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## Notes from Bill

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Now that we are into a new year things will be starting to move very quickly. The session will be starting on January 7 and it will last till May 15. It will seem to be a short session so we will need to be moving fast. Hopefully every local has put in for there week to visit the capitol. The more leather they see up there they might keep the ball moving .We are asking every local to come to the capitol on the week of their choosing .We would like to see at least one local there every week. This will keep us fresh in their minds thru the whole session. All we can do is hope because I know they will have their plate full this year.

We will be backing a couple of bills this year starting with the failure to yield bill Sen. Kurt Schaefer will be filing this bill this year on the senate and we will have it filed in the house also . We had some good luck with this bill last year but ran out of time when it had to go back to the senate after passing the house. We are hopeful that we can push this one thru this year. Then we are going to back the helmet modification again this year we will be trying to change that a little this year so hopefully we can get a few more legislatures behind us. We are working with Rep Eric Bureson and Sen. Holsman on this. There is a few more bills that I have heard of being filed and we will need to watch anything that effects motorcycles. If you hear of anything that might need to be watched please contact me at legislative@forn.net

January 10th is the Few Seminar I hope everyone has made plans on attending. There is a lot of speakers and to cover different topics that effect motorcycles and the way to run the organization. There is also the center for self-governance going to be there to give us some helpful hints on going to the capitol and lobbying our legislature. There will be a silent auction and a live auction with all kinds of good items. Then there will be the banquet with some very good food.

May 5th will be the May Rally this year. We will be meeting at Memorial Park in Jefferson City again this year with a parade to the capitol. This will be very close to the end of session so we need a good showing of motorcycles this year. Please make plans on being there and remember this is for all motorcycles so invite everyone. And watch your Facebook pages and websites for updates and any other things that might come up.

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WILLIAM KEMPKER  
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR

## Membership Committee

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

We were very happy with the last turn out for the membership committee meeting. Our hope is by following our mission statement; To give guidance and support to each local in developing a program for membership recruitment and retention. We can make a difference working together. We ask that new officers either membership secretaries or CC Reps for your Local please plan attending our next meeting which will be the Saturday of the regular CC meeting weekend at noon in March. We have had some really good idea's from members in attendance so far and would like to see you there. We are trying to come up with more ways to get membership involved and working together to build membership statewide as our membership has been on the decline. All idea's are welcome and encouraged. Also Deanna would like to know more about awareness events that your Local may be planning to have in this year so we might be able to figure out where supplies could be best used. So please have any information on this with you or your officer that will be attending this meeting. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that you are looking forward to this upcoming new year with the hopes of making it one of our best yet, as we are. Working together we can become stronger, looking forward to seeing you at the next committee meeting.

Deanna Rhodes Chairperson Local 10  
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Valerie Taylor Secretary Local 13

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of the officers of this committee.

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## 2015 State of the Organization

2014 started out with a renewed sense of Brotherhood and unity in FORR®, that I feel can be directly attributed to the BEST (in my opinion) F.E.W. seminar to date. Many of our seasoned veteran members and newer members came together in one place to both teach and learn much of where we came from, in order for us all to look beyond the horizon of where we can go, united.

Ever since January of 2014 in every local I have been able to visit, you will see “Greybeards” working right alongside of “Newbies” in an ongoing effort to build this organization back up to its former grandeur. Whether it be for membership recruitment and retention or bouncing ideas off of each other on how to best get FORR’s word out on safety and awareness.

I am sad to report that in January of 2014 we had 2418 members and as I sit here writing this in December of 2014 we stand at 2318 members. That is a loss of 100 members this passed year. While these numbers are not at all what any of us like to see, I do have a renewed faith in the coming year that our numbers will rise again. With the formation of the new State wide membership committee that meets every Saturday prior to CC, and their passionate determination, new and revisited ideas on how best to grab the attention of motorcyclists in Missouri, the sky is the limit.

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally attendance was nowhere near what we had hoped for in 2014. The numbers were slightly higher than the prior year and we were able to profit \$3771.50, so it wasn’t all for nothing. This is our only PAC fundraising event and more membership involvement is crucial to its success. There are many reasons that many people have for not attending this event. I encourage ALL members who have any issue with MMR, to attend a Saturday committee meeting and get on board with your ideas as to how we can make Homecoming better in 2015. My hat goes off to Layne Shady, Ronda Felts and everyone else who worked tirelessly throughout the entire event to make it the success that it was.

Our PAC fund started out in 2014 on the slow rise from the worst balance I can remember. Through donations from locals, individuals and requirements met by most locals, we are now in a much better financial spot than we were one year ago. FORR was able to purchase 5 new laptops for the corporate officers and legislative dept. to replace the dinosaurs our predecessor’s had to battle with in their tenure. The legislative dept. was recently approved by the CC floor to purchase an I-pad for viewing important information on bills while simultaneously walking the halls of the Capitol to stay on top of things as they progress.

The general office was also able to replace the desktop computer that has been in use since 2010 which contains all of the information of FORR’s day to day operations, Riders education information and membership rosters. So, financially we are improving, but we still have room for more improvement. The general office manager came up with an idea to help a little on saving some funding, by asking the CC floor to close the office on Fridays from Nov. 1 through March 1, 2015. With Rider’s education classes not in season which takes up a majority of Friday hours most of the year, her sacrifice saves us \$550 on payroll. I wish to thank Dallas for her sacrifice in helping to alleviate some financial burden on FORR®.

FORR® pushed a helmet mod bill and a Failure to yield the right of way bill in 2014. While both bills were moving through the houses, they got held up by the “powers that be” and their focus on the Right to work bill. A Sunday motorcycle sales bill did pass both houses and was written into law. FORR’s legislative coordinator did testify on behalf of that bill during its first hearing, but after hearing of the division between all of the dealers in Missouri we came to the conclusion to remain neutral on the bill. Our efforts in the Capitol last year were not all for nothing though. We know going into the coming year that our language for the ROW bill can go the distance if every member and anyone else you can get, will make phone calls and visits to YOUR Capitol urging your legislators to push it through. Same goes for the helmet mod. Time was simply not on our side in 2014.

Local 19 with the help of our Rider Safety Coordinator Doug Clawson through much effort in filing and refiling the paperwork to moving and updating the course, was able to get our Kirksville sight reestablished for use in 2015. In the spring of 2014 we added the 3 wheel BRC to our Jefferson City site. In 2014 we had 20 Beginners Rider Safety Courses scheduled with 20 completed. 178 students took the course and 169 completed it. We had 4 Experienced Rider safety courses scheduled and 3 completed. 22 students took the course and 22 completed it. I want to congratulate Doug Clawson again on receiving the prestigious “Ron Shepard Motorcycle Safety Award” at the 2014 30th annual MOTM from the MRF! I don’t know anyone more deserving.

FORR® also instituted a new cabinet position this past year to react to the ever growing MC population in the state. Greg “Halfbreed” Mullanix graciously stepped up to the plate as FORR’s “Outside Liaison”. The duties of this position are to keep in contact with the MC’s throughout Missouri to ensure we maintain a healthy relationship with them, gain support from them on our legislative and safety efforts and to help them however we can in the legislative arena.

With help from locals throughout the organization, whether through donations, hard work or moral support FORR® hosted the 30th annual Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City. A top notch committee was formed to ensure the best possible outcome for such an educational event. I will not try to name all of the hardworking individuals that made this one of the BEST MOTM experiences in its 30 year history. Know that every one of you are greatly appreciated for making both FORR® and the MRF look good on the national stage.

Our product line has more in its arsenal of FORR® apparel, jewelry, vehicle decals, clocks, coozies, calendars, electronics holders and the list goes on and on! If you have not been to a CC meeting in a while or visited the “FORR Store”, I highly encourage you to check out all of the diversified product line that we now have thanks to the hard work and imagination of Shelly and Kevin.

I want to close this address with a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the men, women and children who work so hard and sacrifice so much in our ongoing efforts to ensure our rights and safety for not only ourselves, but for our future generations.

Respectfully,  
Bill “Treetop” Duncan  
Chairman

## 2014 Engineer of Freedom Recipients

### TERRY LEE COOK January 2014

The one thing that Freedom of Road Riders has become noted for is a training ground for rights activist. Several from among our membership have gone on to accept leadership roles at the national level of motorcyclists' rights, motorcycle safety, and awareness. We have trained two Vice-Presidents of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Rights Foundation. We have trained a treasurer for the MRF who later advanced to President of the MRF and we have trained a secretary assistant to the board of the MRF who also received the MRF's Lifetime Member, Lifetime Achievement award.

We have also trained a Grassroots Manager of Government Relations for the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). This individual is a lifetime member of FORR and has spent a lifetime of being politically involved in other top issues in addition to motorcycling. He became an elected official of his home township (setting the example that total commitment, means becoming actively involved). He started out in FORR in Springfield, MO and then became active in his native Northeast Missouri area and the former Hannibal Local 9. This individual was Vice Chair of FORR and when the then Chairman could no longer fulfill his obligations this individual stepped to the plate as Chairman of FORR. He was appointed by the Governor to the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Training Committee. He is a nationally certified motorcycle safety instructor. He led FORR to establishing the first office in Jefferson City.

