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NOTES FROM KATHERINE

Happy Easter; hoping all is well. Completed events are as follow: first Capitol Crusader Days at the capitol; we had 69 members show up, and was by far one of the most (if not "the" most) productive Crusader Day to date. We were formally recognized on the House floor, were photographed by several staffers while acknowledging Senator Dan Brown for his honest dedication to our organization, and filmed while Representative Eric Burlison filed the Helmet Modification Bill complimented by 32 co-sponsors! (film can be found on YouTube) Lincoln Days 2013 was a success; though a little shy on "play space", we still managed to have a great time, had a few friends renew their membership, and made some new ones along the way. Demo Days was just as fun, for us members at least, though more than a little shy on attendance overall. The Democratic Party had to borrow our American flag for their press conference; glad we were there, prepared and ready to be of some assistance. Renewed membership, gained one or two, and got to visit with some of FORR's finest. Overall, all events to date have been productive.

I do not expect anything less than a great trip from our 2nd Capitol Crusader Day (Tues, Mar 12), and you should already have MAY Rally on your calendar, planning your trip to the Capitol. If not, Tues April 30th would be a great day for ALL motorcyclists, bikers, groups, clubs to come together and share some time together with our Statesmen, with the SOLE PURPOSE of safety and awareness. This is NOT the venue for specific legislative issues, but SOLELY to gather in the sake of AWARENESS, hence the acronym for the event, "M. A. Y. Rally": Motorcycle Awareness (&) You Rally. If you have any questions about this event, contact our MAC Coordinator, Deanna Rhodes at mac@forr.net. Legislative agenda is moving as smoothly as possible; to date, FORR has six pieces of legislation we have full support/interest in, and they are being sponsored by some pretty strong people...three of them in both Chambers. Following list is shy one Bill #, but will certainly be sponsored in House Chamber by a great friend of freedom (& us) Representative Paul Curtman...action(s) on the Bills have purposely been excluded, as they will, indeed, be farther along from my submission to your reading pleasure. However, at any time during Session you want to know where particular issues are sitting/standing, and are unable/unfamiliar to navigate State website, contact your Legislative Dept for assistance/information.

SB72---designates May as "Motorcycle Awareness (&) You" month; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer..

SB73---prohibits the establishment of road blocks based on vehicle type; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer

SB130---increases penalties/fines and corrects language regarding yielding; sponsored by Senator Kurt Schaefer

SB187---allowing adults to make adult decisions; sponsored by Senator Dan ("Doc") Brown

HB655---halts "revolving door" application regarding MC permits; sponsored by Rep. Tom Hurst

HB674---increases penalties/fines and corrects language regarding yielding; sponsored by Rep. Ron Hicks

HB555---allowing adults to make adult decisions; sponsored by Rep. Eric Burlison

HB383---prohibits the usage of GPS, etc to monitor mileage for taxation purposes; sponsored by Rep. Kurt Bahr (& House Bill # for the issue

of prohibiting the establishment of road blocks based on vehicle type will be provided once filing is complete by Rep. Paul Curtman)

Apparently, the issue of stupidity seems to be blatant behavior the Legislative Dept. has to endure. Consequently, to overcome, one must understand. On this note, I share with you a brief definition and principles that lie behind stupidity. In Understanding Stupidity, James F. Welles defines stupidity this way: "The term may be used to designate a mentality which is considered to be informed, deliberate and maladaptive." There is great difference distinguished between stupidity & ignorance; one must know they are acting in their own worst interest. Secondly, it must be a choice, not a forced act or accident. Lastly, it requires the activity to be

maladaptive, in that it is in the worst interest of the actor, and specifically done to prevent adaption to new data or existing circumstances. The economic historian, Carlo Maria Cipolla, is famous for his essays about human stupidity. The essay, The Fundamental Laws of Human Stupidity, explores the controversial subject of stupidity. Stupid people are seen as a group, more powerful by far than major organizations such as the Mafia and the industrial complex, which without regulations, leaders or manifesto nonetheless manages to operate to great effect and with incredible coordination. These are Cipolla's five fundamental laws of stupidity:

1. Always and inevitably each of us underestimates the number of stupid individuals in circulation.
2. The probability that a given person is stupid is independent of any other characteristic possessed by that person.
3. A person is stupid if they cause damage to another person or group of people without experiencing personal gain, or even worse causing damage to themselves in the process.
4. Non-stupid people always underestimate the harmful potential of stupid people; they constantly forget that at any time anywhere, and in any circumstance, dealing with or associating themselves with stupid individuals invariably constitutes a costly error.
5. A stupid person is the most dangerous type of person there is.

The only thing more frustrating than slanderers is those foolish enough to listen to them.

Respectfully submitted by, Katherine Fox---State Legislative Coordinator, Freedom Of Road Riders, Inc. legislative@forr.net; 573-348-8906; 800-448-FORR (3677)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Freedom of Road Riders is off to a heck of a start in 2013. With sponsorships for our "wish list" of legislation, the show of support for the Bus Trips and the amazing showing of the membership during CC meetings, we seem to have it going our way.

March saw the certificates acknowledging the Locals for their diligence in participation, handed out. I would like to offer one more acknowledgement for a Local that has gone well above and beyond the required responsibility to this organization in their participation and support. That is Local 24.

Local 24 is located in St. Louis yet they can be found in all parts of this state. It's not just one or two members participating in other events, it's comparatively huge numbers of their membership. Having been honored to participate in a couple of their adventures, I can tell you, the level of dedication is to be envied.

Not once have I heard one of their members excuse inactivity at the State level by justifying lack of participation because of community involvement. Quite the contrary, this Local strives to lead by example in all the ways FORR is in desperate need of at this point in its history. Whether it be monetary support of the PAC fund, which is almost broke, or physical support by a show of personal participation, this is a Local that embodies what every Local should be capable of demonstrating.

Local 24 is home to more past chairmen than any other Local. It is also home to the only second generation of family to have received the Engineer of Freedom award, with a third generation coming up in the near future. Is this just luck? I don't think so. I think it's a tradition of leadership and dedication that all Locals should be striving to attain.

FORR is slowly going broke as the financials being provided during CC can attest. I see many Locals promoting charity but too few promoting the FORR agenda either financially or through participation. In an organization 2500 members strong, how is this possible?

I have no answers to what it will take to motivate this membership to become involved. I am very proud to be in the company of the many that are and gladly join in the brother and sisterhood on which FORR was built.

At this time I wish to offer my deepest gratitude to Local 24 for leading by example in all things!

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Coy, Local 16

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Melany 816-633-7710 or Linda 797-9849**

Hello all you good lookin people! My sincerest apologies for taking a break last month. This girl has had a plate full. There really isn't much this month to speak of other than the undeniable oncoming of warmer weather. Mmmm... spring fever! At this time is where I would insert birthday wishes, but according to my files our local does not currently have any April births. In the next month's issue I will be announcing rides courtesy of our newest VP-Rev. Joe Seward. By the way, if you happen to see product line that you would like to get your hands on, drop us a line and we will be sure to grab what fancies you at the following CC. Well folks, I'm going to jump off the box for awhile. I hope to see you at our next meeting! Until next time.

Love you,
Melany

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****LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****First Ward House, 2101 St Joseph Ave****Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

Well, March defiantly came in like a lion; hopefully it goes out like a lamb. Our Indoor Bike Show brought out some pretty cool rides. We had 41 bikes up for trophies this year. "People Choice" trophy went to 11 year old Bryton Etherton for his 1972 HD Shortster. Dan and Jim's "Best of Show" trophy went to Nick Swope, Sr for his 2009 HD Ultra Classic. Dan would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped out this year: Kevin Trump, Mike Sigrist, Sheila Etherton, Denise Tiffany, Dottie Poland, Dan Harmon, Jim Cross, John Tiffany, Doug Plowman, and Sam Williams. Sorry if I forgot to name anyone. Remember I have pictures of each trophy winner with the trophy girl, and one of each bike coming out of the building. The paper copy is free and you can order actual 8x10 photos if you want them. See me at the next meeting.

