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April 11, 2009



"Good Time Charlie's"

West of Chillicothe, MO, on Hwy. 190 — Watch for Signs

\$5 Donation at the Door

All proceeds to Gordon & Lisa Becton

Gordon was injured in a motorcycle/deer accident in November 2008

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But medical bills were high and he is not yet able to work

Live Music Beginning at 7 p.m.

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Local News

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. Location Varies

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Local1@FORR.net

Hello all!

The Spring is on it's way! Local 1 is doing well with all the goings on. Our March meeting was at Mark and Dallas Chapmans, can't say how things went as I was working on finishing up our St. Patrick's Day float for the BIG KC parade. Wish us well - don't know how we will beat 'grand prize' but we're gonna try!

Still planning on the big garage sale in Oak Grove, so if you have items that you would like to donate contact Mark Chapman and he can help you out. As I go over the new roster I see we have acquired a few new members to ole local 1, Great to have you aboard! This year should prove to be a good one, so check out all of your local events and BE THERE! Gotta keep this one short and sweet so -

Have a good one then have another - See ya, **Rebel #7157**

LOCAL 2 - EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m.

MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant in Oak Grove, MO.

Contact: Larry Parrish 816-210-1739 or 816-463-2620

Hello Local 2, Check out the new date of our meeting. We have elected new officers and it is a new year and Spring is right around the corner. We have a good crew and maybe we can bring some life back into Local 2. We would like to get old members to come check out what is going on with us and give us some pointers on making this a GREAT Local. We will be planning on a picnic and other ways to bring back some finances to this local have idea's let us know. Some times after the meetings are over we get together and take little rides. Well Local 2 time to move on.

COME CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL! **Linda Parrish**

LOCAL 3 - TRI-COUNTY

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 741,

200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO

Contact: Dour Edmisten 816-516-5869

Hello Local 3, we had our meeting at the Carman Farm, we had all of the Officer's there Yeah!!! We have two new members, Frankii Barajas and Larry Martin we also had two renewals Myron and Hojo, oh yeah we are on a roll! Welcome to local 3 guys! OK so there was lots of information at the meeting to all of our members the weather is getting awesome we can get out and ride so ride on over to the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. We did get a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute for a Christmas package we sent over. That is really exciting Way to go Local 3!

Come As You Are



King/Queen Contest

Getchyall
You are reading this invitation, you are to wear exactly what you have on to the Legislative Fund Raiser.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE ON!!!
There will be a prize for the best or should we say the worst piece of clothing

Each local will provide a meal and then the members will vote. \$1.00 a vote for the best meal

Who: District FOUR
What: Legislative Fund Raiser
Where: Moose Lodge #2414, 2537 Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence MO 64055
When: April 11 2009
Why: Finance Truman Days
Time: 6:00 p.m.

\$5.00 donation appreciated



Live, Silent & Basket Auction



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District 4 Lincoln Days

These pictures are of District 4's hospitality room at the Missouri Republican Party's Lincoln Days held at the Downtown Marriot in Kansas City. As you can see we put on a pretty good display. The "rootbeer floats" and the "apple pie" were BIG hits along with all the deserts. We even had the hotel security tell us to keep the noise down, and it wasn't even ten o'clock yet!!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO:

Local 1: Tracy/Rebecca Gore, Tim O'Connor and Mark Chapman. Tracy for alcohol, mini-cinnamon rolls and cookies and his outstanding Rootbeer floats, Tracy you will need to make more next time. Tim for his hard work, the use of his tub for beer, rootbeer float and apple pie, and water. Mark Chapman for his tub that we didn't use.

Local 5: Doug/Deanna, Rebecca/Geezer & Amy Allmon all went together and got stuff for two chocolate trays. Eclairs and brownies of couple different kinds. Pretty trays they were. Susan Harris-Rohde for the use of her tub and chocolate chip cookies.

Local 14: Kickstand and Dave Copeland for all their hard work and verbal abuse. They worked their legs/leg off.....no pun intended Kickstand.

Local 29: Randy Adkison, Apple pie and hard work; Lois Adkison, homemade candy, punch bowls and hard work; NeQuelle Wolfgeher; Dirt, and orange balls; Brent DeFord, rum balls; Nancy Martin, Peanut clusters; LA Ross, brownies; Carl Laber, mini-cupcakes and hauling Lois; Steve/Janet Williams, cookies; Dutch/Ed Hays, \$20.00 for the candy; Barb Wiederholt, outstanding homemade mini-cupcakes; Russell/Ronda Felts, 4 bags of ice, tray of homemade cookies Missouri shape, hauling merchandise and five bouquet balloons; Bob Neal, cookie cakes and Jim Duyck, cookie cakes. Jennie Pence for her outstanding Missouri shaped chocolates.

Local 33: Rob Kasmerchek, punch bowl, platters, etc. and etc. He brought so much stuff I don't know what he brought. Must not forget his strawberries and chocolate to dip in. That was very popular too. Good showing Rob.

Local 35: \$25.00 donation to the cause. Thanks Local 35. Red, white and blue mini-cupcakes.

From the republicans: "We heard rumors this is the most popular room".

The hospitality suite was a huge success; Local Reps please thank all your people that attended and worked. I do know that Local 5 had several people in attendance as did Local 29. I know I have missed some people so please let me know so I can thank them too, I want to recognize all that worked and donated to the hospitality suite. Local 1 was represented by Mark Chapman and Local 13/Legislative Coordinator Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix was also in attendance.

Must not forget Local 8, Louise Reasoner was in attendance.

Let it be noted that a special "thank you" goes to Randy/Lois Adkison and Al "Kickstand" Smart and Dave Copeland for cleaning up after the fact even when they had personal things that needed tended too. We still got out of the room before check-out time. 11:45a.m. on the dot. Check out time is 12:00 noon.

THANKS TO ALL THAT PROVIDED SWEETS, HARD WORK AND WORRY TO MAKE OUR SUITE A SUCCESS THAT IT WAS.





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Our members are always there when there needed. We also received a letter of thanks from Andy and his troop for the goodies, we miss you to Andy!

There is so much to talk about and so little space but one important ride coming up is the Motorcycle Awareness Black Top Rally and this is one you don't want to miss!

It is May 15 through May 17 at Pony Express Camp Ground there are flyers out so look for them and if by chance you can't see and want info call John Carman at (816) 580-3424 or Steve Gallus (816) 449-5037 Hope we fill the park this year!!

Knowledge is power and there is power in numbers and there is so much information at the meetings we need some more numbers to help retain it all!! Come on local 3 let's get together and make this a really awesome year!! Hope to see some new and old adorable faces next time!!! Oh Yeah if you need directions to the meeting just call John (816)580-3424.

RIDE SAFE.

Till next time keep smiling!! *Lisa*

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

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

Hi everyone in FORR, I cannot wait until spring is here for real and not just teasing us with warm weather during the week when we are working. Local 5 had a good turn out last meeting. We have been working hard on the Bike Show that is coming up May 16th. I would like to thank all of our Local 5 members for their continued hard work on this project and for their support of the Lincoln Days event sponsored by District 4. The district members did a great job on the food, drinks, and explaining our position on the upcoming legislation regarding motorcycles here in Missouri.

After reading the latest Freedom Press, there is a lot of troubling news concerning our rights and restrictions that are trying to be placed upon those who ride by those who do not! I urge everyone to contact both their State and Federal representatives regularly by phone, mail, etc. The Capitol Crusader rides are during the week making it hard on working people but, there is nothing like looking them in the eye as you make your case to ride free.

About two weeks ago there was some TV coverage of bikers in action along with a majority of townspeople in Cameron, MO, honoring a fallen hero and protecting his family against Fred Phelps and family. My hats off to all of the riders and people who took the time to actively protest against Phelps, this is how America can get some real change by uniting together for the common good.

Local 5 was glad to hear that Local 14 will be continuing and we wish them luck in rebuilding their local. Kickstand was a guest at our last meeting collecting memory patches for his display he is putting together to honor all of our fallen brothers and sisters district wide. Good Job Kickstand!

Until next time, ride safe, Happy St. Patrick's Day and keep up the pressure on Jeff City to let those who ride decide what is best! *Angel #1438*

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. American Legion Post 359 - 4826 Frederick, in St. Joseph, Mo.