This individual is also a "founding father" of the Mid-South M.I.L.E... He has been called upon yearly to present conference seminars on a variety of subjects and remains one of the most popular presenters in this venue. He also received the very first "Extra M.I.L.E." award for his dedication and support of that seminar.

There are few better qualified to receive The Engineer of Freedom than Terry Lee Cook. He represents a vast wealth of knowledge concerning motorcycling politics, and willing to share with anyone, he has testified before both house and Senate hearings and his one claim to fame while at the AMA was the Justice for All campaign that we all know so well at the Right of Way Violations or failure to yield. This came after Terry lost his good friend Mike "Clutch" Clubine in a failure to yield accident in 2001. Terry was the first to get the legislature of Missouri to look at this and to get a law passed 5 years later that we affectionately refer to as Clutch's Law.

I am proud to make this nomination for a true brother, a freedom fighter extraordinaire. This is why the award was created: to honor those that lead this Freedom Train.

### DIANA SWON HOLGUIN January 2014

I would like to nominate Diana Swon for the Engineer of Freedom award, she has been the Secretary for Local 13 at Mexico for some time now. She has been the most active member of the local for many years and has picked up the slack of a lot of members and who said they would get the job done, but didn't. Diana is a great lady and I would like to see her get some credit, it's long overdue.

### AMY ALLMON March 2014

First submission:

I don't profess understand the process for the awarding of the Engineer of Freedom award but I am surprised the candidate I'm nominating now has never been a recipient.

There is one among us who is always the first to take the initiative on both state projects and the project within her Local and District. This person is Amy Allmon.

Amy's nickname is Sunshine. I don't know another person who's earned this title who deserves it more. That's what Amy is, Sunshine to all who know her. She brings a special joy to anyone who is fortunate enough to share duties with her.

This is a woman who steps up to insure the job gets done. She is tireless in her efforts to promote all the principals represented by Freedom of Road Riders. She has shouldered the responsibilities of the Missouri State Motorcycle Riders Foundation and represents our state with honor and pride.

At this time, I nominate Amy "Sunshine" Allmon, Local 5, District 4, and Missouri State Representative to the MRF.

PS: She also makes some doggone fine Bug Juice!

Second submission:

I would like to nominate Amy Allmon for the "Engineer of Freedom" award. This is the highest award you can get in Freedom of Road Riders and this lady truly deserves it. Amy is a 7 yr. member; since the time Amy joined FORR in local 5 South Kansas City, she has hit the floor running. She has been a very active local member, she was the Newsletter Editor for a couple of years, secretary for a while, and CC representative now. She has been a leader in every event 5 has. While doing this, she has been the Legislative Chair for District 4 for 2 yrs now and stayed in last election. Amy is very big part in keeping District 4 going, working on and at Octoberfests, Easter egg hunts, Christmas parties, and Chili cook offs to get members to the capitol for Capitol Crusader days. You can always find her at the Capitol for crusader days. She was a recipient of the "Misfit" award in 2012. This is the highest award you can get in District 4, as only one is given a year, to the most active member in the district. She has been to Lincoln, and Truman days, was a big part of making the hospitality suites great. She has been instrumental in getting the word of awareness out in the KC area, and always thinking of ideas that can help the cause.

Amy worked on and at the MMR Last year in Sedalia, also has worked Homecomings and Freedom Rally's over the years. She has been to Mid-South Miles and Meeting of the Minds quite a few times, and is Treasurer of the Meeting of the minds that FORR is hosting this year. Amy was the treasurer of the FEW seminar this year, and did a great job.

Holy cow she has done a lot, LOL; She traveled to DC a few years ago to represent FORR and our causes to Missouri's Congressman, while visiting the MRF. She is now the MRF-Motorcycle Rights Foundation Representative for the state of Missouri. Amy works her tail off and as you can tell just with this list and I know I have forgotten something. She is dedicated to Motorcycle rights, safety and awareness.

Amy and I have traveled to many events together and we have become good friends. I am so proud of her, and enjoy watching her grow as a member. Amy is exactly the kind of person that falls under the guidelines of an "Engineer of Freedom" and I would appreciate you all putting her on the list to receive the "Engineer of Freedom" award.

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**GEORGIA HALEY May 2014**

I would like to nominate the late Georgia Haley for a posthumous Engineer of Freedom Award.

Georgia was a nine (almost ten) year member of this great organization, and in that time she has been a part of Locals 20, 32, 42 and finally Local 24. While I cannot speak on the things she has done for her previous locals, aside from being Local 42's CC rep. for as long as any of us can remember. I can tell you just a little about what she has done for Local 24.

We were only blessed enough to have Georgia in our local for the last two years. At the very first meeting she attended, she immediately came up to me, and asked if I would be willing to step down as Local 24 CC Rep. so she could do the job that she loved to do so much. When I informed her that I had it covered, and that I too loved the job, she asked to be my back up, to which I told her she absolutely could. She then proceeded to tell me that I did not need to go anymore.

Motorcyclists rights was a true passion for Georgia, and anyone who would meet her for the first time would figure that out in the first two minutes of talking with her. We in 24 would make her stand up on her chair to be recognized and I am certain that she had to have had the most toned legs around. For she was up and down on that chair more than a 5 year old on a sugar rush. Whether it be volunteering for a job that needed to be done (which I don't know how she did it, but she was always the first to volunteer for literally EVERYTHING) or to give her insight to any given subject on Motorcyclists rights.

Many of us here in Local 24 have witnessed Georgia digging for change, in order to be able to attend CC meetings. Even if it meant sleeping in her truck on Saturday night. Nothing was going to keep this little firecracker from being a voice, and a part of this freedom train.

Just last year Georgia won the scholarship to attend the Mid-South M.I.L.E. and she was very excited to be able to attend. When the lack of volunteers raising their hands in a meeting for food drive collection for the upcoming State wide "Toy Run" Georgia and her family again made the sacrifice, and did an amazing job, in getting enough donations and food to give the food pantry (which informed us that was the largest donation they had throughout the entire year ALL COMBINED) Georgia was unable to attend the M.I.L.E. for what she felt was the greater good for her local. Her local was not the only group she would make sacrifices for. At every Homecoming that I can remember, I cannot think of a single time that Georgia was not on a cart pulling security for one local or another. 90% of her Homecoming experience consisted of working. Many have tried to get her to take a break, and have fun with the rest of us, but for her she was doing exactly what she loved to do.

I cannot think of another person that has thrown as much coal in the burner of this train, and enjoyed every minute of it!

I am very saddened that this nomination comes after this amazing freedom fighter has left us, and she will never know how much all of her selfless acts meant to everyone in Local 24 and FORR.

**KEIFER YORK July 2014**

I would like to nominate this member for the EOF award for their hard work and sacrifices and their passion and drive for this organization. This nominee has been a member of FORR since 1987 and through the years this member has gone to various meetings in Jefferson City to bring information back to our local. He has volunteered to work at many rallies when no-one else would step up. For these reasons and many more I would like to nominate Keith (Keifer) York for the Engineer of Freedom Award.

**TOM CUTSINGER September 2014**

I am nominating Tom Cutsinger AKA "Cutter" for the Engineer of Freedom Award. He is a life time member of FORR and one of the first ten members of the original Local 9, at Hannibal. He held the offices of President, Vice President, Safety Officer, and Central Committee Rep.

During his time with Local 9 he coordinated several joint fund raising events with ABATE of Illinois. He is also responsible for getting Local 9 involved with Demo Days and they sponsored a hospitality room for several years. In spite of his efforts to keep the membership motivated and involved the lack of participation and support cause them to fold. At that time he transferred to Local 13 in Mexico.

Sometime later, primarily through his efforts, Local 9 was reestablished and he transferred back. He also got Local 9 re-involved with Demo Days for one or two years. When they dropped their support for Demo Days, he once again transferred back to Local 13 and Local 9 once again folded for lack of support.

During his time with Local 13 he has served a Safety Officer and CC Representative. He has always been a vocal and staunch supporter of the Legislative ideals of FORR. Due to his influence Local 13 has sponsored a hospitality room at Demo Days every year since his return. He has always been our liaison with the coordinators of this event to make sure we secured that room. Several times he has paid for the room in advance, out of his own pocket.

He has been fighting Cancer since 2007 going through remission and relapse. This has been a steady fight for him, especially since 2012, yet he has always done his part to insure Local 13 involvement with Demo Days. On his good days he still makes the ninety mile round trip from New London to attend and support our meetings and events, even though he is still under treatment.

He exemplifies Brotherhood and we are proud to have him as a member of our Local. His efforts have been long overlooked and he has more than earned this award. It is long overdue.

I often wonder where this Organization would be if we all had his drive and determination.

**ALMA HALBERT November 2014**

I would like to nominate this member for the EOF award for their hard work and sacrifices and their passion and drive for this organization. This nominee has been a member of FORR since 2003, during this time this member has held several offices. This member has always stepped up and taken the reins when asked, this member attends every function and volunteers their time even when they are not feeling well. This person is very dedicated to this organization and what we are about. This person has been awarded treasurer of the year and even though they no longer hold an office they are always willing to give advice or answer any questions. For these reasons and many more I would like to nominate Alma Halbert for the Engineer of Freedom Award.