We have quite a few new members this month. Let's make them feel welcome. Guy Blasing, Tom Boeh, Martin Hoover, Samantha Bittiker, Albert Woolsey, Jeannie Woolsey, Denise Tiffany, Bill Gimse, Dennis Hagg, and Cassie Contreras. This time of year there are quite a few members up for renewal. Go dig your card out of your wallet... come on, get up... check the date. Make sure you re-up at the next meeting if you

have, or are about to expire. If you know any riders or even non-riders out there that would like to help and have a voice in their motorcycle rights invite them to a meeting. The stronger present makes a louder voice.

We need thoughts and prayers sent up for our brother Mike "Mad Mike" Kennedy. He was in a motorcycle accident the last week of February and has a long recovery road ahead of him.

Upcoming dates to remember:

April 13th – Saturday – Meet & Eat – South Gate Bar and Grill, South end St. Joe @ 2 pm

April 21st – Sunday – Local 6 meeting – First Ward House, St. Joe Ave @ 12:30

April 27th – Saturday – Proclamation Run – start at St. Joe Remington Nature Center @ 9 am – end in Maryville approximately 4 pm.

April 28th – Sunday – Swap Meet, Twin Drive-In, Kansas City

April 30th – Tuesday – Mike Sloan Memorial Ride to the Capital

May 4th – Saturday – Meet @ Eat – Carson's in Maryville on the square @ 2 pm

May 19th – Sunday – Local 6 meeting – First Ward House, St. Joe Ave @ 12:30

May 24th – 27th – Memorial Weekend - Mid America Freedom Rally XXV, Buckhorn, MO

June 1st – Saturday – Meet & Eat – Meet at McCorkles Park @ 2 pm, ride to Bethany to eat at Toot Toot's

See you next time around.

Sheila E

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

Greeting Local #7

Well the winter has been mild up until February showed up. I hope the snow and cold won't be hanging around too long. The signs of spring are here. Jerry, Alberta & I attended the Leather & Lace party in Springfield. We had a good time thanks to the Local out of Nixa. Next the Freeze yer Buns run. With the temp at around 40 degrees and snow all around the turn out was a little low. Those attending were Brian, Don, Guy, Beaver and I. We took a short ride. Warm weather is on its way so here's a list of Local #7 rides coming up.

April Fools Ride ----- April 7th at 1 pm, starting behind Captain D's

Mother of Fun Run ----- May 5th at 10 am, starting at Shoney's parking lot

Kannon Ball Run ----- 1st Sunday in June, starting at Harley Davidson

That's all folks

Ride on ... Geezer

CLASSIFIED AD

The Wildlife Hotline of Missouri needs volunteers across the state of MO interested in wildlife rescue, baby care, transport, and answering calls. We work with all native wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, owls, birds, etc. We will train you and you can usually work from home. Please call us at 1-800-482-7950 or email angel@wildlifehotline.com for more information. Visit us online at wildlifehotline.com or Like us on Facebook under "Wildlife Hotline".

Submitted by Debra Hilburn, Local 14 (4/5)

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LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.
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Greetings from Local 8;

As I set here looking at the snow drifts I yearn for warm weather. Spring can't come soon enough. Speaking of spring, Our 27th Spring Fling is coming up Fathers Day weekend. This is the longest running event in the state. Same location as last year. Peanut Barrel in Ludlow. Mark your calendars.

Our safety instructor Carl Hanes had by pass surgery and is recovering well at home. He has a great nurse. Get well soon Carl we need you.

We will have our first ride in meeting April 7 at Trenton at the rider course location behind Hardees. Some of the members have volunteered to help Carl. Tell your friends. You don't need to be a member to take part. Its a great way to get ready to ride.

The District Proclamation Ride is April 27. We will follow the same schedule as past years. We will start in Carrollton at 9 am then proceed up Hwy. 65 to Princeton. Lunch at Crossroads then east on 136 to Unionville then south on 5 to Brookfield. It is a great ride and a lot of fun. Everyone likes to ride so lets go.

We honored our Life Members at Cabin Fever. The newest members are Larry Starret and Louise Reasoner. Meredith and Eugene Alexander donated a beautiful plaque that displays all the names. There is room for more names as needed. I will store the plaque until we have some place permanent to hang it.

A reminder scholarship applications are due by April meeting. No late entries. Glenda has forms. The winners will be announced at May meeting.

Ride Safe
 Foxy Gama

In Memory of Mike E. Sloan Local 8 1955-2003

FORR HISTORY

1989 proved to be a very interesting year for FORR.

Legislatively there was a lot of activity and FORR was very much a part of the action. In addition to our helmet modification law that state was looking at legislation which would ban radar detectors, regulate/restrict ATV's, do away with mandatory vehicle inspections, increase punishment for seat belt violations and other issues that affected individuals rights. An old Texas saying was never more true that "No man's life, liberty or property is safe while the Legislature is in session." In 1988 the citizens of this state had a mandatory seat belt law put into effect. While it was only a secondary offense, it was an erosion of personal choice in this state all in the name of supposed public safety. Our helmet modification bill HB403 was sponsored this year by Vernon Scoville, now Judge Scoville, a proud supporter of personal choice.

A rider education bill filed by Rep Tom Stoff (now remember this is 1989 not today) was originally filed as a mandatory rider education bill, however after much work by FORR members Rep Stoff agreed to remove the mandatory language from the bill. While on its face the bill still had language we couldn't agree on, it started the ball rolling for us to

eventually get a statewide rider education bill in place. Remember the wheels in Jeff City turn very slowly and usually require a lot of grease. The entire motorcycling community, in addition to car, boat and homeowners were facing a liability insurance crisis with premiums increasing at ridiculous rates. Motorcyclists were heavily hit by these increases as a result of the development of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) and its study related to "race style" motorcycles. Unfortunately for many motorcyclists the insurance industry used this study to increase rates for not only the true sport bikes but a lot of larger cc motorcycles as well. Some insurance companies used the IIHS list or developed their own list to blacklist motorcycles that they deemed "dangerous" and decided to no longer write policies for those blacklisted vehicles or for those companies that didn't take this drastic measure it was a reason for them to add a surcharge on the premiums for these types of vehicles. Included in this "list" were bikes from BMW, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha. Yes you heard right, BMW was included in the list. This has had a lasting effect upon the insurance costs for motorcyclists around the nation.

Our safety program was off and running at blazing speed and coordinator Smokey Strodman had developed a great team of volunteers to support the program - none other than the Biker Education Support Team (BEST for short). We were looking at establishing several permanent safety training sites around the state in addition to those sites that were already set up.

However it was not all ice cream and roses in 1989 as Nebraska and Oregon had mandatory helmet laws put back on their books in 1988 and in 1989 Texas became the third state to fall. Fortunately a few years later a very determined and interesting person by the name of Sputnik got a team of 100 together and turned the tide in Texas by bikers taking over their state house. But that's another story reserved for another day. The helmet mania was sweeping the head injury folks with thoughts of mandatory helmets on bicycles, snow skiers, you name it.... However in the midst of the gloomy legislative session there was one shining star - our legislators were starting to take notice that rider education program might be a way to reduce motorcycle accidents and thus motorcycle related injuries. The US Congress was also looking into requiring states to enact mandatory helmet laws or risk losing highway funds.

We also suffered a huge oops in 1989 as HB3 was signed into law and nobody noticed when this bill was in the works that an alleged typo had taken place which put a mandatory helmet law on trikes and sidecars.

There was also a new invitation extended to FORR. For the first time in our history FORR received a formal invitation to the Governor's inauguration. There were a lot of stories from that night but those are going to have to be told by the select few that got to attend. From word on the street there were a few bikers that cleaned up pretty well for the event. We'd also grown big enough that the task of handling our day to day membership and financial duties were felt to be more than what we could ask of someone as a volunteer so we agreed to pay our secretary (who at that time handled membership as well) and our treasurer \$100 each in compensation per month.

We elected a new cabinet to take us into 1990. Chairman Robert Enyeart, Vice Chairman Steve King, Secretary Karla Dotson, Treasurer Ralph Stephens, Legislative Carl Hammond, Safety Coordinator Smokey Strodman, Newsletter Carol Dunfee.

