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**The 16th Annual MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS AND YOU RALLY**



May 5th, 2015

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Motorcycle
Awareness
Month.



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matter
if/what
you ride or
what
group you
are with

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Notes from Bill

The May Rally is only days away and hope you are finalizing your plans on being there. We are meeting at 10:30 am on Tuesday May 5 at Memorial park in Jefferson City. We will be leaving the park at 12:30 with a parade to the capitol. We have the south side of the capitol reserved for parking. Then there will be speakers multiple speakers that will come out and say a few words I have tried to get the governor but at time of this writing still have not got an answer. With this being close to the end session we will be able to do a final push on getting our bills to the governor.

Well we have about two weeks left in the session and are looking pretty good. I hope! When I am writing this there just starting the second half of the session and not looking to bad. The failure to yield bills will hopefully be moving soon HB 302 is about of committee and hopefully we can get it on the floor, SB 267 should be moved out of committee and on the senate floor and the same way with-it. They will be close but we have a chance. HB 523, helmet modification, is on the house calendar and we should get it heard soon. Then we will have to work on the senate side. We still have our opposition there but we are working with them to see what we can do. SB135 the helmet modification in the senate has hit a snag with the license plate part. We are working with the senator to see if we can make a plan to get it moving but have not come up with anything conclusive right now. HB 553 the motorcycle licenses plate bill, is on the senate side and has been sent to transportation committee just need to get a hearing and keep it moving. HB562 the auto cycle bill, has had a hearing and hopefully we get a vote in committee soon and that one should be moving along soon. It passed the house thru consent so it should keep going. HB650 the led light bill is also on the senate side and is in the transportation committee waiting for a hearing. They also heard SB196 this week it would put some regulations on license plate readers and automated cameras. We will see if it goes anywhere or not.

The AMA sent an alert about HB1102 this bill would limit the liability that the petroleum company's and the distributors would have. With Gov. Nixon allowing the sale of E15 gasoline and the pumps not labeled there would be a chance that you would put the wrong gas in your motorcycle and then any damage that it would cause would all be on you. We are asking that there is precise labeling before they go any farther with this bill to be sure there is not a chance that there would be any misunderstanding on what blend of fuel you are putting in your motorcycle.

I would like to thank all the members that took the time to send in an application to go to Washington DC. I would like to congratulate Amy Allmon, Ray Palmer, Lynne Adkins, Valerie Taylor, and Laura Wilson for being the ones to represent FORR. Congratulations to these people and I hope you have a really good time and make us proud. You will need to start making plans and appointments. We will probably send another group next year so if you didn't get to go this year make plans for next year.

Plans are starting to come together for the Homecoming Rally in Sedalia MO. The bands have been booked and the sound guy from last year is coming back. This rally is the only state wide rally and the funds from this is what helps us in our legislative agenda. If you have any ideas for this rally please contact your CC rep and have them bring your ideas to the CC meeting so they can be discussed.



Let us never forget

April - New Life Members

NAME	LOCAL
Jerry Griffith	00
John E McCloud	01
Kandee Davidson	06
Tim Peterson	10
Jeffrey J Volmert	10
David Pohlman	16
Steve Svehla	16
David B Love	20
Mike Bennett	28
Johnie D Brauer	33
Jim Hayworth	33

Location	Local	Vote	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	60	1 Vote	Richard Long
Truman Lake	Local 03	63	1 Vote	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	46	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	94	1 Vote	Bill Gimse
Lebanon	Local 07	51	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	101	2 Vote	Layne Shady
Kearney	Local 09	25	1 Vote*	ABSENT
Jefferson City	Local 10	134	2 Votes	Randall Owens
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	42	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	58	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	137	2 Votes	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	51	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	236	3 Votes	Terry Cobb
SEMO	Local 16	62	1 Vote	ABSENT
Kirksville	Local 19	112	2 Votes	ABSENT
Dexter	Local 20	36	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	13	1 Vote	Marc Gonzagowski
St. Louis	Local 24	122	2 Votes	Adam Brown
St. Peters	Local 25	72	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	45	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	55	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	160	2 Votes	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	61	1 Vote	Janet Williams
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	46	1 Vote	Jim Scheele
Rolla	Local 31	16	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	107	2 Votes*	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	42	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	20	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	85	1 Vote	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	37	1 Vote	Russ Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	63	0 Vote	
Total		2,252		
Corporate Sponsors		5		
* Vote suspended due to financial reports				
* Vote suspended due to member total less than 10				

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING #212
MARCH 8, 2015

Call to Order

Preamble, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Put cell phones on vibrate, Roll Call of Locals
Thank you to all the "Lifers", Life time members, in the Room. No first time attendees present.

Approval of Minutes – Secretary Singleton - secretary@forn.net

Corrections to the minutes:

1) P/P on the Events Waivers (release form)

- a. The two things that need to be done, to get the flyer in the Freedom Press, is get the flyer approved and get the sanction form filed with the GO. The insurance must be paid 30 days prior to the event. <Entertain a motion to have this P/P approved again. <Motion to keep the events sanction as voted on and not [what is or was] printed in the Freedom Press: L27, 2nd

L47. Approved by unanimous voice>

Facebook - FORR, Inc. page will not have your flyer posted, nor will the forr.net have the flyer until insurance is paid, so we can account for it.

2) Local 15 Branson CC rep is Terry Cobb not Jerry.

3) Paragraph with the "member selling alcohol" the locals that set the motion L3 and 2nd L27 is incorrectly in the middle of the paragraph, instead of at the end and included in the motion sentence. <Motion to approve the minutes corrected: L35, 2nd L8, and Passed by unanimous voice.>

Chairman Duncan –

P/P - Lack of Financials issue.

Correction on the P/P dealing with the loss of vote due to lack of obligation, is incorrect. Vote is lost only due to lack of monthly financials. The minutes were read thru and the locals that lost the vote were called and no vote taken that day was effected by the mistake.

Department Reports

Liaison – Halfbreed

COG <Motion to remain neutral as we have in the past until the Liaison sees the need to change. L3 2nd L27. Passed by unanimous voice>

Treasurer–Lynne Adkins – treasurer@forr.net

Due to weather we didn't get our pins also because locals didn't respond to how many they needed. They will be here at May CC.

Awards for financials being turned in timely: L1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 35 & 42. Thank you to your Local Treasurer.

New revised handbooks were made and available to each Local. Be sure your Treasurer gets their handbook.

Financial Report - Dec 31. - February 28, 2015

GENERAL FUND - beginning balance: \$5,945.85, ending: \$10,942.21

PAC - beginning balance: \$24,081.62, ending: \$35,622.98

RIDERS EDUCATION –beginning balance: \$11,550.56, ending: \$11,601.33

GIVEAWAY – beginning balance: \$8,033.28, ending: \$2,033.28

HOMCOMING – beginning balance: \$10,023.27, ending: \$ 8,023.27

Local 8 meet financial obligation for 2014 by 1/18/2015 - \$950

Accepting Locals' donations:

L6 \$1308.00, L10 \$200.00, L19 \$1500 (mailed in Feb.), L26 \$150.00, L28 \$250.00, L29 \$1000.00, L47 \$350.00 to the PAC

Dist. 4 - DIK for Lincoln Days \$200.00 (L5 credit for \$100.00 and L33 credit for \$100.00)

Vice-Chairman -Ronda Felts–vchairman@forr.net

Engineer of Freedom Award – L8 Glenda Ely

I would like to make a nomination for Engineer of Freedom Award. This person is always an advocate for both the local as well as the organization. This person sacrifices their time and energy and goes the extra mile on several occasions to insure that things get done and goals are obtained. This person has served their local in every way they could from holding offices to picking up trash at events. After several years as a member of this great organization, please consider Glenda Ely for this prestigious award. Thank you.

