
Ph# (800) 309-RIDE (7433) • E-mail: safety@forr.net

Basic Rider Course (BRC)
for Beginning Riders

Freedom of Road Riders (R), can introduce you to the exciting experience of motorcycling - the ultimate freedom!

Our Basic Rider Course is designed for the person with little or no riding experience. You supply the desire and enthusiasm to learn, along with your own protective gear*. We supply: professionally trained instructors, learner's motorcycle, complete course insurance, classroom and range area.

The B.R.C. is two-day course, taught on weekends for your convenience. On the first day, we teach you the basic skills needed to safely operate a motorcycle.

Day two deals with deals with street riding situations and will give you the confidence and skills necessary to be a safe and happy rider.

Our courses are fully approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and graduates qualify for insurance discounts with many companies.

Students under 18 must have prior approval of a parent or guardian.

Experience the ultimate freedom! Sign-up for a Freedom of Road Riders (R), Inc. safety course today! Nearest site coordinator listed.

Advance registration with full deposit required -

BRC Tuition Fee = $175.00

*Students must supply their own DOT approved Apparel. Helmet, eye protection, gloves, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots.

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)
for Experienced Riders

If you're an experienced rider, with at least one year of street riding experience, Freedom of Road Riders (R) can show you how to get the most from yourself and your motorcycle.

Our one-day Experienced Rider Course will help fine-tune the skills you already have and teach you new techniques to make riding safer and more enjoyable.

We teach the course on weekends for your convenience.

You supply your own motorcycle (with current liability insurance), protective riding gear*, and the desire and enthusiasm to learn.

We supply everything else.

Our classes are fully approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and graduates qualify for insurance discounts with many companies.

Advance registration with full deposit required -

ERC Tuition Fee = $75.00

Accept the challenge of becoming a better rider!

Sign-up for the Experienced Rider Course today! Nearest site coordinator listed.

* Students must supply their own DOT approved helmet, eye protection, gloves, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots.

As a FORR member you qualify for a $60.00 reimbursement upon completing and passing a BRC safety course and $30.00 reimbursement for completing and passing an ERC safety course. Also, must be a FORR member for 30 days prior to taking the course.

Jefferson City Site
Doug Clawson
800-309-RIDE (7433)
BRC Beginner's Class
April 21-22
ERC Experienced Class
April 7

Kirksville Site
Sheila Pruett
660-665-5142
BRC Beginner's Class
April 4 - 6
June 13 - 15
July 11 - 13
Sept 5 - 7

Trenton Site
Carl Hanes
660-359-3349
no classes scheduled

Malden Site
Doug Clawson
1-800-309-7433
no classes scheduled

Maryville Site
Doug Clawson
1-800-309-7433
no classes scheduled

Freedom of Road Riders®District 1
proudly presents
Motorcycle Awareness and You
Blacktop Rally
May 16th - 18th
Pony Express RV Park on HWY 33 South of Maysville, MO
Gate opens at Noon on the 16th

Advanced tickets $15.00
Door price $20.00
Day ONLY price $10.00
Band Only $5.00
Karaoke
Friday night 9pm-?

Motorcycle Drag Racing
at US 36 Raceway at Jct
of Hwy 36 & 33

Saturday night Live music
9pm-1am
Rock Solid

Games Saturday afternoon
Tube Suck
Wennie Bite
Slow & Plank Race
Ball Drop

Bike Blessing by
CMA Sunday
morning

For more information or advance tickets contact your District rep or
Mike Sims at 660-373-0108 or Steve Gallus at 816-449-5037

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Gone but not forgotten...

Captain John:
John
Richard
Pelsor

John Richard Pelsor, 69, Pleasant Valley, MO.

Passed away
January 7, 2008.

Captain John was a long time Local 29 member.