I've heard through the grapevine that many of you are concerned about granny's welfare so I'll leave you with an update. Granny is alive and well. She is at the Grateful Son's Retirement Home visiting great granny and awaiting Doug to come pick her up. Who of course is late as usual - but more so than normal. Probably suffering from more CRS than normal. Any way that's another story too so I'll let you all get back to enjoying the white stuff outside and dreaming of the day when it will be nice enough to get our bikes out of the garage without sliding down the driveway.

Until then - remember to cherish our history and learn about it for those that forget history are doomed to repeat it.

Kathy Garver - Secretary
 Member #574

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

It's been awhile since I submitted anything into the Freedom Press. Sorry about that but I have had computer problems.

Our annual Leather and Lace Dance/Silent Auction was a "HUGE" success. Thanks for all who attended and a "BIG" thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction! You all made this a very memorable event!!!

Mark your calendar(s) for "The 14th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally" – Tuesday, April 30, 2013 starting at 10:30 a.m. Meet at Memorial Park for a Parade to the Capitol Building which will begin at 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

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

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage****Contact: 417-793-4899****LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information**

Well, has everybody gotten dug out from the snow we had in late February yet? We had huge piles of snow all over Marshall and I was having trouble getting out of our driveway even with the 4-wheel drive on the Escape. I think we should put out a contract on that lying ass ground hog in Pennsylvania who said we would have an early Spring!

Nevertheless we had great weather for our meeting in early February.

Pork Chop was not in attendance so Socko called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm at Poodle's II Palms in

Boonesboro with 21 members in attendance. The minutes were approved as read. Laura reported a balance of \$6,983.53 in the treasury. John reported we had settled our Buckhorn Homecoming contract for a payment of \$1,500. The Sedalia Fairgrounds will be our new site for a fee of \$500 per year. This will not be for the whole Fairgrounds, just a portion of it. The name of the rally will be changed to the Mid-MO Motorcycle Rally.

The next round of committee meetings for Meeting of the Minds 2014, Mid-MO Motorcycle Rally, and the Mid-South Mile will be held in Sedalia on the Saturday before the C.C. meeting, which will still be held Sunday in Jefferson City. We lost our 2012 lobbyist but a new one has been hired. District 4 Legislative Days are coming up on Feb. 12th.

Socko thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There were no district or event coordinator's reports. In old business, Smokey has attempted to contact MODOT regarding the highway signs and trash pickups for an area from the west end of the Glasgow Bridge to two miles further west in the bottoms. Barry's suggestion to attend the Dist.

1 Pony Express Party was reported to be a great time and it would be a good idea to attend as a group.

We discussed having the April 13th 20th Anniversary Party at the Slater American Legion and agreed that the local would supply meat but not alcohol. We will ask for people to bring covered dishes.

In new business, Butch suggested that we check into getting the Slater Volkfest Building for our Anniversary Party and he will check on this and report back to us. We also voted for the local to supply plates, silverware, napkins, buns, and other supplies. We will start the party at 4 pm and end it at midnight. Glasgow wants us back for the Firecracker Classic and we will know by April. A motion was passed to have the Full Moon Band be the feature band on Saturday night. We voted to allow all lifetime FORR members get in for free. At the present time there are 238 lifetime members in FORR. Tami will contact Dallas on insurance. The March 3rd regular meeting will be held at the Fish Beak in Glasgow at 3 pm. The April 7th meeting will be held at the same time at the K-Bar in Emma. The May 5th meeting will be at Poodle's II Palms in Boonesboro. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm. Boz won the attendance pot. A final reminder for all FORR members from your friends in local 12. We are having our 20th Anniversary Party on Saturday, April 13th at the Slater Volkfest building on Leroy St. in Slater. Leroy St. is just west of Broadway, which is the primary street on the very west edge of Slater. Local 12 is supplying the meat, buns, plates, silverware, and napkins. We welcome carry-in dishes or chips if you have space for them in a saddlebag. This party is strictly B.Y.O.B. Please RSVP me at 660-631-7324 at least a week before the party so we know how much meat and supplies to get. The party starts at 4, ends at midnight, and free camping is available. So come one, come all!

Upcoming events:

April 7th- Local 12 meeting at the K-Bar in Emma on Main St. at 3 pm.

April 13th- Local 12 Anniversary Party, Slater Volkfest Building, Leroy St., Slater, 4 pm-12 am. Camping available on site.

May 5th- Local 12 meeting, Poodle's II Palms, Boonesboro, 3 pm.



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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Stacey's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

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



Hello local 13!

The last of winter's blast is melting away, making way for SPRING FEVER to replace CABIN FEVER! Tom & I were unable to attend Demo Days, due to being snowed in, but reports are coming in, that it went well. Check out Hannibal Courier Post newspaper online for pictures posted. Thanks to Rock, B.L., Breed,

Jeff, Raymond, and Cutter for making it there & representing us!

Also a BIG shout out of thanks to Local 24 & Local 25 for all their help and efforts in Hannibal for Demo Days! You guys ROCK!

We welcomed Raymond's better half, Melissa, as our newest member. We are now at 79 members.

A big CONGRATS goes out to Juan & Diana, they got married March 1st, and we wish them all the happiness life can hold !

A special thanks goes out to Ken at Poppa Wheelie's, for allowing us to have our meetings there, during Stacey's absence.

It's time to ask all members to be on the look out for sponsorships & items to donate to this years 26th Annual Wonder Run. Thanking Cutter for his donation of a very nice die-cast Harley Engine Collectible, and thanking Rock for a sponsorship! All donations make a difference, no matter how small they may seem, coming from a dollar store, or from the FORR Product Line. There were lots of nice auction items and gifts last year, and a great turn out of 88 riders. Don't be afraid to step out of a comfort zone and talk to your encounters about trophy sponsorships, gift card donations, item donations or ad space in The Freedom Press. Show off your copy, all the info needed is there. Ad rates are on page 2.

Just like Lou from Local 15 in Branson, we are excited to get together and make it a point to check out other locals events and meetings. It comes down to picking a event, and GOING, even if it's just three or four of us, on two wheels, three, or four wheels...road trip time! I'm suggesting April 20th for Branson's Tri-Lakes Motorcycle Swap Meet. Also suggesting we do something with Local 24, on the nearest possible date

To everyone who is fortunate enough to have their bikes up and running, I envy you! Be Safe!

FORR-EVER

Dee

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Ron Keese 816-898-4302

Hello, Loyal Members from Local 14 and Local 00, our sister nomads,

Life is grand in Sugar Creek. Our meeting February 17 saw us with half of our membership in attendance. We had four renewals, John Guerra, Trevor and Kristina Harrison, and Jim Richards, five new members, Norm Wilson, Thomas and Kathy Finnell, Destiny Holt, Derricka Holt. Thank you all and welcome back or to the family.

Our President wanted to thank everyone for their help during the Christmas Auction. Our families who received donations also expressed their thanks. Mrs. Peggy Karnes, wife of Charles "Pockets" Langley and Sherry Sales wanted you to know that your donations to their families as a result of our auction directly contributed to a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you, Local 14 from Local 14. You are truly brothers and sisters of one big family.

April 20th is the date of our Three-Ball Tourney and Five-Card Draw Poker event. Your support for this event will allow Local 14 to continue to operate without working our asses off all year. We are doing this event to improve our treasury and get the Treasurer off the coffee and cigarettes before she blows a gasket. She claims we need more money and I tend to believe her so one successful event will improve our bottom line and allow us to have more fun.

Our product line is beginning to expand and we expect more products coming out soon so be sure to check it out at the next local meeting.

Our membership currently sits at sixty-six people and we continue to add new members and keep them after they join because we are a great home within FORR®, Inc. Job well done! Keep talking about us and bringing people in to join.

June meeting date has changed. Due to Father's Day, our June meeting is scheduled for the 9th. Same bat time, same bat channel. I'll remind you again, don't worry. Don't ever forget that these meetings are for and about our members and the business of FORR®, Inc. and Local 14 in particular, so always be willing to express your opinion. If you're feeling shy, catch an officer on the side and ask them. We are here to serve you.