Anonymous

Corporate Secretary- Singleton – secretary@forr.net

Membership Report - January – February 2015

Memberships Processed:

January Total: 19 New Members, 97 Renewed Members, Life Members for January – 16 February Total: 16 New Members, 130 Renewed Members, Life Members for February – 10

26 Life Members 35 New Members 227 Renewed Members

January – February 2015 -288 TOTAL

MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED

Total Membership 2,252 (decrease of 7 members)

Sgt of Arms – Taz

Fundraiser patch: First year you support you get the patch and a rocker, following years you receive a rocker from then on as long as you're contributing \$20 each year. <Motion to add "Do you want to be a PAC supporter (\$20)"option to on the renewal cards, L10, 2nd L24. Amended to put on all [new] membership cards and tri-folds. L27 2nd L10. Passed by unanimous voice. Original motion passed by unanimous voice>

Rider Education – Doug Clawsonfornsafety@juno.com

Kirksville has 5 dates scheduled, in addition to the other sites. 800-309-7433 or go to website for updated information at forr.net. This information is also printed in the Freedom Press.

Riders Education budget:

<TABLED 1/2015><Un-tabled: Motion to approve the Riders Ed Budget: L3, 2nd L42. Passed by unanimous voice>

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Rhodessmac@forr.net

Cost sheets for vinyl billboard handed out. Part of growing is to get our name out there, promote ourselves.

<Motion to set up a separate account with own budget, separate from the Riders Ed for "Awareness and Marketing". L3, 2nd L15. Passed by

majority voice (5 nay)><Motion to move \$5000 from PAC into Awareness & Marketing account. L8 2nd L26. Passed by majority roll call vote 28 YES votes - L3, 5, 6, 7, 8(2), 10(2), 11, 13(2), 15(3), 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28(2), 29, 30, 31, 35, 41, 42 & 47 and 3 NO votes L12, 24(2) 1 abstain L1> Check the amount of new members, over the yearly average amount, we sign up to help determine if this is working. One idea is to take 25% from Locals donations if all locals met obligation would be approx. \$9000. <Motion to for the CC reps to take the idea of "donating 25% of Locals yearly obligation to Awareness and Marketing" back their Locals for discussion and promoting it: L47, 2nd L42. Passed by unanimous voice> What ideas do we have for marketing? How do we want to fund Awareness and Marketing in the future?

May Rally May 5th, 2015

Awareness Awards – D27 for coordinating the most Awareness events in 2014 with 14 events, L15 Duane Harrison for the 2nd most awareness events with 11 events. Randy Farris for coordinating the largest event at the Mo State Fair Awareness booth.

Product Line – Shelly Payne- photobyshelly@embarqmail.com

Calendars for 2016 <Motion to do calendars for 2016, L27 2nd L5. Passed by unanimous voice><Motion to give remaining calendars to Awareness and Marketing committee, L3 2nd L30. Passed by unanimous voice><motion to do "Bikes only with Missouri Landmarks and Locals event dates, L27 2nd L13. Passed by unanimous voice> Pictures are needed by Sept CC Meeting.

Hoodies and Zippers Hoodies – Old or new style? <Motion to stay with the new style Hoodie/Zips, L24, 2nd 27 1nay. Passed by majority voice.>

<MOTION TO BREAK FOR LUNCH, L8 2ND L27. Passed by unanimous voice> Back at 1:10pm

Legislative Cord. Bill Kempkerlegislative@forr.net – Moved to after lunch.

Freedom Of Road Riders, Inc. now has a twitter account, as Senators and House Representatives are very big on twitter.

Upcoming Capitol "happenings" reading of bills (a handout was distributed).

Each Local should have a legislative officer. Every member and especially each Locals' Legislative Officer should know how to get onto the House and Senate webpages house.mo.gov and senate.mo.gov. Each Locals' Legislative Officer needs to email Bill to be put on an email list to communicate besides the weekly emails he sends out in mass. (If you aren't getting these emails please contact Dallas at GO and let her know.) There are 3000 bills filed and something can be missed so if 30 people are looking the more the better.

A draft letter (handout from B. Kempker) for businesses or associations on proposed Ozone Standards (outlining the EPA stringent ozone standards). We were asked to sign onto this by Honorable Gina McCarthy.

<Motion for Freedom of Road Riders to sign the letter supporting to retain the current ozone standards: L5 2nd L31. Motion passed by unanimous voice>

Applause for the great job Bill K is doing.

Capitol Schedule sign-up sheet for Lobby days, Tuesday and Wednesdays in March, April and May– passed out throughout CC body. Locals 8, 10, and 13 have already been to the Capitol.

AMA – Bill Kempker

Join and get a magazine. They are similar to FORR and the MRF in fighting and supporting motorcyclists' rights.

MRF – Amy Allmon

Lobby Days trip to DC –May 14, 2015 is "Bikers Inside the Beltway".

MOTM (meeting of the Minds) outside Milwaukee WI. FORR is having a scholarship to send 3 people, the MRF Rep and the Legislative Cord. Getting there, registration and hotel accommodations. (Food not included) Send supplication letter to Bill K.

Webmaster –

Local 1 asked we take applications for a new webmaster. We have one app from Taz for the next cabinet, (Application was withdrawn). One point is every job is done on a volunteer basis. Loyalty is a big thing and goes a long way with Brotherhood here, each and every one of us does the best job they can. The website has not crashed and every time Larry is asked to do something, it's done. He came to the CC floor and asked what the CC floor wants and explained what the reasons some things can and cannot happen. The next cabinet can take this up if they want.

Chairman Duncan

Policy & Procedure for alcohol "donations"? <Motion to table discussion on the P/P re-writing by Halfbreed: L27, 2nd L8. Passed by unanimous voice> A lawyer was asked about handing out liquor and as long as we're not selling, we can give away booze "opened or closed" anytime. Also asked about volunteers helping as long as they are volunteering their time and not paid on the clock they fall under this guideline. If they are being paid then they are covered under their [the employer's] liability. If you buy chances/raffle tickets on a basket containing liquor, you need to take the basket off the premises before you open it.

Committees

FEW – Melanie Coy – ABSENT

The plaque for the Young Engineer of Freedom Award. Tristan Duncan won and the plaque wasn't there so it was supposed to be sent to him. <Motion for it to be taken care of in the next two weeks [the plaque to be sent to the awardee], or we [FORR FEW fund] will take care of it: L47, 2nd L27. Passed by unanimous voice>

Valerie Taylor is the new chairperson for FEW 2016. The FEW will go in the direction of education and educating our membership. For people to knowing what we are about and knowing where we came from we might have a better chance of growing our membership.

Homecoming (MMMR) Sept. 4-6, 2015 – Layne Shady/Ronda Felts

Contract in hand – some points need worked out, contract will be signed and deposit turned in. Bands signed, bike events are in place, i.e. dirt drags. Flyers are approved, mailed and distributed and put on the website. Work-shifts will be identical to last year as far as the open sign is board. L27 volunteers to do the bike show. Trophies from 2014 ordered and will be sent next week.

Membership Committee – Deanna Rhodes,

Membership Committee Awards – Valerie Taylor for highest membership recruitment of 32 members and Sue Gaston L13 for the second highest recruitment of 15 members. Kenny Williams L42 and Beau Smith L33 tied for third for recruiting 11 members. Jay Flagg L25 and Kim Archer L13 tied for fourth recruiting 6 members.