The Biker's Creed

I ride because it is fun. I ride because I enjoy the freedom I feel from being exposed to the elements, and the vulnerability to the danger that is intrinsic to riding. I do not ride because it is fashionable to do so. I ride my machine, not wear it. My machine is not a symbol of status. It exists simply for me, and me alone. My machine is not a toy. It is an extension of my being, and I will treat it accordingly, with the same respect as I have for myself. I strive to understand the inner-workings of my machine, from the most basic to the most complex. I will learn everything I can about my machine, so that I am reliant upon no one but myself for its health and well being. I strive to constantly better my skill of control over my machine. I will learn its limits, and use my skill to become one with my machine so that we may keep each other alive. I am the master, it is the servant. Working together in harmony, we will become an invincible team. I do not fear death. I will, however, do all possible to avoid death prematurely. Fear is the enemy, not death. Fear on the highway leads to death, therefore I will not let fear be my master. I will master it. My machines will outlive me. Therefore, they are my legacy. I will care for them for future bikers to cherish as I have cherished them, whoever they may be. I do not ride to gain attention, respect, or fear from those that do NOT ride, nor do I wish to intimidate or annoy them. For those that do not know me, all I wish from them is to ignore me. For those that desire to know me, I will share with them the truth of myself, so that they might understand me and not fear others like me. I will never be the aggressor on the highway. However, should others mess with me, their aggression will be dealt with in as severe manner as I can cast upon them. I will show respect to other bikers more experienced or knowledgeable than I am. I will learn from them all I can. However, if my respect is not acknowledged or appreciated, it will end. I will not show disrespect to other bikers less experienced or knowledgeable than I am. I will teach them what I can. However, if they show me disrespect, they will be slapped. It will be my task to mentor new riders, that so desire, into the lifestyle of the biker, so that the breed shall continue. I shall instruct them, as I have been instructed by those before me. I shall preserve and honor traditions of bikers before me, and I will pass them on unaltered. I will not judge other bikers on their choice of machine, their appearance, or their profession. I will judge them only on their conduct as bikers. I am proud of my accomplishments as a biker, though I will not flaunt them to others. If they ask, I will share them. I will stand ready to help any other biker that truly needs my help. I will never ask another biker to do for me what I can do for myself. I am not a part-time biker. I am a biker when, and where ever I go. I am proud to be a biker, and hide my chosen lifestyle from no one. I ride because I love freedom, independence, and the movement of the ground beneath me. But most of all, I ride to better understand myself, my machine, the lands in which I ride, and to seek out and know other bikers like myself.

Live today like to tomorrow may never come.....

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There are two Bike Show Meetings scheduled, the 7th and the 21st, @ 7:00pm at VFW Post 5717...the Bike Show itself is on Sunday, March 30th with registration beginning at 10:00am, judging at noon, and award presentation at 3:00pm. The band, Blue 88, is playing from noon till 5:00pm. The Bike Show is a part of the Tuff-E-Nuff Weekend, see Website for more information. Local 29's Business Meeting is on Sunday, March 16th, at the usual time and location (Lunch will be provided by Ken & Nancy DeMoss). Our Dinner Run will be at the Kearney VFW Post 5717, to support them as they have supported us. We will meet at the VFW @ 7:00pm in Kearney.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forrlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings, where the Rides Rule and the Riders Reign! "Talk to ya" next month, ***NeQuelle***

Local 30 - Nixa

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. (Locations varies - call for more info)
Contact: Pops at moore1031@sbcglobal.net or call 417-881-2795