Contact: 816-617-6316 or 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks, Join us at American Legion Post 359, 4826 Frederick in St. Joseph MO. We always meet the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

February 7th there were 50 motorcycles who left St Joseph for Cameron Mo. There were 489 motorcycles that joined the Patriot Guard to pay respects for a fallen service man.

On February 22nd we had a FORR Family Day at the Saint Joseph Public Library. We watched a movie, The Worlds Fastest Indian (Motorcycle). We had 22 members and family attend and was a real nice time. Movies are free, bring your own popcorn and enjoy.

Charlie Schurman is 84 years old and still riding. Charlie was just in the hospital for a couple of surgeries. He is home and recovering. He is currently staying with his daughter. Charlie has a 1947 Indian that he bought brand new in 1949. He is the original and only owner of it. One of Charlie's grandchildren is repainting the bike to its original color as a school project. Charlie is very happy and proud to have this done. Everything on the bike is original and the mechanical works great, just like a new one.

Okie Daniels just celebrated her birthday on February 10th. Roxanne Liechti also just had a birthday. Many more to both



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of you!

April 18th will be our Cabin Fever Ride in Bike Show. This year it will be held at Jackson Cycles, 6425 S Highway 59, St. Joseph. Call Galen for more details 816-233-3900 or Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or Dan Harmon 816-387-1095.

April 25th is the Proclamation Run, call any of the above numbers above for information.

May 3rd we plan a short breakfast run and details will be available soon.

Happy Trails, til we meet again, Ride safe, **Dan**

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

Contact: 660-646-7296

HAPPY SPRING LOCAL 8!!!

I have a few important announcements!

First: Our April meeting is April 5 at Eastside Park (behind Hardees) in Trenton. The meeting starts at 11 am, directly following the meeting we're having a Spring Rider Tune up!! Kendra & Pam are providing hot dogs and asked that everyone else brings sides.

Second: We've made some changes to the way Local 8 reimburses members for the BRC. It was decided that we will reimburse each member that's been a member for at least 30 days and comes to a meeting to present their certificate a \$100. This is in addition to any reimbursement they may receive from the state.

Third: Scholarship apps are due in by our April meeting. We voted to have two \$500 scholarships. The members of the committee are: Louise Reasoner, Connie Spiers & Pam Johnston. You can turn the apps into any of these three.

Finally and to me the most exciting!! SPRING FLING WILL BE HELD AT RAFTER "C" ARENA THIS YEAR!!! The new location is only 7 miles west of Chillicothe on Hwy 36. The new location will allow us more room to expand, offer more comfort for our vendors and campers, has more than ample power for all our needs. It also has an arena we can use for the SLED PULLS & BURN OUT PIT - another first for Local 8. This year is already getting exciting and it's barely March! We have our music line up ready: Friday night: DJ Garold, followed by Levee Town. Sled pull practices will be Friday also with the classes being 1200 CC and under, Over 1200 CC, and Open Division (motorcycle conversion ATV only). Saturday will still host our usual schedule of fun, poker run, bike show, field events, Saturday evening will be the Sled pulls, or you can listen to the bands: Long Shot Band - who have a 15 year old slide guitarist then returning from last year Outlaw Jim & The whiskey Benders! It's going to be a weekend full of activity and fun. If you're not already on the committee, get with Kenny, we'll take



"ATTENTION BIKERS"

POKER RUN

Starting at Hooks (Junction 50/63)

Date: April 18, 2008

Sign in time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All Vehicles Welcome

—\$5.00 donation—

1st Bike out at 12:00 noon—Last Bike in at 5:00 P.M.

Eats will be provided - when we arrive at Soggy Bottoms.

Last Stop at Soggy Bottoms (Ellis Boulevard) - Jefferson City, MO

For additional information contact:

Larry Schaefer @ 573-694-1201

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all the assistance we can get! Mark your calendars and be sure to join us at a new location.

Now I want to take a minute to welcome our new members: Cindy Cairns, Patty Ferguson, James Glidewell, Scott Hancock, Ethel Morgan, Jon Shannon, Debbie Vietti, Jeremy Wilson & Jason Wilson and thank our dedicated members who've joined us for another year: Pat Fifer, Bobby Gall, Bonnie Henning, Chris Houck, Jeanette McBee, Montie Moore, Debbie Moore, Gerald Olney, Luke Thomas, Ralph Thomas, Larry Wilson, Carl McBee, Denny Denton & Dale Riggle. A big welcome to Local 8 to Liz Doolittle who finally joined us from Local 29.

I think this is all the information I have for this month! If I've left something off I apologize. As always for more information check our website www.forr8.net, email me at glendae@greenhills.net or contact one of your officers.

Be safe out there & remember most of the critters in cages aren't watching out for you, so watch out for them.

Until next time ~ Keep Smilin' *Glenda*

LOCAL 9 - HANNIBAL

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Elks Lodge, 411 Broadway, in Hannibal, Mo.

Contact: Raymond Nicosia 573-221-3417 or Joyce McArthur 573-231-5540

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Contact: 573-635-7964

Spring will be here before you know it and once again it will be time to ride! The fun runs are still in play and we have decided for our first run, to ride to Onondaga Cave, a National Natural Landmark within Onondaga Cave State Park, in Leasburg (more information as the time gets closer). Still looking for any new ideas/suggestions of places to ride, contact Dale Thomas @ (573) 808-3192. Also, don't forget about the Dinner Runs that will be happening real soon, every Thursday evening, meeting around 5:30 p.m. these too will be announced at a later date/time.

By now the first "Poker Run" has taken place and hopefully the weather was good and we had a BIG turnout!

Local 10 now has a new website, it's under construction but is functioning very well and needs some input and ideas. Come visit the site by clicking on the link below. Send any information and pictures that you want to be added to the website. Let's try to keep this up and going this year!

Just got word that "Tattoo" Jim will be set-up at the "Freedom Rally" this year, sorry I didn't get it the Local 10 Newsletter, but I had already sent them out before I received this message.

www.forrlocal10.net Denise Taylor, Local 10

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Carthage Family Restaurant 125 N. Garrison, in Carthage.

Contact: 417-793-4899 OR www.FORR11.org

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Meeting place varies - please call for info.

Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodman@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTE- Local 12 is taking a vote to see whether or not we should restrict entry in the Firecracker Classic to persons 21 years of age or older. This is an issue that everyone should address. Please call me at 660-784-2231 or e-mail me at smokeystrodman@hotmail.com with your vote. Please do this as soon as possible so we will know what to put on the flyers. Thanks!

Steve McQueen Days will be held in Slater on Main Street on March 28th. Don't miss this one, it is a fantastic event! There is a full page flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Don't forget to let me know if your mailing address has changed. The newsletter is bulk mail and the post office will not

Steve McQueen Days Bike Show and Rodeo March 28, 2009 Slater, MO



Hosted by FORR Local 12

Bike Show

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00am

Show & Public Voting: 10:00 – 12:00pm



Rodeo & Non-Riding Events

Registration: 12:00 – 12:30pm

Non-Riding Events: 12:30 – 1:30pm

Rodeo: 1:30pm - Finish



BURN OUT PIT!!!

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

Attractions: Car Show, Movies, Full Moon Band at R-Bar, Lots of Fun

For Information: Bert Monnig
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660-886-3537

Brian Norris
660-815-1951

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660-388-5110

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Local News

forward it. If we don't know where you are, we can't deliver your newsletter!

Bert called our Feb. 28th meeting at the Fishbeak to order at 2:33pm with 21 members and 4 guests present. The minutes were read and approved with one correction. Gary gave the treasury report that showed a balance of \$3,286.74 in the checking account. There had been no C.C. meeting since our last local meeting so Dave didn't have a C.C. report.

John reported that both of our helmet law modification bills are out of committee. HB165 is on the House calendar to be heard on the floor and SB27 is in the rules committee. With Chuck Graham gone, this is the best chance we've had in years to get the law changed.

Randy welcomed everyone and reported on the district 2 meeting. They have \$1,291.59 in the treasury. Gary Trueblood was elected chairman. The proclamation ride will be held on April 25th. District 2 wanted opinions from the locals on what would be a good date to have a poker run. After a long discussion, we decided to suggest June 27th. The tentative ending place will be Opie's Pool Hall in Kirksville.