Old Business

P/P on event waiver sanction for flyer to get into freedom press.

The way it was written before we voted on it a few years ago is under Insurance Policies:

#2. Flyers must be approved by FORR, Inc., Insurance/Events Coordinator (General Office and event sanctioned and insured prior to distribution of any flyers and/or advertising of the event.)

The revised version will read:

Flyers must be approved by FORR, Inc. insurance/events coordinator, General Office or the Vice Chairman and event sanction form submitted prior to distribution of any flyers and/or advertising in the Freedom Press. <Motion to get this changed: L24, 2nd L27. Motion approved by unanimous voice.

Freedom of Road Riders - Lucas Oil signage will be up and running on opening day of Lucas Oil Speedway, April 10-11, 2015. May 9, July 18 and Aug 22, 2015. The days Motorcycles can get in for two dollars per bike and bikes will be parked on the Midway. L27 will have an awareness booth there May 9, 2015, be there by 3:30 so bikes can be displayed. On July 18 and Aug. 22 be there by 4:30 gates open at 5. Room on the Midway for 100 bikes. Hwy 54 from Jeff City about two hours ride. Tickets available from D27 for the family. Any questions, contact: D27 (Deanna) 636-497-6609.

New Business

Local 9 – sending out Certified Letters to last known officers. Needing to know if there a local some members want to close the local.

Local 22: BL Moved to West Plains, MO (and took Valerie with him!). Wants to reactivate Local 22 <Motion to reactivate Local 22 when 10 new members sign up: L13 2nd L1. Amended to forgive the NEW members as long as there are 10 members: L27, 2nd L24. Passed by majority voice (1 nay, L47). Original motion passed by unanimous voice.>

3:05 pm <Motion to extend the meeting: L27, 2nd L8. Passed by majority voice (2 nay).>

Taz–Have an event to do charity event to draw in more bikes, (for example, a good charity is the Fisher House- 89% of funds will go to the facility. Similar to Ronald McDonald House, they put up family members in houses near VA hospitals where veterans are being treated.) By joining these charities we can get on their webpage and when you become a partner and we can be a nationwide partner for a charitable organization and can aid in our membership and we can say we not only fight for motorcycle rights but we are a partnership of a large national charity. We can figure out what % of the proceeds for every event, we want to donate i.e. 10% <Motion to table discussion: L27, 2nd L8< passed by unanimous voice.>

Ozark Empire Fair Booth– July 30 – Aug 9, 2015

Locals 27 & 15. Booth open from 11am-9pm. Change the color of the tri-fold for this event to know where they signed up new members. Double booth \$1077, \$40 per Local (can be taken “in kind”) Take this back to the Locals for approval and donation.

<Motion to close Local 9 due to financials: L24, 2nd L19. Passed by unanimous voice> Local money is already prepared to be turned over FORR, Inc.

Sedalia State Fair Booth –

Local 33. \$40 per Local (can be taken “in kind”) the money has already been budgeted into Legislative budget. <Motion to take the \$ budgeted for the State Fair Booth from PAC: L27, 2nd L8. Passed by unanimous voice.> HELP is needed to run the booth during the Fair.

Put the Lifers in the Freedom Press <Motion when a member becomes a Lifers, to be prominently announced in the Freedom Press at the time they become a Lifer: L28, 2nd L5. Passed by unanimous voice>

Insurance agreement will go from \$109 down to \$100 for events beginning April 6th 2015. If you do have to have additional from \$55 to \$62.50

Good of the Order - (5 minutes each)

Quilt for Brothers and Sisters who have passed. Get any patches to L27

Product Manager doesn't make ANY money on product. If there is a problem please call a Cabinet member.

<Motion to adjourn: L31, 2nd L42. Passed by 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**

Woo Hoo! What fantastic weather at last.....

But be careful until those spring rains can clear some of that sand and other crud off of the roads. All is going well with local 1. We have a lots of plans for another run or two this year. This past meeting was short but sweet thankfully - we were in a hurry this time as we were headed to finish us our St. Pats Day float for the KC parade. Our family took Grand Prize overall - what a SHOCK!

NEWS THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.....

Our May meeting will be being held in WARSAW. Harley & Heather will be getting married that day. Our bride had requested to have an isle of Motorcycles to walk down. It would be great if we could 'Make her Day'. Date Saturday - May 16th, 2015

Time: 10:30 am

Take 65 Hwy South to the 1st Warsaw exit, N Dam Access Rd., go left (East) to stop sign at Old 65 Hwy. Proceed forward onto Lost Valley Road. Follow Lost Valley Road past Hatchery Ave. to the top of the hill. The wedding will be on the left, and the reception will be on the right on Lakeview Avenue. Watch for the signs & orange and black ribbons!

Got a hold of some good reading lately - had Ratwinger & Taz's names on it - good job guys!

By the looks of it the 'freedom' event calendar is filling up! Check out all of the latest in the press for all the detailed info.

Well as I always say..... have a good one then have another!

See ya,

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor

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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 L3 Members,

At our March monthly meeting we voted to have our annual L3 Fun Day for the kids and will be held on Saturday June 13, 2015. What we need from our members is any kind of help, like bicycles, bike parts and participation in the repairing and assembling of said bicycles. At our April meeting we will be discussing final plans for this event.

Also voted on was to donate \$100 to L27 to support the booth at the Ozark Empire Fair. As with every event they could probably use some help with manpower for the booth.

We are going to Jeff City on May 5th to participate in the MAY Rally (The Mike Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally) at the capitol. It may mean taking a day off from work but worth it. Come join us, bring friends! As we come into the time of year Mother Nature provides days we can ride, be sure to check over your bike. Air pressure, oil and tires, then get out and GO!

Several events are scheduled in the month of May, if you have one in mind and would like company call your President or Vice Pres. We all like an extra reason to get out and ride.

As always, Thank A Vet

Dean #29076

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; David Imlay 816-344-9591**

Man, what is up with this March weather going into April? Finally we get some riding time on some of the days of the month of March. A few of the members of Local 6 got together for a ride due to some of this good weather that has arrived. Dennis Petty had his right knee worked on early this last month and now has hip surgery coming up soon. We all need to keep good thoughts for all of our brothers and sisters. Congrats to Vicki Butts and Bob Herring as they tied the knot in a wedding ceremony on April 3 2015.

Now that April is here hopefully a lot of days will be available to ride. While standing outside the Jesse James House up here in St. Joe, I see a lot of bikes going by on my lunch half hour.

Well, I am getting South America on my mind, so I plan within the next month and a half of getting my passport, plane ticket, and spending a neat 2 weeks down below the equator.

Until next time, keep sending in those news items you would like to share with everyone. We will see ya soon and keep the rubber side down.

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

Hello Local 8!!!! What beautiful weather we have been having. Hope everyone has been out enjoying!!! By the time you read this our May Run and May Rally will have hopefully been a great success. Thank you to all those in advance who showed their support.

We are in planning mode for Spring Fling!! Please if you would like to help with anything get with Cameron Fast or myself. We would be glad to have you. Mark your calendars June 19th-21st. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

I would like to thank all those who have joined and renewed your memberships. Without you all we couldn't do what we do. I want to send a big congrats to Glenda Ely for receiving the Engineer of Freedom Award!! Way to go and thank you for all your hard work over the years. (and the years to come)

Our meeting is next weekend due to Easter. Hope everyone had a



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great time with their families. With that though I am afraid I don't have much to say. I know shocking, right? lol So until next time...