Hey, what's up guys? I've got a little bit to tell you about this month. First, we are having a ride to Bootleggers, a cool little restaurant in Aurora, we will be doing that on March 1st weather permitting. Meet at Wal-Mart in Nixa at 1 p.m. I hope you all haven't forgotten about our yard sale. We are still needing donations, and we have as many storage units as we need so bring your stuff, we will all appreciate it. If you need anything picked up from your house or wherever please call Pops @ 881-2795 or Robert Fox @ 872-9202 they would be glad to help you out. We are also still needing volunteers for our March 30th Food for Thought ride. We will need people to block traffic so we can all make it through intersections safely and quickly. We may also need you to help out with our sign up booth and whatever else we come up with. Please let us know at the next meeting. By the way as of right now we will continue to have our meetings at Buckinham's in Nixa, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Also I would like to throw in that we now have a website so be sure to check that out at www.forr30.com it's still in progress but very nice so far, Thank You Donna Underwood. I think that about does it for this month, hope we get some spring weather soon. Ride Hard, Ride Safe! ***Hardcore***

Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Phelps Co. Choppers 201 E. 6th Street. Rolla, Mo.
Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 & Debra John 573-762-3803

Hello to All, we had a really good meeting Jan. 8th & the food was a plus also, thanks to Brian & Sabrena. With temperatures like we've been having, I can't say I've seen too many bikes on the road. This is a great time to warm up the garage & do some repairs or add some extra accessories to the old bike. Maybe even invite a friend over to join you & plan some rides for warmer weather. Speaking of planning some rides we've got a great calendar of events for '08.

*Jan. 16 - State FORR Capital Crusaders Days (For any & all members, Be there & Let's be seen)
Feb. 9 - Valentine Party Buckhorn 6:00p.m.
Feb. 13 - State FORR Capital Crusaders Days *
Mar. 12 - State FORR Capital Crusaders Days *
Apr. 27 - Local 15 Motorcycle Swapmeet (Forsyth) If you take Hwy. 76 it's a beautiful ride!
Apr. 29 - State FORR Capital Crusaders Days *
May 14 - State FORR Capital Crusaders Days *
May 18 - Fun Day Buckhorn (Clean-up, paint, & Bar-b-que)
May 23-26 Mid America Freedom Rally
June 14 - USO Support Ride
July 4 - Camping for 5th
July 5 - Buckhorn Blast
Aug. 9 - Local 31 Family Bar-b-que
Aug. 29-Sept. 1 FORR Homecoming
Sep. 21 - Local 15 Motorcycle Swapmeet/Bikeshow (Forsyth)

Steve McQueen Days
Bike Show and Rodeo
March 29, 2008
Slater, MO

Hosted by FORR Local 12

Bike Show

Sign-in:
9:00—10:30 am

Show:
10:30—12:30 pm

Rodeo

Sign-in:
12:30—1:00 pm

Rodeo:
1:30—???

BURN OUT PIT!!

Celebrate the Life and Work of the "King of Cool" in the town where he grew up!!

***Attractions: Meet Steve's widow, Barbara, Car Show, Movies, LOTS OF FUN ***

For information:
John Stouffer
660-886-3537

Bert Monnig
660-338-2595

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Oct. 11?- Toy Run (Licking)
Nov. 1 - State Wide Toy Run
Nov. 11 - Nominate Officers
Dec 10 - Drop off date for (Fill a Ford at Denny Ford) Christmas Donation
Oct. 25 - Halloween Bash
Nov. 8-9 C.C. Meeting/F.E.W. Seminar (Jeff. City)
Dec. 9 - Election of '09 Officers

You must admit we're looking forward to a great year. I will try to remember to post reminders each month & if I have more specific information on these events I will include it. I hope most of you can attend these events.

Your support is greatly needed for the rest of the State Capital Crusaders Days, we should have these 3 left when you receive this report: Mar. 12th, Apr.29th, & May14th. Come on guys & gals we need your help!

Till next time remember, DON'T spit in the wind unless your riding in the tail-end! See ya, ***"Kickstand"***

Local 32 - Bootheel

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. The Vikings I, 1104 Independence Ave., Kennett, Mo. Contact: 573-695-1785

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, Local 32 had another well attended meeting, complete with FREE chili supplied by our good friend, member and benefactor Lannie.