**Local membership - CC representatives  
November 9, 2014 - Meeting #210**

Location	Local	Count	Vote	CC Rep
West Central MO	Local 01	58	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Truman Lake	Local 03	64	1 Vote	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	47	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	95	1 Vote	Bill Gimse
Lebanon	Local 07	52	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	104	2 Vote	Layne Shady
Kearney	Local 09*	38	1 Vote	ABSENT
Jefferson City	Local 10	124	2 Votes	Randall Owen
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	39	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	64	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	144	2 Votes	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	65	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	250	3 Votes	Anna Kahler
SEMO	Local 16	70	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	104	2 Votes	Barb Rash
Dexter	Local 20	43	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	12	1 Vote	Marc Gonzagowski
Lincoln County	Local 23	6	0 Vote	ABSENT
St. Louis	Local 24	120	2 Votes	Kathleen Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	74	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	47	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	65	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	164	2 Votes	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	61	1 Vote	Ursula DeMoss
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	43	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	19	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	106	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	44	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	21	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	83	1 Vote	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	34	1 Vote	Barbara Wiederholt
Members at Large	Local 00	44	0 Vote	
Total		2,318		
Corporate Sponsors		5		

\* Vote suspended due to financial reports

Preamble, Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, put cell phones on vibrate or \$1 to PAC fund.

All life members asked to stand and thanked for their 20 plus years. Also members with than less than 2 years asked to stand and thanked for the 20 years plus for their future service.

Roll call of locals, approval of minutes, with corrections by Secretary Singleton (secretary@forn.net) of names of representatives in attendance at the September meeting as follows: Local 5 – Bill Gimse, L10 – Deanna Rhodes, L15 – Tim Pierce, L21 – Marc Gonzagowski, L23 – ABSENT and L47 – Barb Wiederholt. Motion to approve L16, 2nd L24. Approved by unanimous voice

Prospective New Local 22 -ABSENT – Emails were sent to let them know they need another meeting before approval and they still have not responded or shown up. At this time the Cabinet feel this local will not be an asset to this organization. They are being remove from the agenda.

Motion to remove proposed local from agenda L16, 2nd L1, Motion by L3 - If New Local approaches cabinet, they must do 2 meetings and start over, 2nd L27. Motion approved by unanimous voice.

Membership Report– General Office go@forn.net

Membership Report  
September – October 2014

Memberships Processed:		
September Total	29 New Members	98 Renewed Members
Life Members for September – 10		
October Total	34 New Members	119 Renewed Members
Life Members for October – 15		
25 Life Members	63 New Members	217 Renewed Members

September – October 2014 305 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED - Total Membership 2,318 - (decrease of 16 members)

Treasurer –Lynne Adkins treasurer@forn.net

Financial Report

August 31, 2014– October 31, 2014

General Fund: beginning bal. - \$4,007.37 ending - \$8,084.29.

PAC Fund: beginning – \$27,530.00 ending – \$19,116.58.

Riders Education: beginning – \$17,159.08 ending –\$16,802.34

MOTM 2014: Give Away- beginning - \$7,247.55 ending - \$8,033.28

MMMR – beginning – \$2,932.94 ending – \$10,023.27 Profit: \$3,771.50

Locals' financial statements handed out for obligations based on the amount of members as of Nov. 1, 2014, for amounts already given and amount needed: Local 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 21 and 26. Locals not called up to receive reports have already met their obligation.

Locals' donations:

PAC Fund: L3 – \$500.00, L5 – 350.76, L11 – \$800.00, L13 – \$1000.00, L25 - \$1110.00, L26 - \$250.00 AND \$5.00, L33 - \$1500.00 and L47 - \$250.00.

PAC Fund: Dist. 4 Octoberfest - L1 - \$294.24, L5 - \$294.24, L14 - \$257.46, L29 - \$320.68, L33 - \$220.68, L35 - \$257.46, L47 - \$331.02 DIST.

4 TOTAL- \$1975.78

General Office: Local 13 - \$1000.00.

A LOT of discussion for Local 8 meeting their obligation by years end, TABLED until January CC. Passed by unanimous voice. A moot point because they have until Dec. 31, 2014. Call question L27, to table until January. Passed by unanimous voice.

Each local is required to fill in a yearly financial report.

Local 21 signed in.

The MMMR made a profit of \$3771.50, leaving the fund with a balance of \$10,023.00. Since this a PAC fundraiser the Chairman entertains a motion to transfer \$2000 From the MMMR into the PAC fund, Motion by L8, 2nd- L30. After discussion, motion tabled until January 1, 2015. Motion actually WITHDRAWN until MMMR financial report L8, 2nd L30

Vice-Chairman -Ronda Felts vchairman@forn.net

Engineer of Freedom Award – Alma Halbert

Webmaster – Larry Scott webmaster@forn.net

Introduction to the floor. Make sure Dallas is getting the information for changes to the webpage, not just anyone can request changes and it must go thru proper channels. Our website is updated weekly. We actually own 10 domains which takes considerably more time to maintain. 'Members only' area had issues but is now resolved. Our webpage is being managed for free, a fancy-smancy webpage will cost A LOT of money. We have asked for ideas on our webpage but don't hear anything specific. All questions by CC reps were answered by Larry. L16 voiced they had a friend to put together a website for a fee, however the friend wasn't there to speak about it.

During the questioning of the webmaster a L12 member approached the webmaster, was rude and disrespectful, not concerned with the facts the webmaster works for free and has taken care of all concern brought to his attention.

Motion L42 for all webpage issues to be addressed in the bi-monthly Saturday Officers Committee meeting agenda. 2nd L16. Passed by a slim majority voice Thank You Larry Scott for trying to help members understand the complexity of the webpage.

Rider Education – Doug Clawson

Doug has been busy putting away training bikes for the winter. Stats: Beginners Riding Course- 20 classes scheduled and 20 completed. 178 took the course and 169 completed. The experienced Course – 4 classes scheduled and 3 completed. 22 riders took the course and 22 completed.

Doug will be attending the Advisory Committee Meeting at the Highway Patrol in Jeff City 1510 E elm St. 10 am-12 pm, Everyone Welcome.

Legislative Cord. – Bill Kempker

A complete report has been sent to all members or can be obtained thru the Legislative Cordby request at legislative@forn.net

Lincoln Days at the Marriott, Kansas City -Feb 20-22, 2015. Demo Days in Hannibal -1st weekend in March 2015

Locals' donations to these event can be taken "in kind", up to \$750 or ½ of their obligation. A schedule is being passed around for Locals to sign up to be at the Capitol sometime during each week, during session, 2015. Send to Bill before January CC or have your week scheduled with your Local by no later than January CC meeting.

Legislative Agenda for the usual Saturday Committee will be discussed during the lunch break at the FEW seminar.

Motion to purchase iPad for Legislative Coordinator L10, 2nd L30. Amended to put a cap on spending at \$200 [based on figures from Saturday's meeting]. L3, 2nd L9. Both motions passed by unanimous voice.

MRF – (Motorcycle Rights Foundation)– Amy Allmon

1) Acknowledge Doug Clawson for winning the Ron Shepard Motorcycle Safety Award at the Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City. Doug said it was a team effort, he was handed the program from Smokey BL and others.

2) MOTM - thanks to all who were there and thanks to all who worked their asses off.

3) LOBBY DAYS – Bikers Inside the Beltway. A proposal to the CC floor to have MRF rep and 5 others to fly to DC Thursday, May 14, 2015 of approximately \$5000 for 3 days. You will walk a lot, up to 5 miles/day. You will have to go thru metal detectors. Set up meetings with Senators and Representatives.

a. Individuals who have never been can submit a 'consideration' (application) deadline: March 1, 2014 and explain why they should be chosen to go and submit to Legislative Cord. who will forward to the Cabinet and all will vote.

b. Money can be taken from profits from MOTM (after financials are determined)

c. If an individual who has been before or isn't chosen, can pay for themselves to go.

Motion L13 to approve the trip to DC, 2nd 27. Discussion: wait until MOTM financials are presented. Suspend motion 1st, suspend 2nd.

AMA – to be addressed later in New Business.



Lunch break be back by 1:00.

Before beginning Chairman Duncan asks of gallery, if they have anything that needs to be addressed to please take it to your CC rep. or be acknowledged by their rep, that is what they're there for.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Rhodes

The MAY Rally (Motorcycle Awareness and You) – May 5, 2015.

MAC (Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator) needs to know what each Locals Awareness Events are planning. As we go thru the supplies some locals need more than others. Local 27 (D27) doing 10-20 events, so if you have awareness supplies that are sitting in the back of your garage let Deanna know so they can be given to locals who need them. If events are planned MAC can make arrangements for some locals to get more than others who aren't doing events next year. She will have a sign-up sheet at next CC (January) to sign up for supplies. Members/riders need to take safety classes as 70% of accidents are caused by us. Call GO (General Office) for 2015 Beginning and Experienced Rider class schedule.

Membership Committee –Deanna Rhodes

Saturday before CC Sunday, at noon is the Membership Committee Meeting. Another position that is very important. We are trying to figure out how to retain and gain members. We need to get our future secured with gaining new members. Ask for archived membership from the President of your local. They can also call GO for a list of archived members from the beginning. Local #'s may have changed, phone #'s may have changed but start calling and ask why they're not members anymore, what would they like to see, makes them feel important. Reach out to the sport bike riders, go to their meetings, there are some new posters that can be printed (get them laminated from the forr.net website under the forms tab) that include the sport bike. The correct tri-fold is also on the website available for print. Please make sure your local has a submission in the Freedom Press, it's a must. No submission in the FP from 11 Locals this month and 13 last month.