Magoo

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm

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

Contact: Carl Hammond 573-291-0159

Hello Everyone, hope you all had a wonderful Easter weekend. At the last couple of our meetings it was briefly discussed that we organize a monthly dinner ride, if anyone has suggestions on places to go please voice your thoughts at the next meeting. Oh and we have new items in the product line, some really cool stuff, check it out. I'd like to remind everyone that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and the May Rally to the Capitol. Looking forward to seeing everyone come out and participate in this important event, meet at the Memorial Park in Jefferson City @ 10:30am for donuts & coffee, (while they last). The Parade to the Capitol begins at 12:30pm. Come out meet some new people, show your support for FORR, and let our Legislator's know we are keeping a close watch on what's going on. Hope everyone has marked their calendars for the Freedom Rally at Buckhorn Memorial Day weekend. I'm crossing my fingers and hoping mother nature brings us a weekend full of sunshine and fun. Keep your knees in the breeze and your eyes wide open, until next month Happy Trails to all.

Becky

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Daylight Donut Shop, 431 S Garrison Ave, Carthage

Contact: 417-793-0683

We are in joying this nice weather! We have capture the on local 27. We want to say thank you to our new members that have joined our family.

We have some events coming up this month, the 9th is the spring fling @ the Carthage VFW. On the 17 west 60 poker run, For memorial weekend let's go have some fun @ Buckhorn Local 28 Freedom Rally.

We have a Facebook page we would like to let you know about, Its FORR L 11 group page. We put all the events on it so that every one knows what is going on. We will even send you a invite if you join the page. Lets ride safe and have fun in this worm weather.

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: First Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Poodle's II Palms Restaurant & Lounge in Boonesboro

Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com

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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

Hello Brother & Sisters of FORR

April 2015

Let me introduce myself, as I am sure many of you have heard by now I have taken over the reins of Secretary from Valerie Taylor, though I know I will not fill her shoe's I will do my best not to mess everything up so please keep your fingers crossed.

My name is Terry Archer but everyone calls me BUBBA, L-13 is more than just a family feeling to me, as well as my fellow brother's and sister's in the local, my wife as you all know as STAMPEDE, both of my girls Kassy and Michelle along with their husbands James and Chad and our grandson Jase are all members of FORR.

This year has already been a busy one for us all, A big thank you goes out to our President Raymond Palmer and our Vice President Rock Palmer as well to Larry Carson, Laurie Wray, Chris Malloy and Tom "Cutter" Cutsinger for leading this team during the Demo Day's in Hannibal this year. Next year is going to be a bigger turn out for Demo Day's so if you think you would be able to lend some of your time to go and help man the room please let us knows.

Also in March, Rock, Raymond & Melissa Palmer as well as Justin Calvert and Chris Malloy sacrificed their weekend and attended L-24's St Patty's Day Massacre Dance to capture us another Flag. Thank you all very much for your unselfish deed.....lol .

Also in March at the CC meeting 3 awards were given to L-13 members for membership recruitment, our own Valerie was the top with 25 new member sign up's, Sue Gaston took 2nd with 15, and Stampede tied for 3rd with 5. Nice work ladies we all hope that FORR state wide will continue to grow like this every year if not even higher. Also at the CC meeting it was announced that our own President Raymond was one of those picked to attend the BIKER'S ON THE BELT WAY, in May in DC. I know he will do us proud.

As riding season is now upon us, Rider Education Classes have been set we already have one member from 13 that has sent in his fee to take the beginners class in April. Dates have been set for the Mike Sloan awareness ride in May, please check the forr.net site for details, I know the flyer is already out for it. You can also watch STAMPEDE's info album on L-13's FB page, she tries very hard to keep any flyers for all the locals in there that she can get ahold of.

And mark your colander's for our Dice Run on June 20th, and the Wonder Run on Aug. 15th this year, we hope to see a lot of you there and we have a good supply of flag's to hand out so come on down and see us. As a Reminder, our April meeting will still be at the Court House Community room, but starting in May, Stampede said she will let us start going back to the park for the warmer months. All meeting are on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 3 pm, except June and August they will both be on the 2nd Sunday's due to the runs.

Ride Safe everyone, Bubba

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

Hello, Freedom Fighters,

There are lots of going on in Jefferson City, most of which you should already be aware. I hope you are keeping those cards and letters coming to your legislators. Right of way bill, helmet modification and several other issues are on the table this year and will need your help to be successful. Local 14 has several things in the works, the 2nd annual Crash Harrison Poker Run and several more things we haven't got names for yet.

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We are also looking for a Newsletter Writer and a Membership Secretary. We've worn the old one out. Come to the next meeting or call a local officer. Neither job is hard and is easily teachable.

Our next scheduled day at the capitol in May 12th. I hope you can make it. If you've never been, it is a chance to see our General Assembly in action and a good time to meet your senators and representatives. We should be able to ride to this one.

Local 14's meetings are the third Sunday of each month at 2 PM at the VFW Post 3976 in Sugar Creek. We hope to see you there.

The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: 417-230-1020

Spring is in the air and fresh air is what we all enjoy. Community involvement has proven to be effective on many levels. We all had a blast at the trash pick-up, and I truly mean ALL of us. This was one of the largest trash pick-up turn outs I have experienced. The task was completed quickly and that gave more time to ride, eat and chat at the Pizza Cellar. Local 15 extend a special Thank You! to all that participated. Since we just had the Semi-Annual Swap Meet; we will be looking forward to lots of conversation for this fall's event, it seems this type event is getting more and more popular in our circles. It's a time to meet people and exchange parts and ideas.

We are right on top of the awareness rides, weather permitting; the Awareness events on May 3rd in Springfield and May 5th's ride to the Capitol in Jefferson City, represent a large part of this organizations reasons as for feeling like we need to have a lobbyist. These rides say "We are here! And we are entitled to have the same protections and rights as those traveling in a cage". So get off the couch...get into an awareness ride in your area, or bring your butts to the Branson Lake Area and ride with us!!!

The B.S Meeting has been moved to Thursday May 7th. Our hosts this month will be Beverly's on Hwy 76 East, towards Forsyth at 7: pm as always. Local 15 extends the invitation to other locals, business members and independent motorcycle enthusiasts.

Local 27 is planning to ride to Lucas Oil Speedway on May 9th, Deanna has the details and Local 15 plans to support and participate in this event as well.

Don't forget our family outing has been scheduled for June 5th and 6th at Indian Point. Let's remember that this will be the height of tourist season so be careful! Our Event Planner, Mrs. Lou Jungbaur will be planning food and games that are interactive; this gathering is about family and bikers...*also open to all who would like to spend a day with your kids and grandkids and talk about bikes!* Join us please!

Following June's festivities will be HOOT!, HOOT!, HOOTONTOWN!!!! Coming up fast and scheduled for JULY 10th-12th, I know we are looking forward to seeing what the new committee has in store for us. It's a new era in fun and I am confident that this team will provide a weekend of pleasant surprises....can't wait.

Stay safe, Ride for what you believe in; and let's remember that if it's "all about the journey" then we should be seeing a lot more of each other...don't you think? See you at the Capitol!

Love and Respect

Kim "Ziggy" Wise

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Martin 573-576-6662

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

Spring has finally sprung in southeast Missouri. Of course our ongoing "wet" issue hasn't been much fun but we do strive to persevere down here so what the heck?!