We've got plans underway for a Dice Run to begin at noon March 22, and big plans for an even bigger and better Boogaloo June 6,7 and 8. This year minimum age will be 21, and with the amount of gray hair cropping up on some of us thank goodness there is no maximum age.

Ridding season begins again. We of Local 32 are glad for the fellowship of our fellow members, and proud of the purpose of FORR. Come to our meetings, you'll have a good time. ***ACE***

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.
For newsletter input Contact: Allen 660-826-3517

Since this is my first time in years doing the news letter, please bear with me. Supporter pins for 2007 were passed out at the JAN meeting. In order to receive one you must attend a meeting. The local is also asking for donations for a watch with the FORR logo on the face with #33 engraved on the back. In order to get a chance on it, one must attend a meeting in February. These are special limited edition numbered watches. Three additional watches are being purchased by the local. Each time you attend a meeting your name will be put in a hat and once a quarter a name will be drawn to win one of these limited edition watches. However only the watch that will be given away in February will be #33.

The bike project for Homecoming has been changed this year. There will be a $13,000 gift certificate which can be given to the winner's choice of any bike dealer in the continental United States. It will have no cash value. This should allow all bike dealers to post this in their place of business.

Plan on taking off at least one day for Capitol Crusaders Day. The next one is scheduled for MAR 12th. Our next poker run is set for April the 6th and will begin at AM VETS in Knob Noster on Hwy 50 West. Sign in will be from 12 noon to 1 PM.

Incentive pot was $116 and would have been won by Becky Smith if she would have been present. Better luck next time Becky. JR (Moose) won the George Washington award. The number of members present was 26 along with 2 guests. It would be nice to see some new faces here.Till next time, ride smart and safe, Dirt Local 33 ***j_cohen@charter.net***

Local 34 - Poplar Bluff

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. W Club on Hwy W in Poplar Bluff
Contact: 573-785-5701 *(Day)* or 573-998-2237 *(Night)*

Greetings all! How is the end of winter treating you all? We are still missing you all at our monthly meeting. You've missed out on some fun afternoons! Our menu for February is going to be Mexican food, provided by Pam and Willie. We will also be finalizing details for the Sierra/Osage run on the Saturday before Easter. There were some problems at the facility, but it

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looks like things are back under control.

April 6th we are going to be joining with Local 20 for the State wide run hosted by the Branson 'gang'. Our thanks to them for this opportunity. Watch our website for more details, or you can call us at 573-996-2229 days or 573-857-2406 evenings.

There really isn't a lot I can say to you gang. You don't show up for meetings, you don't participate in any events. What is it you want from us?

When the weather warms up we hope to have a monthly fun run. Isn't that why most of you joined? So you'd have some one to ride with? These will be NO COST, NO DOOR PRIZES, NO POKER HANDS, JUST A RIDE TO A NICE DESTINATION, WITH MAYBE A STOP FOR DINNER OR LUNCH. If this doesn't generate some interest we don't know what to do for you.

It is election time again. We need to get out and support the candidates that support our rights. Apathy is our worst enemy. GRANTED WE ARE ALL GETTING OLDER AND MORE TIRED. BUT WE CAN'T STOP NOW. IF WE DON'T WORK TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS, NO ONE ELSE WILL. I for one don't want to have to explain to my grandkids that they can't enjoy the open road as I did, because I was too lazy to watch out for the people I helped elect.

These people are supposed to be representing us, NOT the special interest groups. Only we can prevent abuse of power, by being alert and active in the governing process.

Remember!!! Be A-LERT!! The world needs more LERTS!!!! Sillly commercial from the archives, but it has always stuck in my mind :-}

Duck-K leathersbyfish@windstream.net 573-996-2229 days - 573-857-2406 evenings

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Local 35 - Golden Valley

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Tebo Lodge & Bar on PP Hwy in Leesville, Mo.
Contact: Bob 660-694-3589 or Travis 660-492-0910

Hello local 35.

Time to start waking those motorcycles up because spring is in the air.