The last two months of attendance prizes were returned to the local by the winners, Chuck "Redneck" Wevers, and Debbie Powell-O'Hare. Thank you both for your donations. The crazy money lady thanks you, too.

Once again, we reach the end of our report and wonder if we helped. Surely, they'll tell me if they want something else in here, right? Right! That's what I told 'em! OK!

See you in the wind. Blessed Be.

The Scooter Tramp

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

Hey everyone,

It has been a very busy winter for us at Local 15. The first news I want to talk about is our visit to the State Capital Feb. 12! I heard there was so much leather, they must have thought they made a wrong turn and ended up in a biker rally!!! Seriously, our Local joined others that day and made our presents known. They now see that we bikers do vote. We bikers are respectful. We bikers do care how they vote on issues that effect us and our family. Our Local had 10 that made the journey. They had such an eye opening experience. They came back with lots of information and now there are others that want to visit the Capital as well. We also want to give a big shout out to Brian's sister Anna. You are so kind every time we visit Jefferson City. Thank you so much for feeding us and letting us unwind at your house.

Several of us went to Local 30's party, Leather & Lace. We had a blast. I loved the band. My husband even insisted on dancing, many times! I also mad out like a fat rat on the silent auction. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

I just came from a BS meeting with many from my Local and Local 30. We were planning our Annual Rally, Hooten Town. YEA! Love, love this one. If you go to just one rally a year (who would do that?) This is the one! We have it ALL. River, shaded campsites, wet t-shirt contest, tattoo contest, games, games and more games.....I'm not done yet.....Poker run, live music, venders with food, biker stuff, on site store, showers canoe rentals. Oh my goodness, what else could you possibly need??? If your thinking crazy ass bikers, we have them too! This is just the first you will hear about this. Our Rally is July 12,13 and closing up the 14th. Really hope to see you there.

Our Annual Bike Swap meet is much sooner though. It is April 21. We have all the bike parts you are looking to buy or buyers if you have something to sell! It's only \$5 to get in. Professional venders is \$15. Venders can set up at 7 am and the main gate opens at 9 am. We have it at the Shadow Rock Park in Forsyth. There is a campground along side, where we have one HELL of a party the night before. Tam and Ed are our hosts. We start off with a BBQ. BYOB. Set up your tent and party! The Jct. will be celebrating their 1st year in business, so I know Mike will have activity there! It is all sorts of fun. So plan on hanging out with us in Forsyth that weekend.

I hope this gets to you in time, we are having a Poker Run April 7th. It's called "Our April 7th Poker Run". We will ride these beautiful hills of ours, hang out with our friends and try to get a decent hand for some money! Sounds like a great day. We will meet at Leather Works. Sign up from 12-1. First bike out at 1 pm.

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Our business meeting went along wonderfully at The Rowdy Beaver last month. We hope to see everyone there again April 18th.



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Our next BS will be at a new place. Fish Tails in Kimberling City Shopping Center. April 2nd.

Guess that's it. Stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Lou

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

If you missed the Broomstick Tournament all I can say is HAHA.... you missed a great time. As mentioned broomsticks have a way of leveling the playing field and this year was no exception. Our own Sarah gave the "boys" a run for their money but in the end Larry Pohlman claimed first place,

J.P. Morrison took second and a wildcard, non-FORR participant, Janet Eichhorn took third. Special thanks to the Pink Galleon for hosting this event and extra special thanks to all those that made this year's Tournament a huge success!

During our February meeting, Scott Granger of the Eagles Aerie 3775 presented Local 16 with a plaque of appreciation. This was in recognition of Local 16's efforts for the Toy Run which the Eagles insure is a huge success. This is an event that is made possible by efforts of many groups and we appreciate everyone who makes it possible, especially the Eagles. Thank you for the honor!

By the time this entry hits your mailbox, we will have already participated in the second trip to the Capitol. I'm hoping during the March meeting we'll be able to share news just as exciting as what we brought back from the February trip. 2013 is shaping up to be one of the best in recent history for Freedom of Road Riders. Although the time for filing legislation has




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passed, the time to offer support and insight to the legislators promoting our cause has not. Take the time to send a note, email or call those that have the power to see our mission is a success.

The April Fool's Dance is March 30 at D & K Trucking. I'm not sure if you'll receive your Freedom Press in time for this reminder but hopefully you won't need it. Just come on out, after getting directions from Whitey of course and enjoy the company of our brother and sisterhood. Spring is in the air and it's time to shake off those winter blues. Nothing boring about the April Fool's Dance.

We'll be taking a few weeks off to enjoy the excellent riding weather Southeast Missouri rewards us with after our less than predictable winters. Hopefully, we can have at least a couple of rides before plans for the Bayou Run and field events planning begin. The Louie Run will be another planning session during upcoming meetings.

We still need locations for a few of the meetings. During March we it will be time discuss this to insure everyone is aware of planned locations. If you've never hosted a meeting, consider it or if you have a favorite watering hole, suggest it. For the upcoming months, we will be getting away from holding meetings before events. For all those that not only staff the events, meetings make the days and nights even longer. Look for schedules and meeting times in upcoming Freedom Press entries.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy what we love to do best!
Mel

LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Golden Eagle Hospitality Room

Contact: 660-988-1708

Greetings From Local 19;

Well that darn groundhog lied to us again. Two feet of snow and temps in the 20's, but spring is just around the corner and we are gearing up for some good riding weather.

On March 2, we had our monthly meeting at Golden Eagle. We would like to thank them for the use of their Hospitality Room and the beverages they provided. It was a full house with the addition of four new members including Nadine McCalla, Dave Petterson, Belinda Petterson and Chuck Reedy who came from the Memphis area. We would like to welcome them. We are currently looking for someone to take over as our local webmaster. Steve "Tanker" King has decided to resign from the position in June, he has done a great job and will be missed at that post. If anyone is interested in this position contact Melinda or Klon. Our CC-Rep Doug Yearns talked about the Mid-Missouri Rally at Sedalia Aug-30 to Sep-1. There will be lots of events and entertainment. Sharon Trueblood has set dates for three riding safety classes. Apr 12-13-14, May 24-25-26 and Aug 30-31 and Sept-1. If anyone needs more information on the safety class call Sharon at 660-665-8228.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is having their 4th Annual "Ride Season Kickoff" everyone is welcome, the event starts at noon April-13th at Kirksville Wal-Mart any questions contact Steve Johnson 660-342-8787.

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That's about all I got this month. Time to change the fluids and check the tires. See ya in the wind.

"IKE"

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480



Welcome Spring?

Welcome to all new members and thank you to those that have renewed. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that will be celebrating this month. Plans are moving right along for our bike rally in May we are hoping for a good turn out since the date has been changed.

Thanks to all that are helping in the planning process and that we can count on at the rally also. Most of the membership knows that Mike Allen has had to step down as our CC rep so this means we need someone to take the position. I don't feel that I can trust my car to make such a trip so can't do it as I did in the past otherwise I would be delighted because I enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the meeting along with gathering the information for the local. There are 6 CC meetings a year and the local provides the funds for the motel and gas. If anyone is interested please contact Rob for any further details.

Our local is back on track and we are growing in baby steps but are growing which is all that matters. We will be doing different events and are reaching out not only in our area but into Arkansas, Illinois and other surrounding areas and we plan to try and visit some of our sister locals for their events and will provide lodging for visitors to our area if necessary.

I guess that is all the news for now from this end of the country so until next time

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LOCAL 21 - ELDON**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291**

Hey Ya'll,

Look out! Here comes Spring!! Time to pre-flight that motorcycle again!! We wanted to remind ya'll that our meetings are still at the SILVER SADDLE in ELDON on the third Saturday at 1:00. Somehow we lost that heading on our newsletter but I hope its back now.

We had a fair turnout for the January meeting, why, even Katherine and her entourage showed up! We appreciate ya'lls support!!

Our February meeting had a good turnout as well, and if you hung around long enough you probably received a free hangover on Sunday!