Product Line – Shelly Payne

Calendars – place orders there are plenty left.

Items shown today: Lighters - \$12, Device covers/cosmetic bag - \$10, Beanies – Red, white and blue, ear warmers - \$6, License plate holders, three styles - \$13.

Club Liaison – Halfbreed

All but one group was contacted, everyone is receptive and no group has problems with FORR. 3rd Sunday of every month is Open House at the Galloping Goose. A little bit of talk about the CoC (Coalition of Clubs) among clubs.

At our events, we cannot stop what happens between "hot-heads", it's going to happen. It's handled by their people, just stay out of the way.

Chairman-Bill "Treetop"Duncan

General Office- Dallas Chapman

Office hours change (Riders Ed. closed for the season)Motion L1 for Office to be closed on Fridays, from Nov. 1, 2014 until March 1, 2015, 2nd – L28. Passed by unanimous voice

Record keeping per by-laws. Recommended to destroy the old records. Motion L5 to transfer membership and 101 forms to disc, put into a safety deposit box and shred old records- 2nd L10. Passed Unanimous voice

New computer – Motion L31 to purchase new desktop for GO- 2nd L30. Passed by unanimous voice. Amended: Motion L31 to cap at \$600- 2nd L30, Passed by unanimous voice

Committees:

2014 MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) – Martin King

No shuttle service was necessary. The security was excellent with Russell and Treetop. Photo booth was a hit. Kathleen Duncan took care of registration did a stellar job. 330 attendees from 30 states including Washington DC. Some leftover stuff was donated to Wisconsin who will host the next MOTM. Apologies to Olin, Local 27, for not utilizing him to his capacity as auctioneer, as they used a few of their people. The western theme was a hit and hospitality room with Rebecca as marshal, the crew was incredible and the guests were blown away. Blessing of the Bikes was done by Steve Burrow who is a member of Local 3 and a member of the CMA, a lot of riders like that before they ride home. Doug Clawson got the Shepard award, long overdue. Harley Davidson sponsored tours of their plant and supplied lunch on Sunday, and a banner will be at the FEW seminar to be signed and delivered to them. Special mention for Chris from Local 8, he said it was the best time of his life.

\$10,300. -10,500.00 to start and \$4,032.80 wasn't spent. Motion by Local 27 to spend up to \$5000 of leftover MOTM money to send 6 people to Our Nation's Capital. 2nd L16 Motion by L27 to move \$6000 from the Give Away to the PAC 2nd L3, Motion by L27 TABLE until January 1, 2015, 2nd L13. L27 withdraws TABLE and amended to suspend the move of the money until January 1, 2015, Passed by majority voice

MRF magazine has a letter to the editor to thank FORR for the MOTM.

MOTM ending financial report – TREASURER Lynne Adkins

Motion to get MRF Bikers at the Beltway.??????????

FEW (FORR Ever Working) – Melanie Coy

Agenda set, to be being held in Columbia. All details are in the Freedom Press.

Mid-South MILE – Cowboy

168 people attended, down from previous years. Next one will be in Texas 2015, more details for event at the next MSM meeting in February. Appreciate all the FORR members that attended.

MMMR (Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally) 2015 – Layne Shady

2014 - 500 thru the gate with a profit of \$3,700. Suggested to move to Bagnell, vetoed due to not enough details or time. It's now back to being called Homecoming and staying in Sedalia, Labor Day weekend. All details voted on at the committee meeting on Saturday. A lot of the problems were fixed from last two years. Biggest FORR PAC fundraiser, please be behind this, present it to your local with a positive attitude. Committee heads Layne Shady and Ronda Felts.

Old Business

Motorcycle "biker" etiquette website - rcvsmc.net.

Motion L16 to extend the meeting, 2nd L27, passed by majority voice

Taz fundraising patch idea. Creating a patch so each individual member can support the PAC. Each patch is \$20, the first year you get a patch and rockers also \$20 for following years. Patch prototype is on forr.net under forms tab. Motion L27 to start it now with 1000 patches, 2nd L30. Amended to take money out of PAC fund and all proceeds go back into the PAC fund. Call the Vote L42, 2nd L8- passed by majority voice. L26 abstained Needs to go thru General Office. (Anyone told Dallas yet!!)

New Business

1) **PROPOSED CHANGE TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES**  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE as stated in By-Laws 9-14-2014:**

Locals or Districts of FORR, Inc. are prohibited from selling alcohol. This includes any member of FORR, Inc. who does not have a liquor license. Any infraction and the Local(s) will be closed by the Central Committee.

Locals allowing any vendor to sell alcohol under the guise of receiving a free drink with another purchase is selling alcohol (or allowing alcohol to be sold) without a license. Any infraction and the Local(s) will be closed by the Central Committee.

Revised Policy and Procedure shall read:

Member(s), Local(s) or District(s) are prohibited from selling alcohol, setting a dollar amount "donation" or allowing alcohol to be sold without a license. This includes any member of FORR, Inc. who does not have a liquor license. Any infraction and the member(s), Local(s) or District(s) will be brought to the CC body floor and disciplinary actions voted on by the CC body, accordingly.

Member(s), Local(s) or District(s) are prohibited from allowing any vendors to sell alcohol under the guise of receiving a free drink with another purchase. Any infraction and the member(s), Local(s) or District(s) will be brought before the CC body floor and disciplinary actions voted on by the CC body, accordingly.

**PROPOSED POLICY ADDITION (ALL OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WOULD BE REMOVED):** Any infractions to the policy and procedures will be covered by one action and that is to be brought to the CC body to discuss and vote on individually.

Motion to accept the revision, L26, 2nd L27. Call to question Roll call vote: All Locals present voted: Yes. Passed unanimously Motion of proposal as a whole on all P & P's. L8, 2nd L1. Roll call vote: All Locals present voted: Yes. Passed unanimously

2) Distressed Local - Local 23 Lincoln Co. Motion L27 to pull Charter Local 23-Lincoln Co., 2nd L10. Passed by unanimous voice Amend: L27 Send 6 certified letters to Officers [each member] to see if they want to change to another Local, 2nd L10. Passed by unanimous voice.

3) AMA Rep – looking for a new Rep. A reading ("report") from AMA news press. Will move to 'Old Business' in January.

4) Liquor Sales by member- For a \$3 dollars donations. Versions from a bunch of people. Bring it up to be finalized at next CC meeting.

Some concern for Local 21 Eldon was brought to the floor as they have low membership and dues were paid by L10. They are not an active local and are not in compliance. Will be put on agenda for next CC.

During the brief on Local 21 a few CC reps complained about this being brought to the floor and wanting to go home, having other things to do and a long drive home. CC Rep Local 16 walked out, because they were "exhausted". Consideration to possibly have Locals get replacement reps, will be addressed at January meeting.

5) Connections – Rally at drag strip for a drag strip at Weekend. (???) Secretary Singleton needs more details to forward to Locals to be discussed at the

Motion to adjourn L27, 2nd L28. Passed unanimous voice.

## **LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.**

**VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076**

**Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Howdy all,

Rebel here with another installation for the press... Hope all is well with you and yours.

BIG Get Well to our VP Joe on his recent surgery. As of this writing, he should be home and healing well.

Looks like We will be having the meeting in Holden for December, hope the weather holds out - have to tell you how that went next time. Many things are happening in the next few weeks being the Local 14 Christmas Party and Auction this weekend and the District 4 Salvation Army Kids Christmas Party next weekend. Full report

on all in the next installment.

The weather is starting to cool down a bit on and off, hopefully there won't be much of a winter to report on for anyone. (We will keep our fingers crossed!!!!)

Don't forget the Officers elections! Get ready to stand up! There are a some, that we have been told, won't be continuing. Big thank you to all of our members that have carried a position, it is very appreciated!

Last but not least..... Happy Holiday ToAll!!!!And always remember, but never forget - Have a good one, then have another!

See Ya next year!

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor#7157

**LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.**  
**VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO**  
**Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or Vice-**  
**President: Ray Burns 417-324-5596**

Greetings Local 3,

After the last CC meeting we have a lot of good ideas for gaining new membership and retention of members and Awareness events for our Local.

Well as you know you all should know we nominated members at our November meetings for officers. The weather wasn't so good and the turn out for the meeting wasn't large. But as we looked around the room at those who did attend, we realized that yes, there were new officers among us.

First of all we had only one nomination for Secretary, Paula Sumerall. As you already know she hit the ground running. She's going to be an excellent choice for the position. Welcome to you Paula, looking forward to working with you. We had two nominations for Treasurer, with one declining due to work schedule. So we are glad to welcome back Myra Burrow. Myra does an outstanding job at her position. So now we come down to the positions of President and Vice President. We had several nominations for these positions, Casey Singleton and Gary Snyder for President and a list for VP. Hopefully this newsletter comes before the Dec. 21st. the day of the meeting that we will be voting. Come out and make your vote count, we will be having a new President and new VP for this local.