Beginning at the meeting hosted by the Pfiefers' and continuing with the meeting at the Reutzels' (thanks for an excellent meeting location by the way) L16 has begun looking back at their history. Maybe it's the return of George or maybe a 30 year anniversary simply brought back the memories but whatever the cause the newer members have a wonderful opportunity to hear the how, when and whys of the beginnings of their Local and what has given L16 such staying power. I asked for and was granted permission to share the history of our Local. We've probably been talking about you behind your back. Just a sampling of entries to come and questions to be asked and answered: Who had to have someone riding behind to pick up the spare parts as they fell off their bike? Who carried their plug wire in their hand as much as it was in its proper place in the bike? Who forgot to put his kick stand down but has a wife loyal to the bike and didn't let it fall down alone? For the answers to these questions and more call Whitey for the next meeting location. You never know when you'll see your name in our Freedom Press entry.

With this exploration of history we would be remiss if we didn't invite our sister Local 20 to the party. As of this year both District 10 Locals have seen three decades pass without faltering along the way. A 30/30 social event has been suggested and the invitation to our southern sister Local has been extended. At the time of this writing L20 hasn't had their meeting yet to discuss this invitation. The two Locals have celebrated their membership in the past with sporting event challenges. I don't know about the rest of you but softball would likely cripple me for a month so we've considered alternatives like sitting around a campfire discussing the good old days. With all the creative minds in this district I'm sure we can come up with some event which requires more movement than watching grass grow but not so physical we have to call around for group rates at a chiropractor. Whitey found a location, now on to the planning! Our future events include the Bayou Run in August. While it may seem a long way off we know all too well how quickly time passes. Now is the time to join in the plans for an event the area has come to enjoy so much. This is our big one folks and its success hinges on participation of the membership. Get out and meet the area groups. Support their events that we may be supported in theirs. Southeast Missouri's roadways offer unlimited possibilities for riding adventures...take advantage of the opportunities (don't forget your rain suit).

May is officially Motorcycle Awareness month. You fought for this and won, now take advantage of every opportunity to spread the word. LOOK TWICE & SAVE A LIFE

Blessings to all,
Melanie

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Meeting Location Varies

Contact: 660-342-5323

Howdy all,

Its beginning to look a lot like summer is on its way and who else besides me is getting very excited about that.....right? Soon we'll all be riding down the highway with the wind blowing through our hair...oh yeah WE still have a helmet law in Missouri--- Helmet hair---yuck! lets keep working on that law.

In our March meeting it was brought up we need to have a scavenger hunt to locate all our biker game material and so far we have found 2 tricycles, a banner, volley ball items and we need to find all the rest of the stuff so if you have anything hanging out at your place please contact me so we can take inventory and maybe start using them again. 660-626-6367.

Also in the meeting local 19 was asked to put on the poker run for the Chariton River Rally in Gifford this year. We will be setting up a booth there also so try and make it there July 24-26th in Gifford MO (Hwy 157 west of LaPlata).

Motorcycle safety classes have been set for April 24-26 (can take 6 students), May 8-10 (can take 11 students), May 29-31 (can take 11

students), June 26-28 (can take 6 students), July 10-12 (can take 11 students), and possibly Sept. 4-6 (11 students). if you're interested you need to contact Sharon Trueblood or Darek fowler to sign up. Hurry before they are full its a great class to take before adventuring out onto the big asphalt playground. If you have questions about the class and requirements you can contact Dallas Chapman at go@forn.net. Class times are Friday 6-10 pm, sat and sun 8-4 pm.

We are working on a poker run for Local 19 this summer to sponsor combat vets at Christmas time that are in nursing homes in our district. The combat vet organization goes to the vets in the homes and presents them with gifts and good company while they deliver. This can't be possible without donations so make plans to participate and show those vets we are proud of them. Will let you know date and time later.

So in closing I would like to wish all those who have birthdays this month as I have one too, happy birthday lets have a party!

Be safe and keep your knees in the breeze, Corena ps: Lets see if we can round up some new members this year and keep this local alive I know you can.

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012

Hello Spring

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that have had or will be having one in April and May. Thank you to all members that have renewed and welcome to all new members.

Our Sierra Osage event was today (4/4/15) and we had a fair turn out the kids were able to sit on the bikes and talk to all of us and of course loved all of the candy they received. We hid 625 eggs this year.

While we were waiting for everyone to show up for our event I had an interesting conversation with one of our folks that would be joining us on the ride about how things are going in the motorcycling world. In our end of the state we are being swallowed up by the new clubs that keep coming to our area I have received news of another one and was surprised to hear that the person that is starting it was a member of our local and is now talking to our other members about joining with the understanding that they can belong to FORR but can't wear our patch only the club patch will be allowed. I was wondering out loud as to weather the clubs have any of their members that go to the capital to fight for the right to ride and made the comment that if we don't make a stand motorcycles will be legislated right off the roads. The person I was talking to said they didn't believe this was possible because of all the years motorcycles have been around.....well those of us that smoke didn't believe the day would come that we would not be allowed to smoke in public places so we just let the legislators go about their business. Hmm we see how that turned out but this got the wheels turning in my old brain how many people really believe that motorcycles will be around forever and that it doesn't matter what we say if the legislators want us off the road they will take us off the road. My comment to this was we still have to fight for our right to ride believing we will make a difference because if we don't it will be a definite death to motorcycling. We will for the first time ever I think I was told by one of the life time members be sending two representatives from our local to the capital on May 5 Dave Garner and Darrell Swinger will be making the trip thanks to both of you for doing this.

We have more events planned and hope some of our sister locals can attend. Darrell and I wish to thank Local 24 for inviting us to the St. Patrick's dance we had a great time and look forward to next year. Our local will be celebrating 30 years in September and we extend an invitation to all locals to attend along with the cabinet members it is going to be quite the walk down memory lane.

That it is for now and as always
Keep it Between he 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

Holy Cow....

It's May already! Ya know what that means don't ya? It's time for Buckhorn! Look for our pavilion in the usual spot.

We would like to thank those who renewed their memberships and we would like to Welcome three new members...

Jim "Junker Jim" Paris and his son Jimmy "Hiway" Paris and Travis Cowell. Welcome Ya'!!!

Oh, and ladies I gotta tell ya that at least two of the three are single!

The May meeting at Whittles is cancelled and our informal May meeting will be at Buckhorn, Saturday at !:00.

Three bikers, a Honda rider, a BMW rider and a Harley rider were sitting in a sauna. Suddenly, there was a continuing beeping sound. The Honda rider pressed his forearm and the beeping stopped. The others looked at him questioningly. "That was my pager," he said, I have a micro chip under the skin of my arm." A few minutes later a phone rang. The BMW rider lifted his palm to his ear. When he finished he explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a micro chip in my hand." The Harley rider felt decidedly low tech. Not to be outdone, he decided he had to do something just as impressive. He stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. He returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from his butt. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at him. The Harley rider finally declared...."Well, will you look at that, I'm getting a fax!"

See Ya'll at Buckhorn

Dan

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

Condolences to Local 24 member, Scooter Shelton, on the passing of his mother

I hope that Mother Nature gave Local 24 some great weather for our 29th blessing of the bikes. We would like to give a big thank you to all of the Motorcycle Ministries, Local 24 members, Some Other Place and other organizations that helped make this event a success.

This month is the end of session; please make sure that you send a letter of thanks to your local elected official if they supported any bills that FORR introduced this year.

Getting to be the busy riding season, if you know of any rides that come up that you think are a good time, bring them up at the meeting and maybe we can get a group from the local to go. If we want our local to grow we need to get out and support others so they will support our events and hopefully like what they see.