March is gonna be some ridin weather so we will see you at the "SADDLE"! Be there or be 'square'!

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.****Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369****Contact: 636-665-5004****LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114****Contact: Bill "Treetop" Duncan 314-744-1092**

Hello everyone! It's been a while since I have written a newsletter submission, so bear with me! Our newsletter person, David Sidwell, is having technical difficulties (computer's aren't as smart as they think they are).

Demo Days was March 2 & 3. Local 13 hosted, local 24 and 25 had members attend and help. Thanks to local 25 members, Mark Roloff, Lynne Adkins, Susan Lockhart, Jay Flagg, Marty Marco, Becky and Dave Rose AND local 24 members Rat and Newbee Brown, Kerri Lewis, Treetop and myself. It was not as busy with legislators as it has been in recent years, but we made our appearance and had a great time doing so.

Thank you to all who went to the 2nd capitol day on March 12. This is how we can accomplish what we are here for, persistence and dedication!

Our St. Patty's Day Massacre Dance was a great time had by all! Thank you so much to all the members who helped decorate, cook, bake, organize, donate money, time, and tear down the mess afterwards! We couldn't do this so smoothly without all the help from all of you awesome people!

March 30 is Local 42's Leather and Lace dance! If you haven't been before, get your ticket before they run out! Pacific Eagles (Large Hall) 707 W. Congress St. Pacific, MO 63069, \$20.00 at the door, must be 21 to enter. This is always a great time! You will not be disappointed!

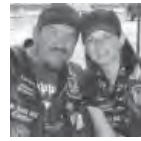
M.A.Y. rally is April 30 (the Mike Sloan memorial ride). We need to have all members who got proclamations from their cities, bring those with you on that day. If you want to ride out together, we will be hashing out a plan at our next meeting.

It's Spring!!!

Ride hard and ride safe!

Kathleen "Chinutz" Duncan

Secretary FORR L 24

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268**

Hello all,

I do smell Spring... If you have not already done so, this is the time to get your bikes to the shop for their annual spring

Check-ups, tune-ups, tire changes, etc. Also, all bike plates come due this month so check your tags!

Thanks to Local 25 people who went to the capitol on Tuesday February 12th, you know who you are.

Also, a BIG thanks to all who came to the Republican "Lincoln Days" that same week, it was an interesting weekend. Lynne Matthews L24, Susan Lockhart L25, Dave & Becky Rose L25, came Friday night. Treetop & Kathleen L24, Lynne Adkins L25 & Katherine Fox L27, L27 there for both days. Mark Roloff L25, Tuck Fouquet and Bridgette Balsat L25, plus more L24 peeps came Saturday night. Very Good times and we

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have included some photos.

A smaller venue, and less Democrats at the "Demo Days" in Hannibal on March 2nd & 3rd, but that didn't stop our members from Local 25 who showed up... Susan Lockhart, J Flagg, Dave & Becky Rose, Marty Marko, Mark Roloff and Lynne Adkins. Thanks, You are all most awesome!!

Next, lets see how many proclamations we can get from our city's for May as Motorcycle awareness month.

I would like to thank Lynne Adkins for contributing a lot of the information, names, dates, times, etc. to me for the Freedom Press submissions. I truly could not do all of this without your help.

Our next meeting will be April 21st @ 1 pm at Hobo's at the American Legion Post in Old Town St. Peters. Come and get info on many upcoming rides.

Remember, Leather UP & Rubber DOWN
RASCAL

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

This month's letter will be shorter than expected due to unexpected issues with my computer.

February's weather was typical for this part of the state, cold and rain/snow, so there were few days that were suitable for riding. Still, many of us still managed to get in the wind a few times, but not as a group. Hopefully, March will bring better weather and we won't have to suffer with PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) any longer. Our first official group ride is still scheduled for March 19th.

The Spring Fever Fling was held Feb. 2nd, and was a success. For those that are unfamiliar with the Fling, it's our annual membership appreciation dinner and fundraiser silent auction. The turnout was good and the auction even added a bit of revenue to our chapter's coffers.

Our monthly meeting was again a "Safety Meeting and pot luck" at Janis & Harold's house. We had sixteen members brave the cold to attend. Plans were made and maps passed around for the Proclamation Run coming up April 27th. Other business was discussed and Local 26 is getting ready for a new riding season. We even have managed to add a few more members to the rolls.

Until next month,
Harold



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So here we are at the end of march wondering what the weather is going to do us next. Boy that old groundhog sure did lie to us this year! Anyway, we are getting geared up for a great riding season with lots of great events on the way.

We have our fishing tournament / poker run coming up on the 20th of April, that will be in Osceola, Mo. at the Brush creek conservation area right off of Hwy 13.

This is really a different kind of event, but we think it will be a great way to get several different interest involved together. There will be games and prizes, lots of things for the kids to do, so you can go on the poker run or you can go fishing, whichever you want, or you could do both (but I think that might be hard to accomplish, LOL). We'll have food available and lots of winners in both categories. Cost for poker run is \$10.00 first hand, \$5.00 add. and for the fishing tourney \$10.00 per entry.

We had our first broomstick pool tournament at our last meeting, wow what a blast! We now have our tee-shirt order forms done so if your wanting to get your local 27 tee shirt with our original design or one of our new, ones get with Leann, she can take care of you.

Well that's about it for this month, don't forget to come on out to the fishing tourney / poker run, its gonna be fun. Until next time, be safe and have fun.... Kimmie.

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.**

Contact: President Mike Moeller 573-528-1528, Vice President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Shrine Club 573-774-5454

From sunny and warm one day to blustery and snowy the next, the weather in Missouri never fails to amaze or disappoint. With the weather changing from winter to spring, take advantage of the season, shake the dust off, and get those bikes ready for riding season. For those brave enough to weather the elements now, take extra precautions to account for the drastic changes that could occur in a day. Be prepared for anything and everything.

The Valentine's Day dance was a huge success. Great food, great music, and a fun time to be had by all. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening. A special thank you to all those who showed up and helped with the decorations and food. It was enjoyed by all!

The Capitol Crusader's Day was a big success. There was a good turn out by the FORR. The members were taken down on the floor and

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introduced. They met with Senator Brown, who is sponsoring the helmet bill, and presented him with a vest with the FORR patch on it. If you are interested in meeting with the representatives who can be instrumental in changing the laws, make plans to join us next year!

Highlights from the meeting held in February:

Because of family issues, Angie, the product line representative, had to step down from her position. Bill Clayton volunteered to take over the position. The safety officer, Spuds Boies, told everyone that the FORR site had started posting training dates for the motorcycle safety class. If you are interested in attending the course, see him for more information. He reminded everyone to stay aware of the animals coming out of hibernation that will be on the road again. Steve Sagi, CC representative, passed out minutes from the last CC meeting. He stated that it would be beneficial for everyone to attend at least one CC meeting. He also said that if you are interested in receiving legislative updates, please register at the state FORR web site. He has sponsorship forms for the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally if anyone is interested in being a sponsor. Larry Wheeler, vice president, thanked everyone for the turn out at the Indoor Poker Run sponsored by the American Legion Riders. Feedback from the local incentive program was received. It was suggested that the top three people for participation be submitted to the state for awards, and that they would receive a Local 28 patch. The design for the patch was being worked. It was also suggested that the top person receive a free membership for the year. The incentive program was voted on and approved by the present members. Taz has all of the names from the past presidents and is working on getting a quote from Splash Design for a price quote on the plaque. He also asked for volunteers for a by-law committee. He has already started to review them. The USO Ride meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. He asked for a volunteer to attend. If you are interested, please contact him for details. Taz also would like to schedule a date to work on the Local 28 pavilion. He wanted to know if anyone was interested in looking at the pavilion and giving a cost estimate on materials to build a deck on the top. The majority of the members voted that they would vote yes to improve the pavilion. The road side cleanup and fun run, scheduled for 3 March, was cancelled due to weather. It will be rescheduled for 13 April 2013.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 9 March 2013 FORR Legislative meeting
- 10 March 2013 FORR CC meeting
- 12 March 2013 Capitol Crusaders Day
- 16 March 2013 Freedom Rally meeting at the Damn Restaurant in Warsaw
- 16 March 2013 Waynesville Street Fest – booth setup
- 19 March 2013 Support the Troop Run (dates/times not known yet)
- 5 April 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 6 April 2013 Skyline Honda Open House – booth setup
- 13 April 2013 – Roadside Cleanup and Fun Run
- 3 May 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 18 May 2013 American Legion Riders Spring Poker Run
- 24-27 May 2013 Mid America Freedom Rally
- 7 June 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 15 June 2013 USO Ride
- 5 July 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 6 July 2013 Buckhorn Blast/Passport Run
- 2 August 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 10 August 2013 Memorial Ride
- 30 August – 2 September 2013 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally (Homecoming)
- 6 September 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting / Officer Nominations
- 4 October 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 5 October 2013 Pop's Ride
- 19 October 2013 Pre-build for the Halloween Bash