The first item covered under old business was Steve McQueen Days on March 28th. There was a ¼ page ad in the March Freedom Press and there will be a full page one in the April issue. It will cost \$10 to enter the bike show and \$10 to enter the field events. The events should be over by 5 and there will be two non-riding events. They will include redneck golf and potato in the haystack. Riding events include a drag race, slow race, keg roll, cone race, ball toss, and wienie bite. Squiggly turned in some sponsor money that he had collected. We need more sponsors.

In new business, it was brought up that the March meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday, the 21st, at the Fish Beak. Bert will go to the next city council meeting to get approval for the Firecracker Classic to be held in Stump Island. We approved the dates to be July 10th, 11th, and 12th. Beckett's will again be our beer vendor and may have a catered meats supper on Friday night. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should have a cooker there.

Jeff passed around a sheet with committees we need. Tim and Tanya will be in charge of entertainment, Jeff and Pam will take care of vendors, Bert will be in charge of field events, and John will take care of the bike show. We still need committee chairs for sponsors and door prizes, advertising, security, setup, take down, and poker run. Tim may be able to come up with a dunk tank.

Tim gave a report on the Booneville Shriner's Club poker run and hog roast, to be held on Saturday, April 18th (rain date the 25th). Registration starts at 9, first riders leave at 10:15 and last bike out at 11:30. There are seven stops and a 50/50 payout. All proceeds go to help the Shrine Hospital to help children in need. Local 12 voted to be a \$200 sponsor to this event.

The meeting was adjourned and Lyndal won the incentive drawing. He very generously donated it back to the local. Thanks a million, Lyndal! Don't forget to stop in and visit Lyndal and Gail at the R-Bar on Main Street next time you are in Slater, they have been very good members of this local.

Upcoming events:

March 21st- Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow.

March 28th- Steve McQueen Days, Slater.

April 18th- Booneville Shriners Poker Run, Main St. Pub, 316 Main, Booneville.

April 25th- Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow

July 10th, 11th, and 12th- Local 12 Firecracker Classic, Stump Island Park, Glasgow.

If you have any items you would like to see in the newsletter, call me at 660-784-2231 or e-mail me at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com or see me at the meeting.

Until next month.....be free, **Smokey**

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month!

Come join us for the 1st Annual May Rally!

A Day in the Park!

Sunday May 3

The good times begin at 1:00 PM

Bring your family and come out to enjoy fun & games with your biker friends and neighbors

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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo.

Contact: 573-473-8017 or 573-386-2226

Fellow enthusiasts of all shapes, sizes, ages, origins and/or planets, we come in peace.

Boy, did you all miss a great meeting. We do have so much fun. I'll bet you wish you were there.

Some of the things that we have planned for the near future are: The Blessing of the Bikes on April 26, 2009 at Audrain City Historical Museum and Church. They are located at 501 south Muldrow, Mexico, MO. The brunch will start at 11:00 a.m. and the service at 12:00 noon.

In addition, our first Poker Run will be from 11:30 to 12:30 at JJ's Grill, in Mexico. Run ends at Dos Arco's Mexican restaurant in Mexico.

Our local has also noticed that we have a great deal of inactive members. Therefore, we decided to adopt a new concept. We are calling it "Adopt a member". What we are going to do is to start calling other members and reminding them that we would love to see them there. Even offer them a ride, if needed. Just to be a good thoughtful member.

Perhaps you have members who have been on the roster who you have yet to meet. Feel free to give them a call too. I am sure they will be glad to hear from you. Until next time, Go in peace, Not Pieces! Be Safe, **Linda**

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

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

Contact: Al 'Kickstand' Smart 816-838-7565

Hi Local 14!! Whoops I have to start off with an apology. I forgot in last month's newsletter to thank all our former officers of 2008. A special thanks goes to Smokin' Joe Widmer for all his years of service as President of this local. A special thanks goes to Ron Kesee for all his years of service, most recently as Vice President. Special thanks to Al "Kickstand" Smart for being our Legislative/District Rep in 2008. And thanks to all the members of Local 14 that attended meetings, assisted with events and kept the faith in 2008. Now if I forgot anyone, please let me know, so that I may acknowledge you in the newsletter.

We had a good turn out for our February meeting. We had three membership renewals, one transfer, and 2 new members. Thank you everyone! A warm welcome to Lady Di who transferred to the local, and a warm welcome to new members Kelly and Vaughn Cochran.

One officer position that was still open was Sgt at Arms and is now being held for 2009 by David Phipps. Thank you David for stepping up to the plate.

Crazy Dave, Louie Dave, Hoss and Kickstand all attended Lincoln Days. They had a good time and met with some local politicians to boot. There will be another opportunity to meet with State politicians, May 1 & 2, 2009 at the Hyatt Crown Center. Here's your chance if you missed Lincoln Days.

Here's some upcoming dates to put on your calendar

- April 11 - District/Legislative Fund-raiser - Moose Lodge
- April 14 - Ride to the Capital
- May 1 & 2 - Truman Days at Hyatt Crown Center
- May 19 - Run to the Wall
- June 6 - District Family Appreciation Picnic
- Dec 5 - Local 14 Annual Christmas Party/Auction

Members make sure we have your correct phone numbers. We are going to be putting together a membership phone directory for two purposes. So we can do phone trees to remind members of meetings, events, etc. and secondly so we can contact one another if we need help with something. Or heck just to call each other to go for a dinner ride or get together for a cook out.

Hoss discussed "rider safety" at the last meeting and advised we should all watch out for sand and deer. If anyone is interested in rider courses, Kickstand has information.

To all Local 14 members that have Birthdays in April - Happy Birthday!

We are discussing some events for the upcoming year, so come join us at the next meeting and give us your input.

Well fellow Bikers and Bikerettes it's getting late, so I bid you adieu until next month.

Ride Safe, **Cheryl Buell buellblast13@yahoo.com**



Local News

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Downing Station, Hollister, MO

Contact: 417-334-0775

Spring is here finally. Another winter under the belt! And that darned "belt" still shows signs of winter hibernation and holidays. Spring and summer riding, working and playing will work some of that off hopefully. A special Thank you goes out to the Chili cooks this winter and V.P. Randy Stovall wants to know how you like the Motorcycle drag racing. Another big "Thanks!" to all those workers in the ditch for the Trash & Treasure Highway clean-up. Hope you found a good treasure in all that trash. Local 15 couldn't survive if it didn't have all of you volunteers.

The Forsyth VFW Auxiliary provided Local 15 a great meal after the T & T Clean-up to thank us for our efforts in the Toy Run which gave them special recognition on the national level in the VFW Auxiliary Organization. They were also great cooks!

Clean out the garage and the closet and bring all that unused stuff down to the Forsyth Swap meet April 26th. For the price of your admission fee anyone and everyone can spread out a tarp or put up a table and sell the stuff they don't have a use for anymore. Bring a truck and drop the tailgate – still only cost the \$5.00 admission fee for used stuff. Gives you the opportunity to find cool stuff to fill the space you just cleaned!!

Be sure to check out the new website for Local 15. Thanks to the people that made this possible for us!

Calendar –

March 29 - Local 30's Benefit Ride for the Food Harvest. They will be leaving up there and head south, so to avoid going back and forth - there will be a local connection and sign-in between 1:00 to 1:45 at the Gas station at 160 and 65 highways north of Branson 6 miles. They will come by there and we will all go on together and end up in the Ozark/Nixa area.

April 5th - Local 15's spring Poker Run. Sign-in is 12:00 to 1:00 at Shanghai theatre on S. 165 Highway.

April 7th - BS meeting at Beverly's on East 76 on Mt. Branson 7:00 PM

April 19th - Springfield Awareness Ride Watch for a flyer at meetings or local newsletter Local 15 riders will meet up locally somewhere to be decided and ride up together to the event in Springfield.

April 20th Local 15 business meeting in downtown Hollister

April 25 - Set up for the Forsyth Swap Meet in the afternoon

April 26th - LOCAL 15 FORSYTH SWAP MEET - Be there or be square! Ride down some of the most scenic roads in Missouri and rummage thru new and old motorcycle stuff!! Doesn't get any better than that!!