The meeting for January at the VFW on TT Hwy will be on the 18th. This will be held a bit different time as we will be having our annual "after Christmas Party" all the details will be in our Local 3 newsletter sent out by our Secretary Paula. It will be a pot-luck dinner and good times. Come out for this one and meet your new officers.

We are planning a trip to Sturgis for the 75th Anniversary. We need to know about anyone interested in going by January 1st as I'm reserving a place to camp and we need to have some idea about numbers. We are going to have a short bus pulling a trailer to haul camp supplies. We have 8 months to get prepared which sounds like a long time but it sneaks up on you, so we are planning and preparing as soon as we can. We went on a cold ride last Sunday 11/31 (someone didn't check the weather forecast!) to Warsaw and ate at the Roadhouse Bar, Grill and Marina. This has become a regular place for Local 3 members to go to, it's a nice ride, good food served by a friendly staff and great owners. Reach out and thank a veteran for their service and thank their families for their support.

Dean #29076



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**LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY**

**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.**  
**VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.**  
**Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222**

**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.**  
**VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph**  
**Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Howdy Folks,

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

Our Christmas party will be the 20th of December, so we will report more on that for the next newsletter. I am sure there will be more than a few good stories to share!

We put our Officer Nominations in the mail and will report more when we have the details. The weather has been pretty up and down so on those nice days, we are getting a little riding in.

Happy Trails Until We Meet Again,  
 Beth and Dan

**LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**

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



Greetings Local 7

Well the year is almost over and I'll have to say the weather this past year was pretty good for all our runs including the ride to go on before our meetings. The turnout for our toy run was a little down this year with around 50 bikes in attendance! Later in the month a few of us including Timekeeper made the Buffalo toy run. Since the temps this year were around 60 degrees and last year it was 19 degrees at this time there was an increase in attendance at the Buffalo toy run. Hopefully next month I'll be able to say the same about the Springfield toy run coming up next week. Merry Christmas to all!  
 Geezer

**LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE**

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

Greetings from Local 8:

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and a Happy New Year.

Not much to report. Our officer election will be this Sunday. We usually have a good turn out for election but where is everyone the rest of the year???? If you vote for someone you should be willing to support them all year.

This will be my last news letter as I choose not to run for office this year. I have family obligations that comes first. Good luck to next years officers. Looking forward to a better year for Spring Fling.

Local 8 is working on putting Cabin Fever together in February. Exact date and place to be announced at a later date.

I am looking forward to Local 19's annual auction. We have been going to this event for many years. It is the best way to celebrate my birthday. We wouldn't have all these friends if not for FORR. Thanks in advance to Fred and Sally for their hospitality.

Its raining today so a great day to do holiday baking. Everyone be safe this winter.

Foxy Gma

**LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY**

Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm  
 Kearney VFW 5717, 301 W Washington, Kearney, MO  
 Contact: Rob Hull 816-550-8162

**LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City  
 on Hwy 54 & Junction CC  
 Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise T aylor  
 573-353-4127

**LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.  
 Daylight Donut Shop, 431 S Garrison Ave, Carthage  
 Contact: 417-793-0683

I hope every one had a great Christmas and New Years with their family and friend. This year is going to be great and fun year.

I want to congratulate the new officers for Local 11,  
 Mark Capps as President, and CC Rep.  
 Joseph Bogle as Vice President  
 Shaulene Frock as Secretary  
 Ella McCoy as Treasurer, and Membership  
 Donald Maki as Legislative  
 Jason Behnke as Sargent of Arms  
 Samantha Danner as Editor,  
 Janese Johnson as Product Line  
 Brittany High as Historian

We will make this year a great and safe year. Lets keep our brothers and sisters safe out there.

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**

Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.  
 Poodle's II Palms Restaurant & Lounge in Boonesboro  
 Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodtman1952@gmail.com

In dedication to the memory of Gloria Strodtman.

February 28th, 1941- November 16th, 2014.

FORR Life Member #443

Co-Founder FORR Local 12

Former local officer in several FORR locals

Guiding light and inspiration for everything

I ever achieved in this organization.

Wife

Mother

Grandmother

Great-Grandmother

Humanitarian

Champion of the young, the elderly, the sick, the indigent,  
 and of the rights of defenseless animals

Bastion of hope, faith, determination,  
 and my personal Rock of Gibraltar

Shining light of inspiration to all of us who knew her

A lady of courage, strength, faith, and passion

And, most of all,

REMARKABLE HUMAN BEING

I'll see you in heaven, darling and may you always...

Be free,  
 Smokey

**LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.  
 For further information about meetings or membership  
 call 573-291-1465  
 Contact: 573-291-1465 or 573-881-7410



Happy New Years Brothers Sisters and Friends of Local 13,

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that your looking ahead in this new year filled with promise. Our Christmas party was well attended with over 50 members showing up for election, including a returning member Bobby Chilton. We are glad you decided to come back and be part of our little family. Laughter filled the air and new memories were made, it is so nice to have our extended family all together. Our new cabinet was elected and I'm happy to report that Raymond Palmer is our new President, Rock Palmer will be pulling double duty as our Vice President and Sergeant at Arms, I will still be covering the secretary, web master and membership positions. Kassie Polston is our new treasurer. Half Breed Mullanix will be our CC Rep. with Raymond Palmer being the alternate and Legislative Rep. Bill Weldon will continue being our Safety Officer and Chaplin and last but definitely not least Kim Archer will be returning as our event coordinator. Congratulations to everyone and I know with this cabinet we will continue to grow as a Local.

We are looking ahead to this coming year of events starting this month at the FEW Seminar, which I hope we have a good showing of Local 13 members it is a great way to kick off your new year and get a better understanding of what FORR is all about. I would recommend it for the newer members and even our members who have been around a minute or two. I have seen this seminar actually fire people back up, it is a great time and wonderful learning experience not to mention it is a great opportunity to meet members from all over the state. BL McDonnell will be speaking as well as myself along with Half Breed Mullanix depending on his recovery, which we all hope goes well. There are going to be many other speakers as well, that are very inspirational like Smokey Strodtman and Carol Harrison these two have had such an influence in FORR with the safety program. Also Terry Lee Cook will be there and if you have never had the pleasure of listening to this man speak it is a treat he gets to heart of the story like no other. So if you are interested in where we came from, what we did to get here and where we plan to go from here this seminar is for you.

It was voted that we move the meeting back to the Audrain County Courthouse because of limited space at the Moose Lodge during the winter months and we will return to Plunkett Park as the weather warms up. Also Local 13 plans on lobbying the Capital at least twice during session on top of being there for the Capital Days that involves the whole membership. All Local's have been asked to pick a week and be a presence of leather in the halls. The thought behind this is if we

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are seen there as a constant presence we may have a better chance in getting our bill's through this year. Which are 'the failure to yield the right a way' and 'helmet modification bill's'. These are the same issues we attempted last year with some changes to the wording. Demo Days is right around the corner and we will be going into planning stages at the January meeting as well as setting dates for our calendar of events this year. Please plan on attending and keep in mind everyone has a voice and a vote in this Local and we need your input.

Events coming up for Local 13 are as follows;

Jan. 18th Local meeting at Audrain County Courthouse at 3:00 pm

Feb. 15th Local meeting at Audrain County Courthouse at 3:00 pm

March 6-8th Demo Days in Hannibal

Until next time Live Life to the fullest and be FORRever Free,  
Valerie 'Windy' Taylor  
FORR Secretary Local 13

## LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.**

**VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.**

**Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618**

Greetings, Fellow Freedom Fighters,  
Happy New Year. Pool Tournament January 31st at Side Pockets in Blue Springs 7 PM. We have an awesome pool cue we are selling. We hope to see you there.  
Scooter Tramp

## LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.**

**Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson**

**Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

Well we are less than one week from our Local Christmas Party. The weather seems to be cooperating with us this year. I'm sure there will

be plenty to talk about in next month's news letter.

The big news around this time of year is about our Local elections, which was held at the last business meeting. There are many changes to our committee. The officers that are returning for another year are:

Sergeant of Arms-Bill Lloyd

Leg. Representative - Duane Harrison

Membership-Melinda Lawhead

Local News Letter-Jay Pafford

Product Line-Barbara Renicke

Photographer-Monique Lloyd

You all did such a wonderful job last year. Thank you so much for volunteering for another year, we really appreciate your dedication to our organization.

Next are the offices that have new faces-

President-Les Morris

Vice President-Ron Jungbauer

Recording Secretary-Kim Wise

Treasurer-Dennis Reneke

CC Representative-Terry Cobb

State News Letter-Kim Wise

Safety Officer-Paul Jones

Event Coord. -Louise Jungbauer

Chaplin-Phil Foster

First off, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Tracy Davis for all the hard work and dedication for many years of service as our President.

I want to thank all the exiting officers that worked so hard at leading our Local though out the year.

Thank you to the new officers for stepping up and wanting to roll up your sleeves and lead us onto new adventures and support our freedom to ride.

Besides our Christmas Party, we have several items on our January calendar.

Jan. 1st New Year's Day ride. We will meet at the Veterans Museum on Hwy 76 in Branson. We will ride through Branson to Craig's Cheeky Monkey for chili. Join us in our annual tradition of "Kicking off the New Year on the right foot"! What better way to start new, then on the road with your friends and family.