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26 October 2013 Halloween Bash
 1 November 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting /Elections
 11 November 2013 Veteran's Day Parade
 23 November 2013 Wal-Mart Toy Run
 1 December 2013 Waynesville Christmas Parade
 6 December 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
 7 December 2013 Toy drop off
 31 December 2013 New Year's Eve party

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO

Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or

Ursula DeMoss 816-550-9591

Website: www.forrlocal29.com

Our February meeting was the first held at our new location. There were 22 members and one guest present. The lunch was provided by Steve and Janet Williams and consisted of some delicious ham and beans, cornbread, and desserts. Connie Kephart has decided the Treasurer's position was more than she wanted to take on at this time. Nancy Martin volunteered to be our Treasurer. Thank you Nancy! Our Membership Secretary Jackie Smith also decided the position was too much to handle right now and stepped down. Donna Duyck volunteered to accept this position. Thank you Donna! And not to be left out Dale Perrigo decided that District 4 Activities Rep was more that he wanted to take on right now, so he stepped down. We did not have any volunteers for that position, so it currently remains open. If you are interested in holding this exalted position contact out illustrious President Steve "Cowboy" Williams. Then next month I can write: Thank you "insert your name here"! And now, the rest of the story: We discussed the Kearney Bike Show. The printed FORR calendar shows it occurring on Saturday, April 27th, but the actual date is Sunday, April 28th, 2013. We are asking locals to pass this correct date on to their members. Sign in is from 10 to noon, and trophies will be awarded at 3:00. Bike entry is \$10 and general admission is \$2. There appears to be some confusion about the location of the Mid-America Freedom Rally. It is being held over Memorial weekend at Buckhorn as usual. The event to replace Homecoming over Labor Day weekend has a similar name and is being moved to Sedalia. The Mid-America Freedom Rally is NOT moving. The MAFR is our BIG fundraiser each year and we are asking our members to attend and work a shift if you can. And besides, it is a blast. It is even a bigger blast than the Buckhorn Blast, which is a whole nother story. Don Jackson is planning a weekend bike trip for us. The tentative date is Saturday, June 8, to Sunday, June 9, 2013. We plan on leaving Saturday morning, riding the approximately 225 miles to the vicinity of Marquette, KS, and spend Saturday night. We will then ride back home Sunday. Sometime during the trip we will visit the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette. This is still in the planning stages and

everything is subject to change. When we confirm the date and details we will pass the information on to you. For information about Marquette go to: www.marquetteks.org. Thank you Don! Congratulations are in order for Local 29 member Tristen Utter, who won best dish at the crock pot cook-off for District 4. Way to go Tristen! We also discussed the District 4 Easter Egg Hunt on March 23, BWAM, and Octoberfest at our meeting. Product Line Managers Paul and Shirley McCormack showed several new and fascinating products they had for sale and they turned in a large sum of money for products sold. Thank you Paul and Shirley for the excellent and hard work you do! Our attendance incentive was not drawn this month due to technical difficulties (we didn't have a list of the names). To make up for this we are increasing it to \$30 for the March meeting. The membership incentive was won by Ken DeMoss. I'm past the point where Dallas will start yelling at me so I'll stop now. Honest Bob

One last thought: Different people join FORR for different reasons. Some are interested in legislative issues, some like to ride, some like the brotherhood activities, and some like all of these and more. Some members do no more than pay their membership dues, while others participate in everything. We have members who live and breathe motorcycles and others who are only casually interested. Most of our members fall in between these extremes. I believe there is room for every type of member in FORR. Positive reinforcement always works better than negative reinforcement. If you want a member to do more, then try showing them the fun and fellowship they are missing. Negative motivation seldom works. We need to be accepting of all of our members, regardless of the level of participation they choose, or the area of their interests.

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923



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

There's not much going on in the chapter right now except for Mother Nature and her crazy weather. We are trying to be safe and stay out of the ditches.

We are really looking forward to good weather and a great riding season.

Anyone who wants to attend our meetings is always welcome. Our meetings are always held on the last Friday of each month. The meeting for this month will be on the 29th at Penelopes at 7:00 p.m. Penelopes is located on Kingshighway in Rolla.

The topic for the meeting is going to be about the swap meet we are planning for mid-summer.

Hippie

registered motorcycles in Missouri. 2500 total state membership. We need to inform and sign up new members. Reach different groups of motorcyclist, like sport bikers for instance.

Just a thought, The steps you take today will help you on your path tomorrow,

Safe Travels
Cowboy Roy

**LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50****WEST****Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of
Knob Noster.****President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625**

Howdy, West Central Missourians

Not much going on right now, so I will tell you what happened.

L-33's Moose's Chili Cook Off and 9 Ball Tournament went on at Am Vets. Good chili and a good time. Doug renamed the event that evening No Moose Chili Cook Off, because of Moose's extended work schedule and Kathy not feeling well, Moose decided to stay home and catch up on sleep. And we thank him for that because when Moose is tired he gets GROUCHY and very unpleasant. And to the winners I have misplaced my notes and can't remember who won what, but Congrats. Sorry about that. There were no losers in the chili cook off in my opinion.

At the Feb. meeting Vice Pres. Randy reported that at the Show=Me Bike Show 2 new and 1 renew were signed up. And the gift card we gave away made about 30 bucks.

We had about 20-30 people at the local meeting, were you one of them?

Sarge, L-33's Dist. 4 rep gave a report. Need a person to run events at Octoberfest. If you are interested talk to Sarge for info. Still need people to work shifts at Freedom Rally. Come see Bear for info at a meeting.

The Dist. 4 bus trip to Jefferson City had plenty room on the bus. The attendance may have been down because of the rumor that JR was driving the bus. Ask me about the ride I did and didn't get from JR sometime. Bo and I rode there. That morning it was 28 degrees, but when I got home it was a balmy 41 degrees.

JR gave a Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally report. The Rally could use more sponsors.

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.

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Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6870

After springing forward and getting past the worst of the snow, everyone is looking forward to more days to actually ride, and less days spent thinking about riding. April is the chosen month for our Spring Poker Run (the 16th one!) The date: April 28th, see our ad in this issue. We enjoyed supporting Missouri Vets last year and will do it again this year. All are welcome to join us in our run, the more the merrier! With not much else going on we'll close with our April quote:

Ride Free!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

"Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature.... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces." James Garfield, the 12th president of the United States, 1877

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location

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

Congrats Steve Gallus on becoming an "OL FART". Looking at you I would have guessed not a day over "59". I know up here in northern Missouri we got our fair share of snow. It snowed so much we had to tie a rope from the house to the outhouse to find our way. While the snow had me homebound I had a lot of chicken pot pie. Not in that order every time. As I think about it I enjoyed being snowed in more than I thought. It's snowing as I write this COME ON CHICKEN POT PIE!! Some things we have going on is our April meeting at Camero's in Bethany on April 6th, at 3:00 p.m. April 27th- PROCLAMATION RUN> Run starts in St. Joe. and Steve said any one wanting to ride will meet in Osborn at old gas station at intersection by 8:00 A.M. April 30th> MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH ride to the capital. As far as I know we will be working gate for SPRING FLING in JUNE. Don't forget our LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW in JULY. The State Rally is now called MID MISSOURI MOTORCYCLE RALLY and will be held at the MISSOURI STATE FAIR GROUNDS in SEDALIA on LABOR DAY WEEKEND. NO DISTRICT RALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Dallas thank you for getting me my newsletter every month. I think sometimes we forget what all you do for us. So our Local would like to say a big THANK YOU. I enjoy getting my newsletter and I read the whole thing. I like being informed about what's going on in our Show Me state. I could write more but my typing finger is starting to swell.