May 14 - 17 - Branson Rally at Area 57 on Highway 76 in Branson. FREE this year!!!

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265

Hello everyone! I can't believe that we are now into March. We have had a lot going on here with Local #16, so I will hit the high points and share a couple of pictures with all of you. The Annual Broomstick Tournament was a great time and we had a great turn out as well. All of the proceeds from the Broomstick Tournament were given to one of our brothers, long time member and friend, Ralph Grebing. Ralph and Jonelle had a house fire and unfortunately lost all of their belongings, but they are both unharmed and still with us. Hopefully the proceeds from the tournament will help them put their lives back together. Hang in there guys and know we are all here for you! We would like to thank the following people for their participation, without them the tournament would not have been the success that it was. Thank you to Darren Collier for bringing the sound system, Patti Collier for taking pictures and Keith LeGrand for letting us use the West End Tavern to hold the event. Our master broomstick players were, Doug Pieffer in 1st place, Dave Pohlman in 2nd place and Christi Siemien in 3rd place.

We would like to welcome some new members, Dan Weston, Sheryl Kirchner, Anthony Pressure and Ken Tucker. We would also like to welcome back Sharon Hileman. We are happy to have you all join us!

And speaking of members...we were pleased to present George Reutzel with a plaque for 25 years of active membership with Local #16. George thanks for all you do and for doing it for so long!

Just a few more things before I go. The April Fool's Dance will be on April 4th at the Hideout in Biehle. The meeting starts



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at 7:00 and the dance at 9:00. Then we will be at Bully's in Jackson on April 25th, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The May meeting will be on May 25th at the home of Bill Wooten, please call for directions.

Everyone be safe and know that Spring has sprung and we will be on the road again very soon. **Bene**



LOCAL 18 - SPRINGFIELD

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

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

WE HAVE A NEW MEETING DAY.

We have changed our meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Same time and location, 7:00 PM at Los Portals Restaurant.

It's time to ride. Get 'em out and dust 'em off and let's go for a ride.

Local 30 has a Benefit ride March 29th starting in Nixa at Wal-mart with sign up from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM. All proceeds go to "Food for Thought" After School Lunch Program by the Ozarks Food Harvest.

April 11th the American Legion Riders are having a Spaghetti Dinner from 5pm-8pm. All you can eat for only \$5.00.

April 14th is Capitol Crusaders Day. Meet at 0600 at the Applebee's corner of Glenstone & Kearney, we will carpool or ride bikes depending on the weather.

April 18th is Rockn' Ribs Motorcycle show at Bass Pro Shop, eat some good BBQ and view some of the areas hottest rides.

April 19th is the Second Annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride. Sign in at Remington's, 1655 W. Republic Rd. beginning at 12:30 PM. This is a FREE ride with riders getting a "CAN YOU SEE ME NOW"

t-shirt (also FREE) while supplies last. Enjoy a 70 mile ride through area towns to make people aware that Motorcyclists are going to be on the road and we want you to SEE US NOW. The ride will end at American Legion Post 63. Live music will be provided by Tuck & Abney for your enjoyment. **ZZ**

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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 6 p.m. Opie's Bar and Pool Hall on S. Hwy 63

Contact: Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Hello again:

Kind of a bitter sweet time for us up here in the Northeast part of the state.

Sweet part is the Spring Expo was this past month of March, which is a big time for our Safety Group consisting of Sheila, Sharon and usually Janie putting up a great booth for public display.

Also sweet are the plans for the Sally Rally coming right along and the Flier is probably in this addition of the Freedom Press and is also on our website at www.forr19.com. Date is set for May 29th thru the 31st.

Bitter part was the loss of one of our Life Members this past month, Mark Farley and before you start asking who was Mark Farley, he was just known far and wide as "Buffalo". Could go on for a long time about him, but I'll just leave it as Ride Free Brother – Ride Free Forever!

This year is a special one for our group as we're coming up on our 25th Anniversary as a local. We're looking at ways to commemorate this accomplishment.

April 25th will be our Proclamation ride this year starting at the Old Petite 3 parking lot across from Pancake City. Rumor has it that we might try to put together a ride to Whiteman Air Force Base to their big Air Show on Jun 6th assuming they're able to have it this year.

Rader will have the memorial patches available for both Dave Parton and Buffalo at the next meeting. When riding, ride safe, keep warm and Spring is almost here.

TANKER

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagle's Club on Hwy 25.

Contact: 573-293-4754

It's me again Martha hello from Local #20. Well we had our Feb. meeting and as usual same member's showed up which are Local 20's loyal few! And I am very proud of them all. It would be nice if the rest of the member's would take a little time to show up at the meeting's hell the meeting is only maybe an hour long. Wow I guess the one's that never make a meeting can't get up off the couch, and you know who you are! Enough said.

I would like to thank Martin from Local 16 for attending our Feb. meeting he had a lot of good info. to tell us again thank you Martin.

And I would like to thank Tom Ott our new Vice President you done a great job conducting the meeting, welcome to the jungle Tom. Local 20 will not have a Bike Show & Rodeo in May not enough member's to work it so it was cancelled. The member's should write their Reps & Senator and let them know that we are still a force to be reckoned with and want our right's protected and our freedom of choice to ride helmet free!

Well I am out of here for this month until the next news letter then I will be back. Keep it in the wind and "FREE"

Darrell



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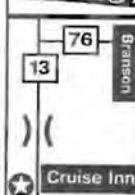
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LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzzer Magee's 108 S. Maple street, in Eldon, MO

Contact: Dan at 314-941-8989

Hey Everybody, Not much to report here, bein' this time of year. But we are looking forward to the March 10th Capitol Crusaders Day Run that we discussed at our last meeting. So I'll fill you in later as to how that turned out. Don't forget we can also go April 14th if our weather doesn't cooperate.

On a sad side note, the Proprietors of Buzzers have requested that our women folk keep their shirts on ... I know ...

Till Next Time, *Dan*

LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Gingo's on South Broadway in St. Louis, MO

Contact: 636-343-2876

After several months of hard work and going to lots of meetings; mostly by Staples and Midget we did it! Local 24 is up and running!!!

Our first meeting in two years was held on Tuesday Feb. 17th. Thirty people were in attendance with representatives from Locals 25 & 42. Thanks for the district 6 support.

We are very excited that so many people stepped up to fill all the positions to make our local a success.

President - Steve Comeau "Staples"

Vice President - Tim Crowson "Midget"

Secretary - Robin Brown "Newbee"

Treasurer - Dion Devan "Noid"

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Although most of the meeting was focused on electing officers, we did get down to business. We asked our members to distribute flyers for the Blessing of the Bikes and to be prepared to help wit the event on Sunday April 5th at Jack's Ironhorse. Sign up will be at the Ironhorse Saloon on S. Broadway, Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit or American Legion Hall 313 in St. Peters.

See you there!

Vickie

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main

St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo.

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Contact: 636-299-1032

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7p.m. (Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Happy Easter!! I hope we are enjoying warmer weather when you get this. I'm looking out at 6 inches of snow as I'm writing this...Uggggg! Cold, cold, go away, bring warmth and sunshine for Proclamation Day! Please.

Yes, Proclamation Run...April 25th starts in Maryville at 9:00 a.m. and leaves at 9:30. The route is: Maryville-Savannah-St. Joe Harley Davidson (11:00)-Maysville-Cameron (Lunch) regroup at City Hall at 2pm and leave at 2:30-Gallatin-Bethany (aprox. 4:10) For more info. contact John Carman @ 816-580-3424 or Steve Gallus @ 816-449-5037.

Other April events are: 7th-Eat N' Ride to Dolly's (Longhorn Rest.) in Braddyville

10th-District 1 mtg @ Breadeaus Pizza in Cameron @ 7:30

14th-Capital Crusader Days in Jefferson City

14th-Eat N' Ride "Loop" ride will eat @ Carsons in Maryville

17th-Bike night ride to Indianola, IA

21st-Eat N' Ride Meeting @ K&Ts in Parnell

28th-Eat N' Ride to Junction Cafe in Bedford, IA

28th-10th annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally in Jefferson City (for more info contact 800-448-3677 or 800-309-7433)

May events are:

5th-Eat N' Ride to Pinatas Mexican in Savannah

10th-CC Mtg in Jefferson City

12th-Eat N' Ride to Gambino's Pizza in Stanberry

15th-Bike night ride to Indianola, IA

15,16,17th-Dist. 1 Black Top Rally

19th-Eat N' Ride Meeting @ Jays in Clarinda

26th-Eat N' Ride to Iron Skillet in Rock Port

PLEASE NOTE:

Tuesday Eat N' Rides cancelled due to Rain/inclement weather will be the following Friday to same location.