At this time we have very little going on at the local level. On the other hand on the Legislative side it is starting to move right along. HB 1393 will have already had it hearing as it is scheduled for Feb. 6th at noon. Several from local 35 will be there.

SB 1067 has been 2nd read and sent to Department of Transportation for its hearing.

If you want this information as it comes out, please send me your email address to rjhawkins@embarqmail.com and I'll add you to my list.

We already have several items in the works for the local to do this year to have a great time. We will be participating in the State Wide Poker run on April the 6th.

Our normal spring poker run will be May 4th this year as we did not want two in the same month.

Remember the meetings are always the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm.

See you there and bring a new member with you. ***Bob***

Local 40 - Bethany

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m. (*Location varies*)
Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

Local 40, Our hearts and prayers are with Cindy Anthony and her family on the loss of her Mom. Words can't say how much you and Bob mean to our local. You guys have been their from the beginning. Thanks to Dick Hoover for his renewal. He won for most unique at Hogfest and I don't know if it was him or his bike that won. We had 13 members and 1 guest at our January meeting. State wide Poker Run on April 6th will start at KJs in Pattonsburg at 1:00 P.M. Route to be determined then. Proclamation Run will be April 26th. Steve Gallus is working on the route. Jeremy will keep us informed. April 29th I will be going to the State Capital. It's also the Mike Sloan Memorial Ride. Robert Russell and I went last year and it was pretty cool seeing all the bikes parked on the front lawn sidewalk in front of the Capital. Let Robert or myself know if you would like to ride down. Leave on Monday afternoon and come back on Tuesday afternoon. Nothing better than a eight hour April ride.

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Raincoats optional! District Rally will be at Pony Express RV Park in Maysville on May 16th, 17th, and 18th. DJ Friday nite, the band Rock Solid will play Saturday nite. Bike Drags Saturday with Bike Games to follow. Advance tickets are $15:00 Gate $20:00 Day $10:00 Band only $5:00. This is a good time hope to see you their. For advance tickets see Jeremy or myself. Don't forget to renew. You can do it on-line or by seeing Cindy. It was brought up at the meeting to have a fun run every month where we put our names in a hat and the name drawn gets to pick the route. Sounds like fun all ideas are always welcome.

Our MARCH MEETING will be at Camaro's on the 15th at 6:30 P.M. April 6th at KJ'S in Pattonsburg at 1:00 P.M. will be MEETING and POKER RUN. April 26th is PROCLAMATION RUN route to be determined. April 29th RIDE TO THE CAPTIAL, see Robert or Mike. May 3rd is the CMA's RUN to the Son see Dwight for more info. May 16th, 17th, and 18th is DISTRICT RALLY. Looking forward to riding with you this riding season. Saw a billboard that said, "Need help, call Jesus. "1-800-HELP-OUT".... Out of curiosity I did. A Mexican guy showed up with a tow truck.

PEACE and LOVE, ***Stems***

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.
(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information)
Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037

Hello local # 41.

By the time this comes out we should be close to spring! It has been a hard long winter for all, like everyone else we will be glad to see spring. We have a lot coming up here soon. We are planning a Saint Paddy's day party on March 15th at the Elks Lodge in Cameron. Sorry we did not get it planned soon enough to get the flyer's in here, still need to get the band secured, the flyer's approved and the insurance paid. Put it on your calendar though. We are planing on having a silent action, possibly a raffle or two. With live music, it will be lots of fun! The doors will open at 8pm with the band starting at 9pm. The cost will be $10.00 a person, $15.00 a couple. We are also working on getting a motel to discount for those who are traveling to attend. Like I said working out a few things.

The Proclamation Run is going to be April 26th, we will be starting in Cameron meeting at 9am, leaving there at 9:30am. All the communities are very excited about having us back this year. Don't forget our goals on the Proclamations.
We also have our District part May 16-18th, the flyer is in this issue of the Freedom Press, so look for it on page 28!. It will also be a lot of fun, we have had a very good time the previous years.