Please make sure that you TCLOCK you bike before you ride, anything fails while you are riding it could mess up your whole day!

Here are some ideas on how to make our local a bit more attractive and get more people involved

To abide by the rules and by-laws of FORR

Show some enthusiasm for local 24 by SHOWING UP to meetings and events.

Represent local 24 in public in a positive light. Contribute your time, skills, and effort to any event put on by FORR.

Teach and mentor new FORR members.

Support your local's leadership without negativity or undermining.

Think, Act, and Plan like local 24 has a future beyond your lifetime.

Just some ideas that hit me like a ton of bricks.

Well that is enough for now,

If you are heading to the FREEDOM RALLY be safe and send me pictures.

Do something nice for someone.

Inigo Montoya

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7 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**

Happy May all...

Short and sweet this month. Bear run is: Saturday, June 20th. Looking forward to it being an awesome success. If anybody has anything they would like to donate to help in this event as attendance prizes it would be much appreciated. Please contact any of the officers with said donation.

Are you aware of: HB1102? This would limit the ability of consumers – riders like you -- to seek damages from refiners, suppliers, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, or other vendors that sell ethanol, biodiesel or other renewable fuels in the event the fuel causes damage to an engine. Tell your legislators that you demand access to safe fuels.

DO NOT FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: August 15th, 10 am. Moscow Mills: Tattooed Lady - FORR/ABATE Rodeo. Awesome food, Awesome music, Awesome prizes, Awesome Vendors. Planning a HUGE day so don't miss it.

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m.****BreakTime @ 1517 E 1st St, Maryville, MO****Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742**

Greetings from Local 26,

Spring is officially here and with it the beginning of the riding season for the rest of you.

Our Spring Fling was a success. This is our annual member appreciation banquet/dinner; for those that aren't aware. Had a good turnout and 4 of us braved the cool to ride to the event. Good times were had by all in attendance and our silent auction managed to enhance our treasury a bit. The ride to St. Joseph was pleasant and uneventful. The ride home was a bit different. Our treasurer and her husband had an encounter with a deer on the way home. Fortunately they were traveling on 4 wheels that night and managed to avoid serious injury. Haven't heard about their vehicle. The 3 of us on two wheels managed to avoid even seeing deer and we were only a mile or so in front of them. We made it safely back to Maryville without any issues. Well, at least until we got to Maryville. Did you know that the state of Missouri doesn't allow blue LEDs on your motorcycle? Obviously I was unaware. Been running them for several years now without issue until then. I had been misinformed that as long as they didn't flash/strobe or face forward I was OK. Apparently, that is not the case. Guess I will be changing out 200+ LEDs on the bike in the future. At least I got by with only a verbal explanation of the violation and a request to turn them off when moving. I wonder how green would look? We had our first Eat & Ride of the season. Over 20 riders showed up for food and fellowship with their fellow riders. A big improvement over last year's 1st Eat & Ride where we had 8 show up. Admittedly last year's even was 40 something degrees and this year it was 75 when we left and in the 60's on the ride home.

Remember Missouri motorcycle tags are due in April and inspection stations are busy this time of year. If your bike is due this year, it's best to get it done as early as possible.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

April 21st – Local 26 monthly meeting

April 25th – Awareness Run – Start Maryville, end Bethany;
Same route as last year

May 2-3 – CC Meeting @ Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City

Remember, 4 wheels move the body, 2 wheels move the soul.

Safe Journeys,

Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.****EI' Rodeo, 306 E Jackson St, Bolivar, MO 65613****Contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres. Leland Seymour 636-497-2814**

Howdy Everybody,

First off I would like to welcome our newest member to the "Freedom Train" Robert "Bob" Chapin to SAC OSAGE Local 27. Bob is a truck driver and drives for RBX, he lives in Pittsburgh Mo.

I also want to thank everybody that came out and supported our Fallen Brother Run Locals 11, 15 and 30 captured our flag with Local 3 also in attendance they captured our flag during a meeting.

With May being "Motorcycle Awareness Month", there has already been motorcyclists involved in accidents with fatalities, two motorcyclists were rear ended by cages. One of the Motorcyclists was at a stop light when rear ended by the cage and shove him into the pick up truck in front of him. Motorcycle Awareness begins with YOU.

May 5th is the Awareness and You Rally at the capital.

SAC OSAGE LOCAL 27 starts May off with the CC meeting on May 2nd and 3rd.

May 9th is Lucas Oil 6th Annual Business Expo in Wheatland Mo. This is also our first date for "Display of Bikes" on the midway. Cost is \$2.00 per bike, NOT PER PERSON. Have your bikes at Lucas Oil at 3:30 gates open at 4, Local 27 will have an awareness booth during the Business Expo come out and capture our flag. We still have 2 tickets for somebody that does not ride. For more information contact D 27 at (636)497-6609.

May 15th L 27 is having a Friendship ride to Lake of the Ozarks if any Local wants to ride with us or meet up contact Olin or Dawg.

May 22 through the 25th is the Freedom Rally at Buckhorn.

Until June be safe out there, know your reaction time, check your

SIGN UP 10:00-11:00

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LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: President Shena Flick 573-433-5122, Vice President Eric Johnson 573-336-7679, Shrine Club 573-774-545

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

Hello to all from Local 29. At our March business meeting we had our usual good time. Two longtime Local 29 members we hadn't seen for a while showed up. Thank you for attending Cindy Crozier and Gerald Asbell. We enjoyed visiting with you. It was a profitable day for Cindy as she was the lucky one who got to pick from Bob's grab bag. She picked a very nice mug as her gift. You can see a picture of Cindy and her mug on the Local 29 Facebook page. The usual business was conducted and an excellent meal was enjoyed. Had Mike Grant been present he would have won the attendance incentive of \$30. It now goes to \$40 for the April meeting. John Owen was the lucky winner of the membership drawing. Now that the weather has improved I'm sure everyone is enjoying riding. I hope to see you on the road.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by the Congress, who designated the last Monday in May as the day for its observance.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Cowboy Steve



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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 enjoying Spring. Since we missed out on the last couple of newsletters here are our elected officers for 2015:

President David Cantrell
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 Secretary Shawna Cantrell
 Treasurer Eric Jenson
 CC Rep Jim Scheele

Thank you all for the time and effort you will be putting into FORR. Scheduled rides, 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday, starting up again on Sunday April 26th. JD will be taking us down to the ferry for the first ride. As always, anyone is welcome to schedule a ride on one of these dates or a different time also.

We had our first meeting with Local 15 to start working on Hootentown Bike Rally which will be on July 10, 11 & 12. We need everyone to help get the word out and sign up to work the event.

May 5th is the Rally at the Capitol...please attend the April meeting or watch Facebook for our meeting place and leave time.

Until next time...ride safe. Lisa

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

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

Local 33

Freedom of Road Riders®

Picnic

All Vehicles welcome

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Annual

Rain or Shine

SUNDAY

MAY 17th, 2015

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LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1 p.m.

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

President - JR DeGraffenreid 816-716-4350;

Editor Ed Carper, 660-441-3403

March was a fun month of on again, off again, weather. You really couldn't plan anything the entire month, but we did successfully have our Moose Crock Pot Cook Off. There were plenty of delicious entries and plenty to go around. Someone brought a cake I had never eaten or heard of. It was called Earth Quake Cake. That was some good cake and that's not just my opinion, cause when I went back for a piece for my wife, it was gone.