Right after that is our BS Meeting, Jan. 6th at Double OH Grill in Kimberling City. Love that place, love their onion rings!

Don't forget about the FEW Seminar on Jan. 10th in Columbia. Several of us go every year. It's a great way to find out more about of organization. By the looks of the agenda there will be lots of information on the history of FORR, but also looking to the future.

The next day is the CC Meeting in Jefferson City. I have heard that with planning you can get from one to another. I'm not sure how many from our Local going this year.

Jan. 19th is our business meeting at Charlie Steak House. The meeting starts at 7 pm, but the food is good and lots of us come early to hang out for awhile before the meeting starts.

I hope while making those New Year Resolution's you think about the love that you have for riding and join with us over the year to support our right to ride!

One last personal note, I am handing the State News Letter over to my friend Kim, aka Ziggy. It has been a blast sharing information on our Local. I am looking forward to my new job of Event Coordinator. I am very excited to be apart of this organization and can't wait to see you at as many events as you can come to.

Hope to see you soon! Lou

# JANUARY 31 2015



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**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Danny 573-270-6430****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

The new "battle cry" for 2015 is Where Do We Go From Here? This is an apt description as FORR Local 16 will be holding their elections at Bill's in Biehle, January 30, 7 pm.

We send our thanks to the VFW of Perryville for hosting our Christmas Dance and the Jimmy Lee Band for providing the music.

It's now time to turn our attention to the Broomstick Tournament to be held at JR's in Cape Girardeau during the month of February.

**LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE****Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Meeting Location Varies****Contact: 660-988-1708****LOCAL 20 - DEXTER****Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Eagles Club on Hwy 25****Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428**

The jolly ole elf Santa has come and gone for another year I hope everyone received what they wanted the most. Time to look forward to 2015 and see what this new year will bring with it.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that celebrated in December and will be celebrating in January. Thank you to the members that have renewed

and to new members that have joined us in our fight to keep motorcycles on the road.

I was surprised that I was able to read the last Freedom Press from cover to cover in less than an hour wow I remember when it took at least a couple of days. I know it is difficult sometimes staring at a blank screen or piece of paper to know what to fill the space with hopefully the February issue will be bigger.

Our local stayed busy this past year too busy for some of us and we hope that we will have more involvement from the membership and let them have a turn working events everyone is important to us and we look forward to seeing all of the members involved in all that we do. It is never good to let the few decide for the many.

We will be putting our 2015 schedule of events together early this year in hopes of not clashing with other events. Vice President Matt Reynolds will be heading up the events committee and anyone that would like to be involved is welcomed. We are planning a bigger bike show this year with vendors and hopefully at least one well known custom bike builder. We collected a lot of fresh and good ideas for events including a ride for heroes Come on out to the meetings and be a part of the planning and fun.

It seems that all of the locals are experiencing growing pains and personal conflicts between members. Clicks form amongst groups this is hard to avoid just some people get along better together and some people work better with some folks than with others. Please don't automatically assume that you won't fit in and don't be shy about joining into a conversation If you have a personal problem with someone keep it outside the meetings and events the local needs to run like a business to know success of any kind don't allow someone to keep you away because chances are they are doing the same thing...not attending meetings or events so there is no conflict. We are not in high school any longer and we need to teach our young people by example don't rob all of these people that do like you from sharing your company and making more happy memories.

That is it for now and as always

Keep it Between the Lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L 20

**LOCAL 21 - ELDON****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO****Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291**

Gonzo for Govna!!!

That's right, its time to bring some biker mentality to the capital. Some of you know him and some of you have only just met him at the last CC meeting. He is Local 21's own Mark Gonzagowski, a red blooded freedom fighter for your rights as a human to be a biker whether the mainstream likes it or not!

Now for those who don't know him well, Local 21 has decided that it maybe necessary to give you all a lesson in "Gonzonese". The following is a compilation of some phrases that you may hear every so often such as:

"We need to go get in their faces" - Translation: We need to get our State Representatives attention because apparently we aren't.

"We need to go break their faces". - Translation: They didn't listen last time so we need to find another way to make them understand, the breaking of the face refers to getting actual real facial responses that show they understand what they are being told instead of getting their practiced political face with the fake smile. You know how they smile and nod their heads like they are listening, but they are really hoping that we hurry up and leave, they call it diplomacy.

"We need to go break some kneecaps!" - Translation: This refers to the politician who sneaks out the back door of the capital building when he hears the "rolling thunder" coming. His escape will be cut off by 30 bikers who showed up early in cars standing between the building and his car, figuratively breaking his kneecaps so he can't run away.

"We need to go cut off his balls!" - Translation: This refers to the corrupt politician who only votes for his or her own personal agendas. When all logic has failed and the representative still refuses to vote for the people like they are supposed to. We hand pick some of our members

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to seduce the politicians spouse, girlfriend or mistress or all three, start bringin' them to our meetings and such until they become bikers like us. Once they hang out with us for awhile, bein' a politicians 'ol lady will just be plain boring. Hence we will neuter the politician.

"We need to go big or go home!" - Translation: At the rate we are going FORR will never be a household name. It takes publicity, seeing FORR here and there as we travel thru our state. We have a lot of competition out there for rallies. We can't bring in new people by hiring unknown bands with no body who follows them around and with 6 people watching them play in a renovated semi trailer, that's fine for a small local get together but not for a large organization. Sedalia is killing us. I know that it is a cheap place to have it and there are a lot of positive things to say about the location itself but, it is obvious that the majority of our members do not like it, we have as a local tried to support it, about half of Local 21 went to it. We were told that 500 people came some who were not members, and we have 2336 members and their families. When this happens the people are speaking and no one is listening, if it continues at some point there will be no rally and no FORR. Some were thrilled that we raised \$3500.00 for a PAC fund but we could have asked for a dollar fifty from everyone and done the same thing. At this point the money is not the problem, it is attracting and keeping new members that will bring the money. In December Garth Brooks did 4 sold out shows in St. Louis, there wasn't a FORR Logo to be seen anywhere! Missed opportunity. Some would say that Garth may be out of our league but Gonzo and Local 21 say that we are worthy and it is possible to team up with entertainers of his caliber to make them and us better known, but we need a strong and big organization to get the respect we deserve. If we are to attract new members they will have to be younger than us for the most part because we are all gettin' pretty stinkin' old by most peoples standards. This means that we will have to be more tolerant of different music and activities that reflect this interest. Without bein an old fart and screamin "Hey", slow that thing down or someones gonna get hurt!" Do you remember when the rally rumbled with activity all night long? It was very noisy. Well now, its like lights out at 10:00 ifin you're gonna make noise go down by the stage with the other six people; apparently we ain't as rowdy as we used to be, nor as tolerant and if we bring in the young crowd and then start yellin' at em for doin' what younguns do then they aren't gonna stick around long. Like they say: Be careful what you wish FORR.... you could end up lookin like an old fart!!

So don't end up lookin like an old fart!!

Dan

## LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

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

Contact: 636-665-5004



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## LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624



WOW do you believe that it is 2015 already???

Here are your local 24 officers and their contact info for 2015:

President- Ken Lewis 314-546-1624  
kalewis88@yahoo.com

Vice President Lee Carpenter 314-602-1141  
herbcarpjr@yahoo.com

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Treasurer and Product Line- Amanda Brown 314-608-7568  
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Sgt@Arms- Jeff Riebeling 314-497-2070  
recon338@hotmail.com

Welcome aboard to all of the new and renewed members of the best local in FORR!!!!

We have our work cut out for us this year, St. Patty's day massacre event, blessing of the bikes, and red neck golfs, if you are thinking about stepping up. Helping on an event committee is a great place to get your feet wet.

Make sure that you know where your elected representatives stand on FORR issues, make sure that you keep them informed on where FORR stands and how YOU would like them to vote!

Make sure when the Indian summer days hit, you check over your ride before you take off, low air pressure in the tires or low oil level could ruin your whole day. Also remember that the salt oil and road grime can be a little slick

Come on out to our next meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and bring a friend, need info on where and when call the local Prez. or VP and get the details from them.

Thank you Sgt. Rocky Sickmann ,USMC

Do something nice for someone

Henry Orbit

## LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo.

Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-293-5998

Hi all from Local 25... Had some great times and accomplished some awesome things in 2014.

We have had our elections and the new Officer list is as follows

President: Jay Jack Flagg

VP: Ken Wilmes

Secretary: Sharee Wisely

Treasurer/Membership: Kim Fields

CC/Legislative: Mark Roloff

Safety Officer: Susan Lockhart

Please wish us luck in the upcoming 2015...

With that being said, A HUGE thank you to the 2014 outgoing officers Chad Seng, Pam Seng, Lynne Adkins, and Chris Heitman. Continuing this year is Susan Lockhart as Safety officer and Mark Roloff as CC/Legislative office thank you to them also.

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We had a successful Toy Run on October 26th to raise money and toys for the Shriners Hospital which we were very excited to deliver on December 7th.

Our Christmas party was held on December 13 at the Tattooed Lady, which if you have ever been there you know it is a great time. After exchanging gifts, we prepared for the new year.

We have some awesome rides and events planned for 2015. The Freeze Out Social January 1st is always a great way to start the new year with an exhilarating chill.