Mark that on your calendar as well! It is at the Pony Express Park on HWY 33 south of Maysville. Get a a hold of your dist rep and get your advanced tickets. It does save a few bucks, then you can spend them with the vendors. HAHA Seriously they would like that!

I personally want to THANK Louise and Rebel for their help with the flyer, I had computer problems and they worked with me, went above and beyond to help out! Thank you Ladies!!

We also plan on some fun runs this summer. John Hogan has offered to do some BBQ's! Thanks John!

Meeting are the first Sat of the month a 7pm at Breadeaux Pizza in Cameron, we are having the meetings last only one hr and so far we have been sticking with that! Thanks to our chairman Dave Frazer and Vice Steve Gallus for keeping it that way for us.

Well folks for now ride safe and free! ***Angie***

Local 42 - Franklin County

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 11:30 a.m.

Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.

Contact: President - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Hi – Local 42. Time is flying by – can't believe that February is almost gone – hopefully you have been able to take

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advantage of the few really nice days since the first of the year. Our January meeting was held on January 31, 2007 and was called to order at 6:40 pm. We had 12 members, and 2 guests present. The attendance prize was again won by Bill Lynn. Both guests – John Casey and Rose Bailey were welcomed to the meeting. A few items that were discussed:

#1) There are 8 different bills in legislature that we all might want to take a look at. These are posted and can be reviewed at the next meeting.
#2) Changes to the Bike Giveaway at Homecoming
#3) New guidelines for Toy Run
#4) Grandma Sam Patch – there was a date error on the patches. We are working to get them corrected.

Beginning this month - February, 2008, Local 42 will meet the last Sunday of each month at 11:30 am at the Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit. Please mark your calendars with the new meeting times. Our hope is that more members will be able to attend our meetings. If weather permits, we can all take a ride after the meetings.

Make sure to mark your calendars with our 2008 upcoming events.

Leather & Lace Dance will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Pacific Eagles. "Loose Change" will be performing again this year – advance tickets are available. We will only be selling advance tickets – no ticket sales at the door. If you can't find a member with tickets – the Roadhouse has tickets. Volunteers are needed – please contact Gina Dean or attend the February or March meetings.

Blessing of the Bikes. – Corrected date: Sunday, April 6th New location – Jack's Iron Horse in Bridgeton. We will again meet at the Roadhouse and travel as a group. Details to follow,

Next meeting will be on Sunday, February 24th at 11:30 am at the Roadhouse 100; hope to see you there.

Take care and ride safe,

Alma

Local 44 - California

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m.

@ Dairy Queen, Hwy 50 in California, Mo.

Contact: Karl 573-796-0245 or David 573-642-1002

Local 46 - Greater Kansas City

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m.

Fun House Pizza and Pub 13002 E. Hwy. 40 in Independence, Mo.

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FORR District 1

Hello Locals 3, 6, 26, 40, and 41. Your new district officers are Chariman-Mike Sims,Vicechair-Steve Gallus,Secretary-Marilee Carman,and Treasure-Angie Gallus.

Our meetings are at Breadeax Pizza in Cameron on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 P.M. As your district chair I'd like to say HI and let you know whats going on.

Steve is working on the Proclamation Run set for April 26th. We are all working on the District Rally at the Pony Express RV Park in Maysville on May 16th,17th,and 18th. The band ROCK SOLID will provide Rock and Roll music on Saturday nite. Their will be a DJ on Friday nite. Down the road south of the campgrounds about 5 miles in Osborn is the Dragstrip. Bike Drags will be available Saturday around noon. Bike Games to be after races. If you haven't been to our rally you are missing a good time. I like to refer to it as The Apple Pie Festival. Locals 3 and 6 I'm counting on you to bring your special recipes.

Hope to be in the wind soon.