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LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO****Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164**

Hello all, hope everyone is resting up and getting ready for the riding season... It won't be much longer... Got the maintenance done on the bike and stored in a warm place... Seen more bikes out this winter than I have in other winters... Most mornings on the way to my work I see a guy all bundled up, I guess he's on his way home from the night shift.. Had our monthly meeting with a total of about 25 members and guests and mainly worked on our Leather and Lace dance coming up the last Saturday in March... I won the attendance prize and donated it for the silent auction... We'll have one more meeting before our dance to finalize the details.... We need your help as members to make this a success... Our Local depends on it... Bout all I got for now so be careful and ride safe... Talk later, Tex

P.S. Local 42 would like to welcome new members, Randy Dawson, Tammy Smith, Bill Smreker, Cindy Thiemet, and Randy Wilde...

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location****DISTRICT 4****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all my amazing riding and non-riding brothers and sisters, winter was long and harsh for many of us and this ole gal finally got out of hibernation.

SPRING is HERE! Everyone got their bikes checked out for safe riding in 2013, right?

Really not much to report at this time, due to my hibernating in the deep snow, just slowly getting in the swing of things.

We are watching the following bills very close:

SB 73 (Schaefer) - Prohibits mc only checkpoints. The bill is on the Senate Formal Perfection Calendar and can be brought up for debate at any time.

SB 187 (Brown) - Helmet Mod. The bill was referred to Senate Transportation 1/31. No hearing is scheduled.

SB 130 (Schaefer) - Increases the penalties for those who fail to yield the right-of-way. The bill was referred to Senate Transportation 1/31. No hearing has been scheduled.

HB 684 (Scheiffer) - Changes from six months to 90 days the period of time a temporary mc permit is valid. We strongly oppose this legislation and I am monitoring very close.

HB 383 (Bahr) - Prohibits the use of GPS or other devices to track mileage. The bill was heard in House Ways & Means 2/14 and a vote is predicted in the next couple weeks.

HB 555 (Burlison) - Helmet Mod. The bill was referred to House General Laws 2/20. No hearing scheduled yet.

HB 655 (Hurst) - This is our bill pertaining to temporary mc permits. It was 2nd read 2/25 and will likely be referred to committee next week.

HB 674 (Hicks) - House version of the right-of-way bill. It was also 2nd read 2/25

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United States Senator Frank Lautenberg to Retire

Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) has announced he will not seek re-election next year. Lautenberg has served five 6-year terms in the US Senate and at the age of 89 is the oldest member in the Senate.

Lautenberg has been a thorn in the side of motorcyclists for decades. He has been the chief champion of mandatory helmet laws serving in government today.

In 2005 he introduced an amendment that would have put mandatory helmet law in place for the entire country, trampling on the States rights. Due solely to the work of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its members that amendment was defeated 68-29.

Lautenberg said; "While I may not be seeking re-election, there is plenty of work to do before the end of this term, and I'm going to keep fighting as hard as ever for the people of New Jersey in the US Senate". "This is not the end of anything, but rather the beginning of a two-year mission to pass new gun safety laws, protect children from toxic chemicals and create more opportunities for working families in New Jersey."

Politicians are much like the end of March in the Midwest, as the old saying goes, "it can go out like a lamb or out like a lion". Many politicians spend their final days helping staff find new jobs, raising money to pay down any campaign debt they may have or simply just walk away. Others use their time to fight any last political fights or take on controversial issues that may have otherwise cost them tremendous political capital. "While motorcycle helmet laws are not on his laundry list we would be naive to not remain vigilant with Lautenberg to insure that the freedoms of the American motorcyclists are kept in place," said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

House Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Mid Level Ethanol Blends

On Tuesday, February 26th, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Mid Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs." The hearing panel consisted of three witnesses, the American Automobile Association (AAA), the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and the Coordinating Research Council (CRG). Vice Chairman Chris Stewart (R-UT) chaired the hearing.

Vice Chairman Stewart had this to say, "Unfortunately, the more E15 is studied, the more concerns are identified. Besides potential widespread impacts on vehicle engines, the EPA has led a haphazard transition to E-15 usage marked by regulatory confusion, bungled implementation, and a lack of consumer education."

The hearing covered a lot of ground but all panelists endorsed one common theme, the need for more research when it comes to using E-15 as a common fuel. E-15 is fuel that has 85% fossil fuel and 15% ethanol or distilled corn fuel.

The Clean Air Act (CAA) allows for up to a 10% blend of ethanol. In 2010 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a waiver of the CAA allowing for up to a 15% blend of fuel in model years 2001 and newer. The EPA did this after the Department of Energy (DOE) did a study and found the blend to be acceptable, sort of.

The study did not do any testing on a power train or the fuel delivery systems. The only aspect that was tested was the emissions control system, which is troubling to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Ethanol was first introduced to the marketplace in the early 1990's. It was found that the higher oxygen content was able to help bring down carbon monoxide in the tailpipe exhaust of carburetor fed internal combustion engines and therefore, the reduction of smog. Today's modern fuel injected engines can self adjust using oxygen sensors, basically eliminating the need for ethanol.

One witness went into detail about how ethanol is detrimental to engines both large and small. One witness went so far to say that 95% of all vehicles on the road should not use E-15. Two passenger vehicle manufacturers have retooled the power train of their vehicles to work well with E-15, the rest have not.

AAA said that there are 169,000 gas stations in the US and just around 20,000 are selling E-15. They went on to emphasize that this is why we need more research now before it's a more wide spread problem. All three witnesses also agreed that the environmental impact and cost savings are a wash when it comes to using E-15. The biggest problem with E-15 is the fact that it can harm the engine and the negative side effect of lowering the miles per gallon.

Draft legislation was also unveiled at the hearing, authored by long time motorcycle defender and a MRF Champion, Mr. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI). The Sensenbrenner bill would halt the use of E-15 until proper, real world testing is conducted on the effects of E-15 on cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Another issue that was revealed in the hearing was the fact that no one seems to want to take responsibility for any damage done by E-15. Most auto and motorcycle manufacturers will not honor warranties when the engine is damaged by E-15 and the fuel providers, who were not at the hearing, do not seem to be standing behind their product.

In June 2011, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner sent letters to 14 automobile manufacturers inquiring as to the relationship between vehicle damage resulting from the use of E-15 and vehicle warranties. All 14 companies responded with letters outlining their concerns with E-15 use and affirmed the potential for E-15 to negatively impact their vehicles and cause engine damage. Furthermore, the manufacturers indicated that their vehicle fleets were not designed to operate on E-15, and stated that the warranties would not cover damage resulting from E-15.

This is not the first time this country has dealt with a change in the fuel supply. When this country switched from leaded to unleaded fuel we had a similar fuel-mislabeled problem. That was fixed when gas stations and auto manufacturers agreed to change the filler tube on the vehicle to a different size. This made it nearly impossible to fill a car not designed for leaded gas. No one is suggesting that type of a fix this time around. One of the witnesses was asked how other countries, such as Brazil have been able to fuel the countries cars with blends up to 50% ethanol. The answer was shocking. He said that the higher blend essentially "ate the cars apart" and left Brazil unable to import cars. They had to completely redesign the power train and now Brazilians can basically only buy Brazilian made cars. He also added that it would take a decade for the US to completely turn over the entire nation's fleet of cars to work perfectly with E-15.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation strongly supports the Sensenbrenner bill that calls for more research before wide spread use of E-15 should be allowed. While that bill is yet to be formally introduced, the text can be found here:

<http://science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/HHRG-113-SY18-20130226-SD002.pdf>

Sensenbrenner is looking for cosponsors for this important legislation. Please call your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to sign onto the "Sensenbrenner Ethanol Bill". You can reach the United States Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

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



Connections



Support bill to require federal agency to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent ethanol

On Feb. 27, U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced H.R. 875. The bill would repeal the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waiver decision related to E15 fuel, and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions in the matter, until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15).