Eat N' Rides are on Tuesdays and we meet at BreakTime Gas Station west of Hwy 71 & 136 stoplight in Maryville @ 6pm

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Looking forward to seeing you all on two wheels (or three) soon!! Please email me with any info you'd like me to put in the newsletter @ jcandcompany@yahoo.com or call me @ 660-562-3932

Thanks, *Jeanine Montgomery, Local 26 Secretary*

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's
1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079

Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or

V.P. Jim Poe 417-276-6370

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen! Hope this finds you bright-eyed and bushy tail after recuperating from Daylight Savings and St. Patrick's Day. Quick update on what's been going on and what's in store for 27.

A 27 member, Carl Stinley, has been great about keeping us posted on "other" events that are taking place with "good feel" themes; I'd like to bring to your attention



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the 8th Annual Tri Lakes Bikers For Kids Teddy Bear Run.

All bikes are welcomed; meet at the Bolivar Wal-Mart parking lot on April 19th at 12pm to depart at 1pm. \$10 sign up fee per person and the first 50 sign up receive a free gift. Food is provided and is requested to bring a stuffed toy. For more information on this event, please call 417-754-8114 or 417-770-2074)

This next project is something that Dave Dambrosio brought to our attention and I plead you take great heed while reading...Missing In America Project (www.miap.us) The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. Please visit the website; Local 27 voted unanimously to be a sponsor of this admirable program.

Local 27 will have hosted our first benefit ride of the year March 29th for Shannon Wood; she is a neighbor of our President and been diagnosed with cancer. She is too young to be fighting this alone; she will be going through some heavy-duty chemotherapy and will not be able to work for a while. This is why we are here and why we have our community's support; we support our community! I promise you, good deeds, indeed, deserve another... remember last month I mentioned the horrible incident that occurred with The Queens family (house burnt down, lost EVERYthing, most traumatically, lost their 2 year old daughter)? Our Local wanted to donate \$, household items, clothes, etc (and did!)...well, our host for our meetings, Suzy Q's in Roscoe donated a whopping total of \$240 to the family; how generous was that?!?

Wanted to thank Local 11 for the warm welcome they bestowed upon our Vice President. Also, wanted to mention River Rat Day out at Caplinger on April 25th; looks to be a lot of fun (music, activities, etc; more info, please call our Prez as he has the flyer to this event-417-327-5596). Lastly, I want to bring to your attention Local 27's Roscoe Fun Run. This FABULOUS event will take place May 29-31st; we will have music, vendors, games, field events...BYOB (no glass, please!) and food! I will have more details for you in the next letter and hopefully be able to place in our calendar of events. I will do my best to have a calendar of our events for you by next newsletter to assist in your fun planning? (LOTS of events in May, including the Run to the Wall out in Concordia May 19th, our Spring Poker Run on May 9th, but again, will get all these events lined out for you with contact numbers, etc.)

Until next time, folks, remember, a sharp tongue can cut your own throat. Be safe, have fun, and support our troops!

Best Regards, *Katherine*

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

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

Contact: 573-528-6409 or 573-774-3596

As I am writing this, there are 9 inches of snow on the ground, and it looks miserable out there, so hopefully by the time you actually read this it will be warm, green and we can ride in the wind once again without worrying about frost bite. With spring comes our fight up at the state capitol. Hope everyone is doing your duty and calling, emailing and writing your Senator and Representative to support all our bills and to not support the ones we are against. I know a bunch of you are upset over the bill wanting to make it illegal to let the little ones ride behind you. So let's make sure it never gets voted on. There will soon be rides all over Missouri. Check out the FORR website and make sure we are not only supporting our rides, but throw in a few from other locals. We are all in this together. Speaking of our events, I thought I would take some time to give you the history behind them. I told you when they are, but it is also important to remember why we do them in the first place. The first day the year kicked off with a Polar Bear Run. Not sure when the first time the local actually started it, but when I first came to the local it was reinstated to start the first day of the year off doing what you planned on doing all year, and that was ride your bike. The Valentine Party started 10 years ago, which is coincidentally how many years ago Dee and I got married. That was actually how the party originated. Dee and I got married at the Shrine Club 10 years ago on Valentines Day. We had planned on keeping it a small hush hush thing, with only the preacher, and a best man and women there. We invited absolutely no one, and every one showed up. We were very surprised to walk in and see 100 people there to

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be at our wedding. Thereafter, the local started having a party there every year on the 14th, and it became Friends of the Shrine Valentine Party.

Our first official ride is in the beginning of May. I don't remember exactly what year it was, I guess about 5-6 years ago, we decided we needed to make some rides geared to support FORR, so 2 rides were formed, the Spring and Fall Motorcycle Awareness rides, with 75% of the intake going to support FORR. The fall ride has changes somewhat, as we have used that to support things like Hurricane Katrina, one of our fallen members, and the latest disasters from Hurricanes.

Now our big event, the Mid America Freedom Rally. As most of you know, this event did not start in Buckhorn. 21 years ago, it started in Freeburg Missouri at a privately owned park. But after 7 years we finally out grew the little park. Local 28 had already started using the Shrine property for meetings and its own little rally, the Buckhorn Bash, which later became the Blast. We had talked with the Shriners, and they told us they had enough land to make this rally even better, and well you see what we have, they did not lie. But it did not start off this way. Many shriners spent weeks building the first roads, and clearing out some camping space. The first year the rally consisted of a large army tent for beer sales, and a flat bed for a stage. Where the Local's pavilion is now was so thick with trees, you could not even get a tent in there. A lot of work and sweat has gone into this rally site, and for that we owe the Shriner's a lot.

The July 4th Buckhorn Blast used to be a 3 day event that was only put on by this local, but it was less than a month after the Freedom Rally and everyone was too tired to work shifts again. So we went from a 4 day event to a 1 day rally, down to a poker run and family party with fire works. So for all you that are mad about the Freedom Rally not being open to kids, this event will always be a family event. There will be no adult events in it, and we are even looking to get some kiddies rides and such for the little ones this year.

The USO support ride was a brain child of a couple organizations. When we all learned that Fort Leonard Wood was opening a USO right here on post, we decided we needed to support that with a ride. So far it has really gone over well, and will continue, as the USO only functions by donations from people like us.

My favorite event is the Halloween Bash. Never in a million years would I have ever thought it would be the size it is now. 13 years ago, we were having a small Halloween party at the club. We had one tractor and trailer to do a hay ride. Don't forget, the local was about 30+ folks then. Super Dave (many of you will remember him) and I hid in the woods, and jumped out at the folks. The next year the first haunted house came about; it was an Army tent with spooks inside. Eventually all the pavilions got built and we started using them. We were very surprised the first year we opened this up to the public that we decided to make this a Shrine Hospital Charity event.

Once the riding season was over, we started the toy and food drives. Originally our toy runs were picking up all the donation boxes we had all over the county and I really think we should go back to that. Everyone took a box or two, decorated it in wrapping paper, and found businesses all over the county to set these up, from grocery stores, to dollar stores. The ride then went to each one of these, so we kind of brought the entire county into our event. The Wal-Mart event actually started off as a photo day where kids could come by the Shrine Club and have their photo taken with Santa. The cost for a picture was a canned food item, or a toy. Unfortunately it was very costly to print out all these pictures, so we came up with the Santa and Grinch day at Wal-Mart, which has been a great success. So, now you not only know when the events are, now you know why.

In closing, the local has a new thing to start getting everyone out to our meetings. Each meeting they will pull a random name off the sign-in roster and each month there will be a winner, who can choose to either have their next membership paid for, or pay for either the Freedom Rally or Home-Coming, their choice. So now everyone has an incentive to come and see us every month, first Friday of the month at 7pm at the Shrine Club.