LATER ***Mike Sims Local 40 membership#3754 (660) 425-8340.***

AMA Report

February 2008

Someone with bad intentions is using the honored name of the "Patriot Guard Riders" as part of a phone scam. The solicitor targets veterans, and asks them to join the Patriot Guard Riders, along with submitting a membership fee. But in reality, the Patriot Guard Riders doesn't collect membership fees. Anyone who has information about this, or has been contacted by the scammer, should contact 316-522-2000.

Florida's HB 137, "Offenses Committed While Operating a Motorcycle", introduced by Representative Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami), proposes that any motorcyclist charged with reckless operation or riding 50 miles per hour or greater above the posted speed limit would face arrest, seizure and forfeiture of their motorcycle, and revocation of their motorcycle endorsement for ten years. The legislation applies ONLY to motorcycles and their operators; no other motorized vehicle or driver operating on a public roadway is threatened with these penalties. Additionally, motorcyclists would have to maintain both wheels on the ground at all times and license plates be permanently affixed horizontally to the ground.

A related bill (SB-802) has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Rudy Garcia (R- Hialeah).

Even if you obey the law, HB-137 is discriminatory and unfair because it sends the wrong message - motorcyclists are the only threat on public roadways. Car, light truck, and SUV drivers, alleged to have violated the same laws, do not face the same harsh penalties.

Washington's two OHV noise bills, HB 1434 and SB 5544, are still technically "in play" and could be heard at any time in the current session. These bills would've seriously restricted OHV use by prohibiting "audible ORV sound" in residential areas. You can keep tabs on these bills and others in the AMA's Rapid Response center on www.AMADirectLink.com.

The AMA understands the public's growing concern with all forms of excessive sound, including that from automobiles, trucks and motorcycles with modified exhaust systems. Over the years we have acknowledged the problem and taken steps to make the riding community aware of the dangers of unchecked excessive motorcycle exhausts. Further, we acknowledge the right of communities to establish and enforce reasonable ordinances to consistently address sound related issues including excessively loud vehicle sound. However singling out one class of vehicle for this burdensome regulation is simply going too far.

The AMA has mailed the City Council to inform them of our opposition to this proposal. AMA members in Hawaii are being notified of this proposal and we continue to work with activists and Sport Bikers United of Hawaii to thwart this legislation. For additional information contact: Nick Haris, AMA Western States Representative. 530 626 4250, nharis@ama-cycle.org.

AMA Government Relations News & Notes is a monthly service compiled and edited by the AMA Government Relations Staff to keep motorcyclists informed of happenings around the world. We welcome your news & views. Please submit all material to Terry Lee Cook, Grassroots Manager, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147; fax 614-856-1920 or e-mail to tcook@ama-cycle.org.

MRF Report

January 22, 2008

CONGRESS RETURNS

The second session of the 110th Congress officially began last week. Both bodies of Congress have much work to accomplish in this session, however that seems highly unlikely when one considers that this is a hotly-contested presidential election year, as well as the bitter partisan mood of Congress and a troubled economy.

All of the legislation that is assigned

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a bill number for the first session of this Congress stands for this second session of the 110th. That means that the HIPAA loophole bills (HR 1076 and S 616) are still in need of co-sponsors. Gathering co-sponsors for these bills will dominate the busy spring lobby season for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and motorcyclists nationwide.

TRB ANNUAL MEETING

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) held its yearly Washington DC summit last week. The event brings every aspect of transportation together for a comprehensive review and presentation of what's happening with regard to every form of transportation and the current research that is taking place. This annual meeting, one of the largest each year in DC, is perhaps the most comprehensive look into the world's foremost transportation research.

The MRF Vice President of Government Relations has a seat on the Motorcycle & Moped committee also known as ANF30 of the TRB. The committee met, as they do each time the TRB convenes in Washington, to discuss the research, emerging technologies, government studies, and international issues.