We had our local business meeting that seemed to drag on for ever and when I looked at the clock it had gone on for four hours. Yes we covered a lot of ground and got quite a bit accomplished, but my butt went to sleep and I couldn't walk for half an hour. We need to figure out a way to cover our meetings quicker and have more time to socialize and mingle with the new and old members.

One of the major topics was how to recruit new members. This is a push by the State Officers and the CC Floor. The local talked about this subject in depth and the Local decided we don't need NEW Members. J.R. pointed out that the state and every Local needs to figure out how to keep and nurture the members we already have. We're going to discuss this more in the near future. We need you folks to come back to the meetings and rides. We need everyone to participate.

We hit the Sedalia biker Swap meet and although fun and we gathered some donations for the bike, it was actually pretty disappointing for a meet. Fewer vendors this year and attendance was way down Local 33 was the life of that party. We really had some fun and kindly harassed, teased and prodded everyone from our selves to customers. Towards the end of the meet I think about half the folks were at our both.

Finally we had our April fools poker run which was a great time and turn out. I was disappointed I didn't get to ride, but I heard it was a great time. Kenny picked a great route and his assistants did a great job on the stops. I promise I will make the next one for sure.

Aprils agenda

Local 33 Business meeting Sunday April 19 @ 1:pm

Well, I know your ready for another Granny story so here's the latest. Granny was working in her yard with a chain saw and managed to cut two of her fingers off. She ran to the ER where the doctor said he may be able to sew the fingers back on. Where are the fingers the doctor asked, in the yard granny said. Why didn't you bring them? Granny looked him in the eye. I couldn't pick them up!

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact : President- Bob Hawkins

biker1@embarqmail.com Daytime - (660) 885-5741 and Evenings (660) 694-3589

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

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

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

Local 41 BIKE SHOW JULY 25th. IN CAMERON. Will have more next month.

Let you know then how our Awareness Run went.

If anyone wants to go to Jefferson City May 5th to the MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL RIDE to the Capital get a hold of Steve Gallus.

It seems there has been a lot of talk back and forth at our meetings about who has the biggest deck. So starting the month of June we are going to see who has the biggest deck. We will be having our meetings at your houses so we can see your big deck. If you think you have a big deck then let us know so we can come look at your big deck. If you have a small deck like mine no one wants to see it so we don't have to have a meeting to have any one look at our small deck.

PEACE and LOVE

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3 p.m.

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LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 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

Howdy folks, Isn't this weather the bomb....enjoy the ride..by the way,let's all ride to the capital on MAY 5,2015. May Rally..It's on a Tuesday this year...be there or be square...

Our local meeting was back at Dirks!!!! We wrote letters to our reps... name is John Diehle..

We have new members. Let me introduce to you Eddie and Deby Culbertson...awesome couple...39 members!!!!

Norb reported to be safe due to rain washing debris out in the road and a lot of construction..

June 13 will be a run for Crash..

Please keep Ann Dodson in your prayers. She's in a nursing home in Plattsburg,Mo.

Please call,write,email and go to the capital..this is what FORR is about..Let's get this done..Let's be proud,let's ride,let's be bikers.....

Nancy

Skittles

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DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 2nd Thursday

Check with your local rep for location

Hey every one in District 1. There will be no District Rally this year due to lack of interest. However there will still be District Meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month. Will meet at Abberdeans in King City. Eat at 6:00 and Ride at 7:00. Come and enjoy it is kind of the center for all Locals. Hope to see a good turn out.

We need to do something to keep our locals in touch with each other. Our District is shrinking and every one is getting grayer. Hope to see you somewhere this Summer. I'll be the one waving and smiling with the gray hair.

RIDE SAFE and ENJOY

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“ENGINEER OF FREEDOM” AWARD

How many FORR® members do you know the really exemplify the spirit of freedom? The member who has belonged for so many years, no one can keep track. The member who, when the call went out for a work session or a shift at an event, has always been there. The member, who has held every office in a Local and has been in one or the other as long as anyone can remember or the member who has jumped in there and helped to spark a Local to success, seemingly overnight. We all know these members, we see them every time there's a Local or CC meeting, or we go to an event and it's their smiling face that greets us and signs us in. And now there's a way to recognize those special members who have made up the heart and soul of Freedom of Road Riders®, the “Engineer of Freedom” Award.

Q. Who may receive the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

A. Any member in good standing of Freedom of Road Riders®.

Q. How can a member be nominated for the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Cheryl Singleton, 5985 SE 1401 Rd, Weaubleau MO 65774-92058 or secretary@forr.net

Q. How are nominees selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations prior to each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Q. What does the recipient get for being selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

A. Recipients will receive a red, white and blue “Engineer of Freedom” patch (which will be one of the rarest patches around FORR®) and their names will be listed on the roll of “Engineers” maintained by the Central Committee and published in the Freedom Press.

Engineers will serve FORR® by passing on an example of the dedication that has led FORR® to the triumphs of the last 30 years. We owe it to those members (you know who they are!) who have helped to make this the biggest and best motorcyclist rights organization in Missouri, and one of the most successful in the nation. So, think about the special people that YOU know, and let's start nominating those “Engineers” who have helped to drive this Freedom Train.

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FORR® 2015 Training Sites & Dates

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May 9-10	July 11-12	September 12-13
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June 13-14	August 1-2	October 3-4
June 20-21	August 8-9	October 10-11

Jefferson City – Experienced Riders Course

May 30

Jefferson City – Advanced Riders Course

May 31

Jefferson City - 3-Wheel Course

June 5-7

Kirksville – Basic Riders Course

TBA

Kirksville – Experienced Riders Course

TBA

Trenton – Basic Riders Course

May 16-17	July 18-19
June 13-14	September 12-13

Trenton– Experienced Riders Course

July 26

Connections



AMA opposes bill that does not protect riders from unsafe fuel Tell the state legislators that you oppose!

Missouri State Rep. Jay Houghton (R-43) have introduced H.B. 1102, a bill that would limit liability for refiners, suppliers, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, or other vendors that sell fuel that contains ethanol, biodiesel or other renewable fuels.

The American Motorcyclist Association opposes this bill because none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicle currently in operation is approved for E15 (a fuel blend that contains up to 15 percent ethanol) and yet inadvertent misfueling is a real possibility due to confusing labeling and the use of blender pumps.

H.B. 1102 would limit the ability of consumers – riders like you -- to seek damages from refiners, suppliers, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, or other vendors that sell ethanol, biodiesel or other renewable fuels in the event the fuel causes damage to an engine.

In many instances, blender pumps – which dispense fuel with concentrations of both 10 percent and 15 percent ethanol – have no physical barriers to protect consumers from using the wrong fuel. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Misfueling Mitigation Plan requires only a label and signage directing consumers to E10 or E0 fuel.

Inadvertent misfueling with E15 may even void your manufacturer's warranty.

The AMA believes that legal recourse should be available to those who experience engine damage as a result of using E15. By attempting to remove liability from companies and place the burden on individual consumers, this bill removes incentives for companies to protect against inadvertent misfueling.

H.B. 1102 is a result of Gov. Jay Nixon (D-Mo.) instituting a policy to allow -- but not require -- gasoline stations to sell E15 fuel. He did this through an administrative decree and E15 became available in Missouri as of May 30, 2014.

This administrative decree by Gov. Nixon was unprecedented because when Missouri allowed E10 into the marketplace, it was because the legislature passed a law.