Many Local 25 members will be attending the Lincoln Days, as well as Demo Days. Stay tuned as trips to the capital are in the planned.

As most of you already know, the FEW Seminar will be held January 10 at the VFW in Columbia, 1509 Ashley Street, Columbia MO. Hope to see YOU there.

For information about Local 25 contact: Jay Flagg at 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes at 636-293-5998

## **LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**

**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.**

**(Call for info location varies)**

**Contact: 660-582-4599**



Motorcyclists make annual donations

Freedom of Road Riders, Local 26, Maryville, held their annual Toys for Tots/Ministry Center motorcycle fundraiser on November 2. This is part of a state-wide fundraiser sponsored by Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. which is a Missouri motorcycle rights or-

ganization. The Maryville group raised \$145 plus toys for Toys for Tots of Nodaway County and \$140 for the Ministry Center.

Kathy, Local 26 President

## **LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**

**Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.**

**El' Rodeo, 306 E Jackson St, Bolivar, MO 65613**

**Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres. Leland Seymour 636-497-2814**

The Holidays has come and gone and we are entering a new year. SAC OSAGE LOCAL 27 has had an interesting and successful year in 2014. "With our batteries recharged" SAC OSAGE Local 27 would like to challenge other Locals to "charge your batteries".

We must unite and help each other. "Review in your heart and spirit the burning questions that each and every member and local should ask; "why did I become active in the fight for Freedom and Motorcycling to start with"(Polly Schoeller, MRF director).

I am able and willing to travel, if your local would like me to attend a Safety and Awareness Booth; SAC OSAGE Local 27 will get me there, with the understanding that a donation jar is set out, and Local 27 receives half for traveling expenses. I can be reached at: (636)497-6609 or dseymour38@yahoo.com

We are the Freedom Train and let's keep it rolling.

With that said we Kickstart the new year with the FEW Seminar on January 10th in Columbia MO at the VFW.

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## **LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**

**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.**

**Pulaski Shriners Club.**

**Contact: P resident Larry Wheeler 573- 586-7291, Vice President Steve Lincoln 573-337-9417, Shrine Club 573-774-545**

Larry would like to say "Thank You" to all of the people who came out and supported the toy collection at Wal-Mart. A truck full of toys was donated along with the turkeys and enough money to purchase additional items. The toys and food will be donated to the Good Samaritan for distribution to families in need this Christmas season.

The Waynesville Christmas Parade will be held this weekend. Hopefully, the weather will be good and the attendance will be high. Santa will be there riding. He just needs elves to help pass out the candy.

The new officers were elected last month. Congratulations to the new cabinet. The outgoing cabinet wishes you all of the luck in the upcoming year. Your new officers will be:

Newsletter: Julie Paramore

Product Line: Amanda Boies

Secretary: Manuela Wildrick

Treasurer: Debbie Johnson

Safety Officer: Spuds Boise

CC Representative: Merel Johnson

Membership: Bill Calhoun

Vice President: Eric Johnson

President: Shena Flick (First female president for Local 28)

Notes from this month's meeting:

I do not have any minutes from the meeting as this newsletter needs to go out before the meeting. For a listing of the meeting minutes, please visit the Facebook page after the meeting.

If you want to reduce duplicate issues of the newsletter being sent to your home address, an email or letter needs to be sent to Dallas instructing her to do so. Dallas has also told me that we can create a form letter and consolidate names for removal of duplicate issues. If you are interested, please let me know and I will take care of this. You can find this information in the newsletter or contact one of the officers for more information.

- If you have not received an email or a card indicating that your membership is due for renewal, please contact Bill Calhoun at [membership@local28forr.com](mailto:membership@local28forr.com).

- If your birthday or anniversary has not been announced at the local meetings, and you would like it to be, please contact Bill Calhoun at the meetings or send him an email at [membership@local28forr.com](mailto:membership@local28forr.com).

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

Upcoming Events:

1 January 2015 Polar Bear Run

## **LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**

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

**Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO**

**Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or**

**Bob Neal 816-809-7184**

**Facebook: FORR Local 29**

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and was able to spend time with family and loved ones. Our family is not always blood relations, but those with whom we enjoy spending time with. There are few closer groups of people than the brothers and sisters in our motorcycle community. Like real brothers and sisters, sometimes we disagree and fight, but in the end we will love and support one another.

We had a good turnout at our November meeting. We had our second



round of nominations for officers and will elect them at our December meeting. Along with our other normal business we received an excellent report of the CC meeting from Ursula. Ursula also gave a report on Octoberfest. Local 29 will receive credit for a \$320 cash donation to the state as our share of the proceeds. That will put Local 29 at over \$1,800 in total state cash donations, which is almost \$1,000 over our required amount of \$915. Had Sharon Jackson been present she would have won our attendance incentive of \$110. It will now go to \$120 for December. John Owen won the membership incentive. Way to go John!

Upcoming FORR events include the following: FEW Seminar January 10; Lobby Day February 10; Legislative Days February 20-22; and May Rally May 5.

As I finish writing this it is 19° outside. This got me to thinking about what I like about winter. I decided the best thing I like about winter is when it ends. Stay warm my friends.

Honest Bob

Life member FORR L29

### **LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**

**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.**

**Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd**

**Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

Hope this finds everyone well and ready for the holiday season. Riding days have seemed to be plentiful even though it is winter time in the Ozarks.

Christian County toy run was successful and thanks to all the Local 30 members who helped make the holidays a little brighter for residents of Christian County.

There are several events coming up that we would like to see a lot of

participation from Local 30 members. Please get in touch with one of our officers if you would like to join us in attending these events.

FEW seminar January 10th

Jefferson City February 10th-Lobby politicians

Rally in Jefferson City May 5th

Leather and Lace will be February 7th at the American Legion Post 676 on Sunshine (Hwy 60) in Springfield. This will be the 27th year and should be good time as always. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Keep our Treasurer, Eric Jensen, in your prayers. He was in a motorcycle accident as someone pulled out in front of him (all too familiar). He is at home and on the mend.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

### **LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**

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

**Location varies - call for info**

**Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or**

**Sabrina Shivers 573-201-1385**

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**LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**

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

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

President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350

Well all it has been a pleasure serving as your newsletter writer over the past year. I hope that some of what I have written about has interested you or at least not put you to sleep.

As I write this Local 33 is actively working on the final touches for our annual adopt a family shopping and dinner. Thanks to all who volunteered to shop, wrap, cook, etc. And a special thank you to Santa for visiting with the children and making their holiday just a little merrier and to Shelly for the family portraits and pictures with Santa.

Our new incoming officers are busy planning our Local activities for the upcoming year. Right now we know the local will be having a booth at the Sedalia Bike Show on February 7th. We will have our give a way bike present at the show and need volunteers to help man the booth. We will also have a booth at the Jeff Williams Swap Meet on March 22nd. Both events will be held at the Sedalia State Fairgrounds. The State Organization will have the Labor Day Homecoming Rally at the State Fairgrounds again this year. The rally will no longer be called the Mid America Motorcycle Rally but will change it's name back to Homecoming. I'd like to thank all of our outgoing officers for all of their hard work and dedication to Local 33 and Freedom of Road Riders over the past year and welcome the new incoming officers. President JR DeGraffenreid; Vice President Bill James, Treasurer Kim James, Secretary and Membership Secretary Debbie Farris, CC Rep Roy Hoard, District 4 Rep and Newsletter Editor Ed Carper, Product Line Shelly Payne, Webmaster Sam King, Sgt at Arms Billy Harris, Historian DD Smith, Head Road Captain Kenny Schneider, Assistant Road Captains Sarge, Jared Greenmeyer, Bear and our new position Ambassadors Sarge Sayler and Shelly Kertz. Sherry and Billy Harris were previously voted into office to serve as the locals representatives to the Mid America Freedom Rally along with alternates Deb and Randy Farris.

On a sad note the Local lost two very dear members to illnesses in November. John Weisbender and Jim Jones. Jim had recently accepted a position to serve as an assistant road captain for the upcoming year and John well lets just say he was a very dependable member who always showed up to support the local. Both of these individuals will be sorely missed by many friends and family but I'm sure they are now riding Heaven's highways and will be watching over us as we enjoy the open road.

I leave you with a poem from Margaret Mead titled Remember Me

Remember Me:  
To the living, I am gone.  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea remember me.

As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty remember me.

As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity remember me.  
Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the times we loved,

the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.

**LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6383

**LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all FORR family from Local 41. Hope 2015 brings us a lot of new members.

Hope every one had a good time at FEW seminar. If you didn't then you were at the wrong place.

I was driving down the interstate when this car with several people (big people) kept trying to get me to pull over. Being fearless as I am I pulled over at the Cameron exit with my hand on my phone. One push of a button and 911 would be on the line just like that. These guys were from Minnesota and wanted to know where they could get Watch for Motorcycles bumper stickers at. It just so happened that I had some in the car with me. I gave them all I had of all the motorcycle stuff and some FORR applications. It's always nice to make new friends.

Did you know that two wrongs don't make a right, but two illegals can make a legal.

PEACE and LOVE  
STEMS

**We voted to have Dino's Diner as our meeting place first Thursday of the month till the weather gets nice also all officers but VP will stay the same for another year. Steve Gallus the new VP thanks**

**LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact:

President - Keifer York 636-629-1390

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas with your families!