Until we meet in the wind, keep it vertical. *Taz - local28forr.com - midamericafreedomrally.com*

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Brent DeFord 816-695-6592 or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

HAPPY EASTER!

Please note the new meeting location in Liberty!

PAST: Local 29 has a current roster of 113 members. There were 37 members and 1 guest (Barbara Owen) present at the Business Meeting. Thank you all for attending! **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Steve Williams reported that the Bowl-A-Rama was a success (meaning with the attendees and donations we didn't lose money). Our top bowlers are Jenny Pence (3rd), Suzie James (2nd), and Randy Atkison (1st). Taylor James received the Crying Towel. Nancy Martin reported that she has the photo album for 2009 started. The big news is that we have to move our business meetings to a new location. Beginning in March we will hold our meetings at the VFW Post 4043 in Liberty (same time and dates, new location). A membership



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incentive of \$20 went to Terry Tharp (March's incentive will be back to \$10). LA Ross won the attendance incentive of \$37 (Lucky LA! This is her second month in a row for winning!). I am going to go ahead and report that Lincoln Days was a "sweet" success! Our room was the most talked about and visited (we even had the hotel security come and tell us we needed to shut our doors because our room was too loud!). Thank you everyone (especially Ann Dodson), because without your volunteering and sweet making this would not have been possible.

PRESENT: I'd like to remind the following members that their membership is due to expire in April: Gereld Asbell, Sheila Baker, Bruce Carpenter, Cindy Crozier, Ken DeMoss, Nancy DeMoss, Liz Doolittle, Russell Felts, Bob & Vinetta Gamett, Eddie & Dutch Hays, Del High, Kristy Knoche, Scott Saucier, Norman Schlossenberg, Mike Shryock, Brian Smith, and Gary Spoor. I'd like to acknowledge all the April Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too, including, but not limited to, Dan Woods (4/1), Sharon Jackson (4/11), Kristy Knoche (4/14), Ted Gross (4/14), Cheryl McCutchen (4/21), Brian Smith (4/30) and yours truly, NeQuelle Wolfgeher...Happy Birthday to us!

FUTURE: Don't forget the Kearney Bike Show is on March 29th during the "Tuff-E-Nuff Weekend". The weekend begins with ABATE of KS District 5's Swap Meet on Saturday morning, moves on to HD-ERA's Cabin Fever Bash in NKC Saturday evening, and ends in Kearney at the Bike Show. Attend all three and you are entered for a chance to win \$150 cash. There will be a post Bike Show Meeting on Friday, April 3rd, 7pm at the Kearney VFW. Let's have a strong showing at the District 4 Easter Egg Hunt on the 4th...we especially need all you trikers out there. Capitol Crusaders Day is the 14th. Later that evening is the District 4 meetings at the Pizza Shoppe on 291HWY (6:30pm). D4's Legislative Fund-raiser is on the 11th at the Moose Lodge in Independence. The evening begins at 6pm, come see who is crowned King and Queen. The Local's Business Meeting is on April 19th (Same time/place as usual) and our Dinner Run is the 21st (Outlaws in Kearney). The highlight of April is our first trip to Buckhorn for the year. Our "work" weekend is scheduled for the 25th. The month ends with the MAY Rally on the 28th.

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

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Mulligans in Ozark
Contact: Pops at moore1031@sbcglobal.net or call 417-881-2795

Hello once again everyone. The warm air has come finally, hope it stays around! I would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped at Leather and Lace. With your help it made for a great night. I know I had a blast. Also thank you local 18 for letting us be a part of that. For upcoming events we have couple. First we have the Food For Thought ride, I will need some volunteers to help me block intersections. If anyone is interested please contact me at 417-379-1819. Second is our Awareness Ride on April 19th. That starts at Remingtons on Republic Rd. and we will ride through Ozark, Nixa, Springfield, Willard and then back to Springfield to the American Legion on Scenic. It will be about a 2 hour ride.

Curtis wanted me to mention someone who could be a great benefit to all of us at sometime or another. He is David Ransim P.C. Attorney at Law. He is a lawyer who specializes in motorcycle cases. I would have more on this but I forgot the information Curtis was so nice to write down for me. Sorry, I will have it next month for sure!

Also let's all congratulate Eric and Danielle on their engagement. Until next month
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"Guess Who?"



Ed Danley....

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Phelps Co. Choppers
210 E 6th Street Rolla, MO
Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or
Debra John 573-762-3808

Hi to All,

We had a real good turn out at our last meeting, several familiar faces showed up that we hadn't seen in awhile. Glad to have you guys back. Also had a few visitors lately, hope you enjoyed yourselves and come see us again.

For those of us who hadn't read the minutes in the Freedom Press from the last Central Committee meeting. Brian has been doing a fine job keeping us informed of all the happenings. Hope you do however take time to read this anyway. There are a lot of things we need to know about & these guys & gals are doing a really fine job keeping us informed so, please take the time to read this.

Freedom Rally, yes it will be here before you know it. Debbie is keeping us informed about this event. If you can help in any way, call either Brian or Debbie & they will sign you up. We really appreciate everyone's help! We also need trophy sponsors for some of the events. These are \$40.00 each. Or maybe you would like to place an ad in the Freedom Rally program. I believe these range from \$25.00 to \$100.00 depending on the size you want.

We had several of our fellow bikers come riding in to the shop this week. Wed. was a nice day if you wore a jacket. There was a lot of bikes going past the place, However remember we live in MISSOURI. Today (Sat.) We have 10" of snow. I understand we got hit the hardest. Now Thur. they are predicting 72. Yes, I said MISSOURI! Hopefully by the time you receive this we will only be planning our rides around a few April showers. One thing about it though, there is nothing I can think of more relaxing & helps you forget about your worries anymore than riding the winding roads in these ozarks hills.

EVENTS.....

Apr 14 - FORR Capitol Crusaders Days

Apr 26 - Local 15 Branson/Tri-Lakes MC SwapMeet

Since I've got you thinking about those ozark hills why not call up a friend & go for a ride.
Till next time this is "**Kickstand**" saying "Keep your eyes open wide & enjoy the ride" See Ya!!

LOCAL 32 - BOOTHEEL

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. The Vikings Club, 805 Bypass, Kennett, Mo.
Contact: 573-695-1785

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The weather has not been our friend at meeting time for the past several months, with power outage due to a severe ice storm last month and a heavy snow storm cancelling this months meeting.

But Spring will come, and with it our March Dice Run (which will be over by the time you read this).

We all look forward to warm riding weather, getting together with the surrounding motorcycle oriented organizations, and of course the Boogaloo. **ACE**

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.
Contact: President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949
For newsletter input Contact: Marti Walborn 660-563-0494

Plans are underway for Local 33's upcoming 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY. This will be a special event for all members and



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guests. Will give details when all plans are finalized.

Coming up: April 4th is April Fool's Poker Run. Sign in 12:00 to 1:00 at AmVets in Knob Noster and will end at AmVets. All riders and vehicles welcome. This is a rain or shine run, so don't let the weather keep you in. Come join us for the first Poker Run in 2009. I'm crossing my fingers for good weather. April 11th is the Easter parade in Windsor and April 18th is Local 33 Fun Run. Details should be ironed out at our March meeting.

The Iron Horseman Bike show was a success. We gave away a \$250.00 gift certificate, sold some product line, and received a \$100 donation from Kevin (the winner of the state give away last year).

The nine ball tournament and chilli cookoff was a good time. Nine ball winners: 1st-Shirley Coffee, 2nd-Craig Scroggins, 3rd-Will. A pool cue was donated by Sketch. Chilli winners: Best-Mark Baty, Hottest-Sarge.

March renewals due: Darell Chavis, Susan Chavis, Aaron McCarroll, Ron Osborne, Tonya Thomas.

April renewals due: Audrey Best, Ed Carper, John Cohen, Bob Etters, Dennis Guy, Elaine Guy, Jay Haas, Brent Hunt, Melvin Keyser, Rick Larrison, Dianne Lee, Ronnie Lee, Sierra Miller, Mary Roberts, Tony Sahlfeld.

RIDE SAFE! Marti

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 5 p.m. The Pit Stop Pub Sports Bar in Clinton, MO

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

Local 35 grieves for one of it's members. On February 28, Sheri Boese # 23037 was suddenly called home. Not only was she a good member but the mother of another member Jennifer Nelson. She will be missed.