Since 2011, the American Motorcyclist Association has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and ATV engines and fuel systems caused by the inadvertent use of E15 fuel. Preventing inadvertent misfuelings has been one of the AMA's main concerns because motorcycles and ATVs on the road and trail today are not designed to run on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent, and many older machines favored by vintage enthusiasts have problems with any ethanol in the fuel. Access to safe fuels for motorcycles remains an AMA priority, and we continue to be a watchdog for not only our members, but all motorcyclists, on this issue.

AMA discredits Internet story involving motorcyclists

As you may have seen, there is a recent story circulating on the Internet about the federal government including all registered motorcyclists in a secret database.

After a thorough review by the American Motorcyclist Association of the article's sources and the named reporter, we want you to know that this story is not true. Rather, it is a fictional article first created by a satirical website and later picked up by other websites.

In particular:

- One of the most referenced websites appears to be the Washington Post's official website, but it is not affiliated in any way with the Post. Rather, the website URL includes a domain registered in the country of Colombia.
- A search of MSNBC's website turns up no original story or a Jeremy Lancaster as a reporter.
- Finally, a popular debunking website has already indicated the story is false.

Senate bill would strengthen privacy rights for motorcyclists Urge your senators to support!

On March 17, U.S. Sens. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) introduced S. 766, the Driver Privacy Act. The bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder – commonly referred to as a black box – would be the legal property of the owner or lessee of a passenger motor vehicle.

The American Motorcyclist Association supports clarifying who owns the data collected in black boxes.

This issue needs to be resolved, because, as Sen. Hoeven said on the floor of the U.S. Senate: "There are more than 45 different data points that are in fact recorded right now. Again, the manufacturer can change this – add to it. There are no limitations or restrictions or guidelines or requirements on what manufacturers can have the event data recorder do."

While event data recorders are not currently required for motorcycles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has proposed that all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses be equipped with a black box. The AMA believes it is only a matter of time before this proposed rule extends to motorcycles.

The AMA protects motorcyclists' freedom to ride, and we support this bipartisan bill. If you are worried that the government, your insurer or marketing companies will have access to this data without your permission, then you — the motorcyclist — should urge your senators to support the Driver Privacy Act. Just follow the "Take Action" option to send a pre-written email directly to your senators.

Connections



Obama Transportation Blueprint and US Senate Privacy Bill

Transportation

President Obama released his ideal transportation bill this week, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). Known as the GROW AMERICA 2.0 act, this blueprint is essentially the same draft he has circulated before that has fallen on deaf ears in Congress. It's widely accepted that this bill is dead on arrival in Congress. Obama's bill idea would spend \$478 billion over six years, which is where we need to be. However, he never suggests how to pay for the legislation, a major sticking point in the highway funding process. Certainly we do need a long term bill, just not this one.

The President's bill idea again contains the language to circumnavigate the lobby ban placed on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Currently, the administration is banned from using taxpayer money to lobby state legislatures. President Obama's bill would "allow the Secretary (of Transportation) or his designee to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet laws."

This ambiguous language dissolves the ban and allows for President Obama to not come out for helmet laws. According to a high ranking Department of Transportation (DOT) official, as told to the MRF, the language may be interpreted by the DOT to "work with states to relax helmet use laws, because it doesn't say that the designee would work to enact laws, just proposals. Perhaps some of those proposals could be to allow for adult choice of helmet use; you never know."

The fact is we do know. Never in the history of the MRF has an official from DOT ever even considered relaxing helmet laws. It doesn't stop there; the draft also has a provision to fund states that want to have graduated licensing standards. This bill is unlikely to gather any support on Capitol Hill, but it is telling of what the President really wants.

Privacy

The United States Senate has addressed the event data recorder (EDR) data ownership issue. Currently the ownership of the information captured on an EDR is not clear. This S. 766, sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Hoeven (R-ND), would make the data the property of the vehicle owner or lessee. Not many motorcycles have EDRs currently, but some do, and certainly more are coming as technology creeps into motorcycling. The MRF asks that you contact your senators and ask them to cosponsor this legislation. Similar legislation is forthcoming in the House of Representatives.

Congress Addresses Three-wheeled Vehicles

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced legislation that would create a new class of vehicle, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. S. 685 would create a new class of vehicles known as autocycles, to accommodate a growing trend in vehicle design. An emerging vehicle style, three wheeled enclosed vehicles equipped with a steering wheel are growing in popularity. These types of vehicles have been lumped in with motorcycles and therefore tagged and registered as motorcycles. Clearly these vehicles are not motorcycles and they do need their own category. It is easy to see why the efficient, affordable transportation would catch on so quickly.

U.S. Senate file 685 would require the new class to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as passenger vehicle standards in vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds. These standards include seating systems, belted occupant protection, child restraints, roof crush resistance, and flammability protections.

There are many new three-wheeled vehicles coming into the marketplace. Some examples are the Polaris Slingshot and Toyota i-Road (built by Elio Motors). Elio is based out of Senator Vitters home state of Louisiana. Senator Vitter is the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

It remains to be seen whether this is the answer to this growing vehicle class, but with numbers climbing something is going to have to happen with government vehicle classes. According to the Elio webpage over 40,000 of the enclosed three-wheeled vehicles have been reserved. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you updated on this issue.

Congress looks at Vision Zero

Vision Zero is the concept that it is possible to drop the fatalities within the road transportation community to zero and that it should be done at all cost. Vision Zero plans are lofty and admirable, but the approach is just not plausible.

At the core of Vision Zeros philosophy, life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the society, rather than the more conventional comparison between costs and benefits, where a monetary value is placed on life and health, and then that value is used to decide how much money to spend on a road network towards the benefit of decreasing how much risk.

The plan also places human life and health as a priority over mobility and other objectives of the traffic system. It also describes how we should build roads with no possibility of a side or frontal impact, and prohibition to use those roads on more vulnerable road users.

Another part of plan is speed limits; should the plan be adopted in full American speed limits would plummet to 19 miles per hour in areas where there is contact between pedestrians and cars, and 43 mph for all other roads. The creators envisioned a slow moving, padded fantasyland right at home in a Disney movie, not the real world.

Vision Zero began in Sweden in 1997 and has since been adopted in some part at least by Netherlands and United Kingdom. In the United States some major cities are also adopting the concept; so far New York, Portland, and San Francisco are all on board. A lawyer in Boston gives out a law school scholarship in the attempt to get the city to take look at considering the idea.

Last week Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced H.R. 1274, a bill that would make money available to local governments to develop and implement Vision Zero plans. A mandatory national helmet law would just be the jumping off point. Make no mistake that the full implementation of Vision Zero in America would eliminate motorcycling as its known now.

Of course it is everyone's wish that no one would become injured or killed on our roads. Every life is precious and every American should do all in their power to reduce bloodshed on the roads. But simply slowing every vehicle and prohibiting other "vulnerable" vehicles from the traffic mix, all while padding the roadways and interior of vehicles and installing cameras everywhere to find the scofflaws, is the stuff of science fiction, not the real world. Vision Zero has a blind spot; it does not take into account any budget, financing or the effects on the economy by slowing traffic. Zero fatalities is always the goal, however when you have moving parts operated by human beings traffic safety will always have a component that will never be a control for: human behavior.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you informed on this issue.

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5 Central Committee M.A.Y. Rally 816-591-3478

17 Local 33 50 Highway West Local 33 Picnic 816-716-4350

JUNE

6 Local 25 St Peters Bear Run 636-544-9513

20 Local 13 Mexico Dice Run 573-253-3759

20 Local 28 Waynesville USO Ride 573-512-1419

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