As all things must come to an end this will be my final newsletter. I am excited to see what great newsletters Tex will be sending in so stay tuned.

Ditch wanted me to tell everyone thank you for helping make the past two years a great success and he enjoyed being your President and that he wasn't going nowhere just needed a break.

I'd like to welcome our two newest members, Robby Keen III and Jay Rice....Welcome!

Here are your officers for 2015:

President - Keith York (Keifer)  
V.P.- Kevin King  
Treasurer - Gloria Weber  
Secretary - Cindy York  
CC Rep - Keith York (Keifer)  
Legislative - Lydia Acuff  
Sgt. at Arms - Danny Carbone



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I hope everyone has a safe and happy! See you soon,  
Paula

**DISTRICT 4**

**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm**

**Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011**

**Contact: 816-536-8147 or 816-728-6389**

**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**

**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am**

**Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151  
(also known as Platte Woods area)**

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

Hello everyone, I hope and pray everyone had good holidays...We are at the beginning of a new year and a new start..let's hit this year a running to the capital and getting new members and new friendships.

The first event on this agenda is the  
ForEver Working Seminar  
January 10,2015  
Columbia,Mo.

This is an event you do NOT want to miss!!!!

Then,if you are trying to figure out what to do for Valentines Day...  
Local 47 has the answer for you..

Valentines Dinner and Dance..  
February 14,2015

Bar Code Bar and Grill

Buying tickets in advance \$25.00 single/\$40.00 couple  
Includes a steak dinner.

The Selle Brothers will be rocking us out that night and getting us in the mood.....

Contact a local 47 member for tickets or Jack Garrison at 816.591.2497

We would like to wish LA a Happy birthday..and many more...I'm not going to say anything else,she's older...lol

I'm sorry there's no song this month,I've been sick and very occupied..

Smokey,we are deeply sorry for the loss of your wife..May peace be with you..

I will end now,everyone love one another..Peace out.

Nancy  
Skittles  
12303

**DISTRICT 1**

**Meetings: 2nd Thursday**

**Check with your local rep for location**



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## UPDATE: Public Comment Period - Consumer Product Safety Commission re: ATV Passengers

Since providing you the opportunity to comment on the Consumer Product Safety Commission request for information on ATV passengers the AMA has submitted formal comments.

If you have already submitted your comments, thank you. If you haven't, you can do so electronically. You may use our pre-written comments or write your own. AMA pre-written comments are provided at the bottom of this email. Simply copy and paste them into the comment section of the regulations.gov website.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

### Updated Alert:

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) believes you may be interested in providing comments to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) about the prevalence of passengers on ATV's and the feasibility of preventing the carrying of passengers on ATV's.

This CPSC request for information (RFI) seeks information from stakeholders related to passenger use of ATVs. CPSC staff will use information gathered from this RFI to assist in developing recommended courses of action for Commission consideration as to whether a performance requirement to prevent passenger use of ATVs is appropriate. Interested parties may provide information on the prevalence of passenger use and the reasons why passengers ride on ATVs; potential means of preventing passengers from being carried on ATVs not intended for that purpose; and potential impacts of these requirements on the utility of ATVs. Interested parties also may provide information on possible changes to ATV design that may prevent passenger use, and information on whether these changes could be translated into a performance standard.

Electronic comments must be submitted through the regulations.gov website.

You may use the AMA's pre-written comments, provided at the bottom of this alert. Simply copy and paste the message into the comment section of the regulations.gov website.

COMMENTS DEADLINE: Comments are due by Tuesday, November 24, 2014.

### SUBMIT COMMENTS TO:

Electronic: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=CPSC-2012-0048-0044>

Mail, hand deliver or courier, preferably in five copies, to:

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Room 820

4330 East West Highway  
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Telephone: (301) 504-7923.

For More Information Contact:

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Now more than ever, it is crucial that you and your riding friends become members of the AMA to help us protect our riding freedoms. More members mean more clout against the opponents of motorcycling, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to [AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join](http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join).

Thank you in advance for commenting. If you do submit a comment, please email the AMA at [grassroots@ama-cycle.org](mailto:grassroots@ama-cycle.org).

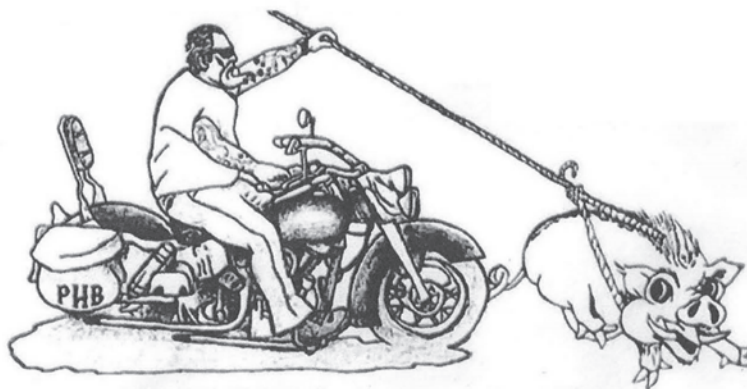
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## 2015 MRF Legislative Strategy Agenda

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Releases its Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2015

At the 2014 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 30th Anniversary Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Kansas City, Missouri, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. We welcomed several representatives from our Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations as well. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2014 Meeting of the Minds to the 2015 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance that resulted in a healthy dialogue focused on motorcycling. The MRF Legislative Committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our SSMRO partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be developed by our Legislative Committee and our Board of Directors that can be effectively employed by our Government Relations Department and our SSMRO partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states. Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle. The MRF Legislative Committee continued the practice instituted four years ago of recording one vote per SSMRO in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in the upcoming issue of the MRF Reports. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President, Jay Jackson, with support from MRF Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, and MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- MAP 21 upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) – To include Motorcycle 2010 type Grant Funding (the MRF to pursue the current levels of funding along with a request to tighten up language for qualification and use), continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying Ban, pursue reinstatement of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill; closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; seek to include HR1861 type language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding
- SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Test – The MRF to NOT promote the use of the SAE Sound Test as a National enforcement standard, majority considered this a state issue
- NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program – MRF to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, work with SMRO's to exchange information on passing anti-checkpoint laws within the state, work to get new HR1861 like resolution language written and introduced
- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
  - Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
  - Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources – again deemed to be a state issue
  - Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving, and oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists, watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language
  - Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify
  - MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
  - MRF to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this upcoming session
  - Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European

Union, United Nations and Canada

- MRF to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
- MRF directed by our SSMRO's to not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 or any other newly developed fuel blends including alternative renewable fuels without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use, MRF and SSMRO's to continue to pursue passage of HR875 type language
- MRF to continue to insure the inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) emerging technologies
- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in the discussion
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of HR1498 urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
- MRF to pursue limiting funding of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues
- MRF to pursue limiting of funding of CDC on their involvement in motorcycling safety issues through a relevant appropriations bill, pursue CDC lobby ban and seek to remove language where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events. MRF to continue to support efforts to refocus the CDC on their mission as stated in the letter from Congressman Petri to the CDC on September 27th, 2013
- MRF to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission and respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor and report on transportation entities that are active in motorcycling but by their charters or mission statements are or should be non-relevant to motorcycles
- MRF to monitor and report on non-transportation federal agencies becoming increasingly involved in motorcycling such as the Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- MRF to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated Affordable Health Care Act for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination
- MRF to fully engage the EPA on upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates
- MRF to support the Black Box Protection Act, currently HR2414, seek introduction of similar language in the upcoming Congress to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data
- MRF to research fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds
- Federal Agency Motorcycle Design Standards – MRF to oppose non-motorcycle manufacturer mandated specific design standards
- There was agreement that while the handling of non-motorcycle powered two and three wheelers such and mopeds, scooters, and the various cabin based steering wheel type vehicles was considered a state by state issue that there would be an effort to get these removed from motorcycle crash statistics if they do not have to follow the existing motorcycle licensing program in the state.

With the current U.S. Congress, combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the MRF Legislative Committee strongly encourages our SSMRO partners and our MRF members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with their U.S. House of Representative and U.S. Senate Members as an immediate priority. We will need a strong presence going into the new 114th Congress as well. If your SSMRO needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of Congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the MRF office at 202-546-0983 or [Jeff@mrf.org](mailto:Jeff@mrf.org). We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker lobby day event in Washington D.C., Bikers Inside the Beltway, on Thursday May 14th, 2015. See our website at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) for more details.

MRF Legislative Committee Members:

Dave "DAD" Dwyer, George Gorman, Jeff Hennie, Lenny Holcomb, Jay Jackson, Jim "Legs" Korte, Boyd McFail, Bob Myers, Todd Riba, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (Chair)

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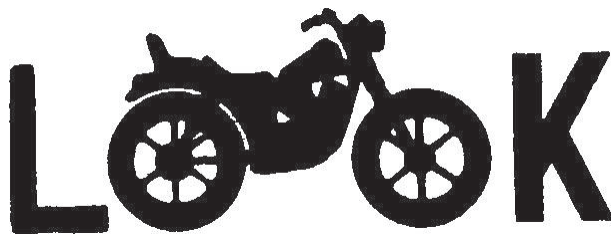
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