Forget what was stated last month about Local 35's little party, known as the Sizzler. We thought we had come to an agreement with the people at the campground, but it didn't work out. By the time this comes out, we should have all the details, for the Sizzler..

Welcome to our newest member Jason Copowycz and renewals by Annette Nelson, Bill Piepmeier and Chester Hammond.

Let's not forget April 28th for the M.A.Y ride. Let's put more motorcycles on the sidewalks, than have ever been there before. I know this is not a helmet issue, that day, but it still shows the support we have by the bikes that are there.

I also, feel it's time to see a lot of support from our brothers, Abate For Missouri, Goldwing Riders, Christian Motorcyclist, HOG, Lady Riders and Southern Cruisers just to name a few other motorcycle organizations to stand up and show their support. This is a ride for all motorcyclists to bring attention that we are back and to look out for us. It's not just Freedom of Road Riders® job to do this.

Always ride safe and NEVER give up the fight for your FREEDOM. If you don't fight for it you can bet NO one else will. **Bob Hawkins**

LOCAL 40 - BETHANY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m. (Location varies)

Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

My favorite time of the year is coming up. We no longer have a local. I took it upon myself to make this decision. I have spent all the money and turned everything into the state. April Fools!!!! I really don't have much to talk about. Turn to the District 1 news and you will see what's going on. I sure hope the roads are cleaned off by April 25th so

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Robert can get his bike out. I hope he remembers how to ride. Our March meeting will be March 25th at 7:00 at Dos Chiquita's. Our April meeting will be on April 22nd at my house at 7:00. For directions call 425-8340. PEACE and LOVE. **STEMS**

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. Pacific Eagles in Pacific, MO
Contact: Rick Gish @ 314-578-6006

Hello everyone, hope all has check out their Bikes and getting ready for the Proclamation Run. It is coming up really quick, also the Mike Sloan Memorial M.A.Y. Awareness at Jefferson City, then we will have our District party in May, so it is right around the corner! Hopefully the weather will cooperate for all these things. As I write this on March 5th it is almost 80 degrees outside. Someone came in and said it is suppose to snow next week! They were using that 4 letter word! (SNOW) I

Letter to the Editor

Hey all, this is Taz from Local 28. This letter is concerning the Mid America Freedom Rally. There have been many rumors, and many sides to recent events. I am here to make sure everyone gets the story right and to stop all the rumors. As you all know, I have working this rally for 14 years, and am once again the vice chair and will take the chair again next year. The rally has had to adapt every year, because as it grows, so must we. One of the biggest issues this year was the underage children wondering around. To set the record straight, when the members of the MAFR discussed and voted upon the age limit of the rally, they did not know about a letter from the DFS. I purposely withheld that info until a vote was made so it would not be the influential thing that they voted upon. Each member, just like the CC was allowed to go back to their local, discuss the motion to change the age limit. The next meeting we brought it up to a vote, with 4 wanting to change the age to 18, 2 abstaining, and 1 against.

Now, let me give you some background about why I brought all this up. The last couple of years it has started to become an issue, but last year (2008) was the worst. Children as young as 5 years old were seen wondering around with no parent. One of the rules to bring families in was, NO UNATTENDED children. Well, many of the parents were not keeping their end of the bargain, and we were just waiting for an accident to happen. What was brought up was how to handle this, either make the rule once caught, to kick the family out or change the age limit. And I will tell you what also bothered me was, not only were these parents not watching their children, but many bikers to include members of this organization were just turning their heads when it was happening, from minors, well under 18 being given alcohol, to 10 year olds not being told to leave during naked contests, or other "adult entertainment". The worse case I personally saw was an 8 year old walking with his 5 year old brother. It was late at night, and I watched them walk all the way across the field, with bikes almost hitting them, walk up to the bar, leave the bar, walk up to the stage, and not one single person stopped them and asked why they were out at night and all alone. I had to jump down, asked them where their parent where and they did not know, they were looking for them. I had to babysit these two, as if I am not busy enough, to find their parent (who was past out at another camp site) and make all of them bed down. Now, what would have happened if these kids had gotten hurt. The Rally insurance would have had to pay, DFS would have become involved, and either the Rally or the Shrine Club would have had to answer. Yes, I know lawyer will tell us that the DFS will only go after the parents or the person who gives a minor alcohol, but the community will go nuts and this rally will end. The media would have a hay day tearing apart FORR and the Shrine. It has taken us 14 years of hard work to allow us to have this rally in Buckhorn, with no problems from the law, or the community. All it takes is just on episode with a minor and all that goes out the window, not to mention, the Shriners, whose only purpose is to support the Children's Hospital, would stop this rally because they will not allow their name to be stained. If you know anything about me, you would know I was the one who always stood up and defended this rally to always stay open to all ages, and the rally has kept its part of the bargain, and opened this up, but many parents and others have dropped the ball, ruining it for everyone. Maybe next year we can work on a better system to protect these kids. I have heard that we are taking away their freedoms and all that, well, it is also our job to protect these kids too, not wait until something terrible to happen then decide to act.

Oh by the way, we have Head East headlining the rally!!!!

Until May, keep it vertical, **Taz**



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think everyone is ready for spring.

We are having our fun run this weekend, hopefully it will be nice. Either way hope everyone can make it out! I am sure a good time will be had by all. Thanks again to Erin and Chip for having us. It was very much appreciated! In the last newsletter the meeting was that evening and it is the same here. I have tried to keep up on our website. We have a volunteer to continue with this. I am going to bring it up at the meeting, so hopefully someone who knows more about it than I, will take this over.

Ok have to make this quick and get it in ASAP. We just came from the meeting, Thanks to everyone for coming out. We had 22 members present and have 37 members in the local! WOW!! Thanks everyone!

Thanks to our renewals and Welcome to our new members including our transfers, it is Great to have you join us! We are going to get ahold of the gentleman with the web site. Thanks for voting for this I am sure he will do a wonderful job! I plan on calling him tomorrow.

I know there is a lot more to tell you, I am sorry I have waited so long to get this done, but I really need to get this in, so come to the meeting or call!

We will have our next meeting 1st Thursday of the month at Bredeaux pizza at 7pm. Hopefully after that we can start going somewhere outside.

Until then ride Safe and Free!

Angie - sagallus2@yahoo.com or 816-449-2707 or 816-449-5037

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.

Contact: President - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Anyone else tired of this crazy weather? Soon the weather should be nice enough to ride – I can't wait.

Our February meeting was held on February 22, 2009 and was called to order at 1:00 pm. We had a large group in attendance. Our membership is growing. Doug Thornburgh won the attendance prize. .

This year's riding kickoff will be the Blessing of Bikes – Sunday, April 4th. Sign in for ride begins at 11:00 at Roadhouse 100 – ride will leave at 12:30 – riding to Jack's Iron Horse in Bridgeton, MO.

A new event for this year will be Motorcycle Awareness Day for Franklin County, A Day in the Park. This event would be a combined effort of FORR, CMA, Bourbeuse Valley and JW Cycles – free to the public – to get the community aware of motorcyclists. This event will be held on May 3rd at the Union Fairgrounds, fun begins at 1:00 pm. Flyer should be published in this issue and is also available on www.forr.net under the Events section.

Don't forget Leather & Lace Tickets – March 28th – doors open at 7:00 pm. Hope you got your ticket – almost sold out. Local 42 members, if you haven't signed up to work, please check with someone – we can always use some help somewhere.

Dates to remember:

April 5, 2009 - Bike Blessing – Jack's Iron House, Bridgeton, MO. Ride will be leaving Roadhouse 100 – sign in starts at 11:00 am

April 14, 2009 - Crusader Day – at the Capital in Jefferson City

April 28, 2009 - M.A.Y. Rally (Mike Sloan Memorial Rally)

May 3, 2009 - A Day In the Park – Motorcycle Awareness for Franklin County – Union City Fairgrounds – starts at 1 pm

Next meetings will be on Sunday, March 22 2009 and Sunday, April 26 at 1 pm. at Pacific Eagles Meeting Room. Hope to see you there.

Take care, *Alma*



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LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m. Location Varies

Contact: Deb 816-868-9369 or Tina 816-289-6408

Hello Ladies and Gents!