One of the items that piqued a lot of interest was the discussion on three-wheeled vehicles. Many states consider all vehicles equipped with three wheels, no matter the configuration, a motorcycle. For years that has not posed many problems. Until now. There has been an emergence of many covered three-wheeled vehicles with two wheels in front of the operator and one aft. These vehicles are often equipped with seat belts, doors, steering wheel, climate controls, and windshield. For all intensive purposes it's a car that's missing one rear wheel. Many of these vehicles are powered by electricity and are being promoted as environmentally friendly alternatives to gas guzzling cars. The issue with these covered three wheeled vehicles is that they are not motorcycles. The key word here is covered. We don't want to single out trikes, sidecars, or even the new Piaggo MP3 (that's the funky motorcycle with two side-by-side wheels up front). All of these are true motorcycles. Covered three wheeled vehicles are sold as alternatives to cars with virtually none of the challenges of motorcycles and all of the benefits. For instance, once classified as a motorcycle these three-wheeled cars are allowed on HOV lanes, cheaper insurance and licensing fees, and motorcycle parking. It may be that we need to create a new classification for these new types of vehicles instead of just lumping them in with a completely different class of vehicle. That's what they did in Canada – it looks like our friendly neighbors to north are in front of us on this one.

NHTSA QUARTERLY MEETING

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently held it's quarterly motorcycle safety network meeting, and as always the MRF was in attendance. This meeting was like most of its kind in the past. All of the relevant government agencies had representation, as did Harley-Davidson, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), the American Motorcycle Association (AMA), the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), and the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA).

Vicky Sanfelipo from Wisconsin was granted a portion of the MRF's time during the meeting to present about Accident Scene Management Inc. ASMI prepares first responders in motorcycle-specific procedures. Many emergency response agents have little or no training with regard to motorcycles, which we all agree has its own set of characteristics from any other type of vehicle mishap, and more education for our first responders is key.

A significant difference with this meeting was that NHTSA Deputy Administrator Jim Ports attended and led the entire 4.5-hour meeting. This is not the first time a NHTSA honcho has attended, but it's the first time any one of their leadership has stayed for the duration. No offense to the past visitors, but they generally show up with just enough time to deliver a canned speech and then leave. Ports showed a true dedication to motorcycle safety that is sometimes hard to find. Jim Ports is himself a motorcyclist and a strong ally with ABATE of Maryland, a former state delegate for Maryland, former Maryland DOT administrator, and a friend of the MRF. Thanks, Jim, for rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty with us. We appreciate it.

The MRF is the street rider's voice in Washington, D.C.

If you would like to become a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation please go to www.MRF.org to join online.





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9 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
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12 **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders Days
(800) 448-FORR

22 **L-32 Bootheel**
Dice Run
573-695-1785

28-29 **L-3 Tri-County**
Annual Birthday Party
816-516-6869

29 **L-11 Joplin**
Annual MC Show and Swap
417-525-4998

29 **L-12 Glasgow**
Bike Show & Rodeo
660-338-2595

30 **L-29 North KC**
Kearney Bike Show
816-365-9615

30 **L-30 Nixa**
Food for Thought Benefit
417-881-2795

APRIL

6 **L-15 Branson**
State Wide Poker Run
417-334-0775

26-29 **FORR, Inc.**
Mike Sloan Memorial MC Awareness and You rally
660-646-4197

27 **L-15 Branson**
Forsythe MC Swap Meet
417-334-0775

29 **FORR, Inc.**
Capital Crusaders Days
(800) 448-FORR

MAY

11 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. / 10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

15-18 **FORR District 1**
MC Awareness and You Blacktop Rally
660-373-0108

23-24 **L-20 Dexter**
6th Bike Show & Rodeo
573-293-4754

JULY

13 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. /10 a.m.
(800) 448-FORR

SEPTEMBER

14 **FORR, Inc.**
C.C. Mtg. /10 a.m.
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21 **L-15 Branson**
Forsythe MC Swap Meet
417-334-0775

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