We had a good meeting on Feb. 1 (Super bowl night, congrats Steeler fans!) at Mike and Mo Horner's house. Our next meeting will be at Deb's on March 1st. We would love to see some other locals, and state officers come and join us.

Our CC Representative, Gary Maddox, brought to the local, the question of whether or not we should have a Mr. and Mrs. Homecoming or tattoo competition at the State's Homecoming. Local 46 insists on having both, so that everyone including those without tattoos may participate.

The Local presented Dennis "Big D" Stevenson and Kevin Oliver with Appreciation plaques and medals for their continued dedication to the local. From the beginning these two have held steady and fought for this local to survive. THANK YOU to both of you for hanging tough, you deserve a break.

We are having our first Bunny Run on April 5, 2009. Sign in is from 11:30 am -1:00 pm at One Eyed Jacks at Brighton and Parvin Rd in the Northland. We will be running a new route that will include our newly adopted stretch of highway and the scenic Missouri River and finally end at a Mexican BBQ place in Oak Grove, MO where we will have prizes and then our monthly meeting. Donation is \$10.00 with each additional scorecard \$5.00. Come on out and hop on down the Bunny Trail with us!!! Contact Deb for more information at 816-868-9369. Watch next month's Freedom Press for our advertisement.

Everyone is invited to The 7th Sort of Annual Chili Fest and Biker Reunion! hosted by Rod and Tina Allen at 4600 Hawthorne Ave, KC, MO. Call 816*358*4728, 816*289*6408, or 816*289*6409 for more info.

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE SAFE AND IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO DRINK, BE SMART AND GET A CAB. MANY CITIES OFFER FREE CAB RIDES THAT DAY.

Megan Maddox - Member 30092



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Racing hosted by US 36 Raceway
1/8 mile asphalt bike drag
ET Eliminations

More info:

www.us36raceway.com

5 p.m. Pony Express Campground
Bike games

9 p.m. Pony Express Campground
Enjoy the music of
Blue 88

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Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.



Connections

FORR District 4

Hey all you freedom lovers,

Along with Ann's thank you for Lincoln Day's I wanted to pass along some upcoming dates. April 11 starts off the month with our Legislative Fundraiser (see flyer in this issue) and April 14 is District 4 Capital Crusader Day (see you at the capital). May 1 is Truman Days (hospitality room for KC Democratic Comm. fundraiser), May 3 is B.W.A.M., and May 18 is Run for the Wall (new location this year). June 6 is District 4 Appreciation Party & Poker Run (overnight camping available) and of course Ofest '09 is October 2-4. For more info on any of these events attend your meetings or contact your local's dist. rep.

Keep Pushin' On, **Tim 'Dragon O'Connor - District 4 Chair**

FORR District 1

HEY LOCALS 3,6,26,40,& 41 Our DISTRICT RALLY is just around the corner. Look for flier in this month's newsletter. See your district rep. for your work details.

You will need to do gate & security. There has been talk about having an APPLE PIE contest. My grandma made some kickass apple pie, but it didn't have the asskick that district rally apple pie has. This stuff will make your motorcycles fall over even if you're not on them. I bet we don't have any trouble finding judges. So come on over, up, down or whichever direction you come from and take in the Bike Drags, Bike Games and Live Music. You'll be glad you did. Gates open at 6:00 Friday May 15th at PONY EXPRESS CAMPGROUNDS near Maysville. Don't forget PROCLAMATION RUN on April 25th. We will begin in Maryville and end in Bethany. The Mike Sloan Memorial Ride will be April 28th. Don't forget our District meetings the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00 in Cameron at Bredeaux Pizza.

PEACE and LOVE. **STEMS**

AMA National Action Alert

Add Your Voice to the Fight Against the Ban on Youth Motorcycles and ATVs!

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) continues to ask all riders to protest the recent ban on certain youth motorcycles and ATVs by contacting their Members of Congress

On Feb. 10, 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) effectively outlawed the sale of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) intended for youth riders 12-years-old and under. Since that time efforts by the AMA, its sister organization the All-Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA), the Motorcycle Industry Council, the Specialty Vehicle Industry Association, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, the Off-Road Business Association and others have spurred an outpouring of letters and phone calls to the CPSC and federal legislators.

AMA and ATVA members, racers, riders and fans across the country have responded strongly to the collective calls for action so far, but our work is not over. The current ban on the sale of youth motorcycles and ATVs still threatens the very future of off-highway recreation in America.

Members of Congress and the Chairmen of the CPSC must continue to hear from everyone in the motorcycling community if we are to reverse this ban..Send a message to your Senators and Representatives asking for the reversal of this ban .

MRF SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services provided by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation include:

Washington, DC Office - The MRF office in Washington DC, which acts as a clearing house for tracking motorcycle related legislation in the states and in Congress.

National & Regional Conferences - Sponsorship of an annual national conference (Meeting of the Minds) and two regional conferences (Best of the West and Beast of the East) for motorcyclists to gather and share knowledge and skills.

Training & Motivation - Meetings offering top-flight training in politics, leadership, planning and organizational skills. These skills are necessary to win the support and favor of civic leaders, lawmakers, the media and other centers of influence.

Plans and Programs - Ambitious plans and programs to expand the base of MRF membership to encompass any rider, regardless of age, experience level, or style of riding.

Motivate Talent - Motivating talent in every region of the country by acting in concert with the State Motorcyclist's Rights Organizations that created and continue to co-partner with the MRF.

Timely Communications - Keeping the membership informed of national and state happenings via the bi-monthly MRF Reports and MRF News email list. To subscribe to the email News Alert, go to <http://www.mrf.org/newscurrent.php>.

MRF Products - Products designed to instill pride in every rider, carry the message of liberty to other riders and encourage all riders to become members and supporters of the MRF in its diligent fight for safety and freedom.

Internet Presence - The MRF website www.mrf.org which provides information on legislative issues, MRF conferences and other publications and resources.

Roadside Assistance - Through Road America www.mrg.org/mrfroadside.php. the MRF offers coverage in the event of lost keys, no gas, dead battery, dead bike, etc. in the U.S., Canada and Mexico available in three different packages to fit your riding style. The low cost is in addition to your MRF membership.

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Calendar of Events



MARCH

- 28** L-12 Glasgow Steve McQueen Days 660-833-5117
28 L-42 Franklin Co. Leather & Lace Dance 314-401-9119
29 L-27 Sac-Osage Benefit Run 417-399-1473
29 L-29 North KC Kearney Bike Show 816-630-0325
29 L-30 Nixa Food for thought MC Ride 417-881-2795

- 9** L-28 Waynesville Poker Run 573-337-0088
10 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
14-17 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes Branson MC Rally 417-334-0775
15-17 FORR District 1 MC Awareness Rally 816-580-3424
16 L-5 South KC 4th Annual Bike Show 816-353-4763

APRIL

- 4** L-16 Cape Girardeau April Fools Dance 573-547-1265
4 L-33 Hwy 50 West April Fools Poker Run 660-233-3949
5 L-46 Greater Kansas City Bunny Run 816-358-4728
5 FORR District 6 Blessing of the Bikes 314-434-2282
5 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes Poker Run 417-334-0775
11 FORR District 4 Legislative Fundraiser 816-291-2271
14 FORR, Inc. Capitol Crusaders Days 800-309-7433
18 L-10 Jefferson City Poker Run 573-694-1201
26 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes MC Swap Meet 417-334-0775
26 L-35 Golden Valley Spring Poker Run 660-694-3589

JUNE

- 13** L-28 Waynesville USO Support Ride 573-337-0088

JULY

- 4** L-28 Waynesville Buckhorn Blast 573-337-0088
12 FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
18 L-33 Hwy 50 West Poker Run 660-233-3949

SEPTEMBER

- 13** FORR, Inc. CC Meeting - 10AM 800-309-7433
20 L-15 Branson/Tri-Lakes MC Show & Swap Meet 417-334-0775
26 L-28 Waynesville Fall Poker Run 573-337-0088

MAY

- 2** L-33 Hwy 50 West Thunder Run 660-233-3949
5 & 12 FORR, Inc. Capitol Crusaders Days 800-309-7433

OCTOBER

- 31** L-28 Waynesville Halloween Bash 573-337-0088

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