"In the two years since the EPA granted a waiver to the Clean Air Act for the use of E15, several tests have been released which highlight the harmful effects of E15 on engines and their components," said Sensenbrenner. "However, these tests have been summarily dismissed by the EPA, which remains stubborn in its position that the fuel is safe for consumers."

"What has been troubling throughout the EPA's waiver decision process has been the agency's willingness to base it on a single study conducted by the Department of Energy," said Sensenbrenner. "Pro-ethanol groups will continue to argue that the fuel has been sufficiently tested and is safe for use. But automakers, the companies that design and build the engines for which the EPA is approving the use of E15, have unanimously stated that use of this fuel will void warranties, damage engines and lower fuel efficiency. The fact that the experts who built the engines disagree with the EPA's decision shows that further testing is needed on this fuel."

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment, chaired by Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah), held a legislative hearing on "Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs." Former U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard, American Motorcyclist Association vice president for government relations, was a witness at the hearing. Besides discussing the need for more E15 testing, the AMA raised concerns related to misfueling and the EPA's mitigation plan, which initially included a senseless mandated four-gallon minimum fuel purchase.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. This concerns all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts because this can affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

The new E15 gasoline formulation may appear at a nearby fueling station and motorcyclists need to be careful when using this new fuel blend in their motor vehicles. That is because no motorcycles or ATVs are currently on the approved EPA list and the use of E15 can void manufacturers' warranties.

We need your help to pass H.R. 875. You can send a prewritten email to your representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information. The AMA encourages riders to personalize their message by drawing on their own personal riding experiences.

Congress to hold hearing on E15

AMA will be a witness!

On Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. (EST), the U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment, chaired by Rep. Andy Harris (R-Md.), will hold a hearing on "Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs." Former U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard, American Motorcyclist Association vice president for government relations, will be a witness at the hearing.

The AMA focus will be on the need for an independent and scientific study of the use of E15 -- a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume -- in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines. Additionally, we will raise concerns of misfueling and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency's mitigation plan, which initially included a senseless mandated four-gallon minimum fuel purchase.

The AMA believes extensive independent testing needs to be done before E15 becomes more widely available. The key for the AMA and our members is that E15 must be proven safe for motorcycle and ATV engines. To the best of our knowledge, E15 isn't approved for use in any original-equipment motorcycles or ATVs. In fact, its use can void many manufacturers' warranties.

We applaud U.S. Rep. Harris for holding this hearing to help make our nation's fuel supply safer for all users.

Federal agency wants separate E10 fuel pumps at certain gas stations that sell E15 ethanol-gasoline blend

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- In response to concerns expressed by the American Motorcyclist Association and power equipment makers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued new guidelines to help ensure that motorcyclists and others don't inadvertently use E15 fuel.

E15 is a new fuel blend of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline that the EPA has approved for use in 2001-and-newer passenger vehicles. The blend isn't approved for use in motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, lawn mowers and other engines, and may even damage them and void warranties.

E10, which is commonly found at gas stations, contains 10 percent ethanol. E0 fuel has no ethanol. Ethanol is grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

Last year, Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations, told the EPA that with E15 now coming into the market, AMA members who make a concerted effort to fuel their motorcycles or ATVs with E10-or-less fuel may unknowingly refuel with residual E15 left in a blender-pump hose. A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose, such as E10 and E15. When a customer buys E15, as much as a third of a gallon of residual E15 is left in the hose, which can inadvertently get into the next customer's vehicle while fueling with E10.

"In an effort to address this potential misfueling issue, EPA approved an industry-submitted [approach] that requires a minimum purchase of four gallons from blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same hose and nozzle," the EPA said. "Such an approach would prevent misfueling by diluting any residual E15 left in the hose from the previous sale of E15."

"However, groups representing motorcycle owners and lawn mower manufacturers objected to this [approach] because their products have gas tanks that are normally two gallons or smaller," the EPA said.

So, on Feb. 7, the EPA posted a new option for retailers on its website's "E15: Misfueling Mitigation Plans" page to try to avoid misfueling by consumers.

Under the new option, retailers who use a blender pump to sell E15 and E10 fuel through the same hose must also have a separate E10/E0 fuel pump. Those retailers would be required to have a label on the blender pump that reads: "Passenger Vehicles Only. Use in Other Vehicles, Engines and Equipment May Violate Federal Law." Retailers would also be required to have signs indicating the location of the dedicated E10-or-lower fuel pump. There would be no minimum-fuel-purchase requirement at that pump.

Retailers who want to sell E15 also have the option of having a dedicated E15 pump or hose, or a pump that dispenses E15 and higher ethanol blends through a single hose. If a blender pump dispenses multiple fuels that include E15 and higher ethanol blends, the EPA may require a minimum purchase requirement.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and ATV engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available. The AMA also has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15 to ensure that the new fuel blend won't damage those engines.

In October 2010, the EPA approved the use of E15 in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles). Then, in January 2011, the EPA added model year 2001-06 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.



News From Around the Globe

Massachusetts - The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) is pleased to report that a town bylaw proposal was successfully defeated last night in Yarmouth. With short notice, the MMA in concert with the Yarmouth Chief-of-Police and Deputy Chief attended the Board-of-Selectmen meeting last night and were successful in convincing the Board of Selectmen that such a Bylaw would be unsuccessful.

Want to get something essentially illegal passed in Massachusetts? Do so in as covert a manner as possible so that your opponents don't know about it. Gone are the days of open debate as the Town of Yarmouth once again proposed a bylaw which would essentially require OEM exhaust on all motorcycles entering the town. Alerted to this proposal being presented mere hours before the meeting, the MMA sprang into response providing testimony and supporting documentation as well as representation at the Selectmen Meeting.

Armed with prior testimony used successfully around the state, including used to overturn a similar bylaw passed in Falmouth and subsequently struck down by the Commonwealth Attorney General, MMA Legislative Director Rick Gleason joined the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department in their argument that Town Bylaws cannot exceed State Law, and that such a measure would essentially be meaningless.

The MMA has long held strong opposition to the use of the OEM EPA Stamp as an enforcement tool simply because it is a consumer protection mechanism, not meant to be used against the consumer. It is also hard to locate on many models of motorcycle, hidden under seats on sport bikes, under saddle bags of cruisers, or simply facing the wrong way for aesthetic reasons. Most critically, per the very regulation that entitles it, it expires in one year or 3,729 miles, whichever comes first!!

Instead, the MMA continues to hold a firm belief that the existing laws on the books are sufficient if properly implemented and enforced, specifically that simple test procedures do exist for muffled exhaust, whether replaced with after-market or not, with a reasonable sound level. Further, that Education, not Legislation, is key to changing the behavior of a select few who either remove their mufflers or rev throttles simply to "sound cool"...

The "Education, not Legislation" sentiment was echoed by the Yarmouth Chief-of-Police during his testimony last night. Yarmouth PD has worked with the MMA in the past with great success implementing the MMA's "When in Town, Throttle Down©" campaign providing correct information on the Massachusetts General Laws and the impact of excessive behaviors. The MMA has also hosted numerous voluntary sound checks around the state to help riders be more aware of the impact of their exhaust.

The MMA applauds the efforts of the Yarmouth PD which can be found on their website and Facebook page, and thanks them for their support.

For more information, please contact LegislativeDirector@MassMotorcycle.org or see <http://www.massmotorcycle.org/>

New Mexico - Our 9th Annual Bike Day at the Capital was a success and a safe trip with approximately 200 in attendance at the state capital and throughout our trip at our two Harley Dealerships. Thank you to all who rode to the capital, it was a cold ride but many of you still battled the low temperatures to support. Many caged it, but it doesn't matter how you made the trip, the fact is that you took time off of your busy schedule to step up and show your support. As we were riding up to Santa Fe the thought that keep ringing in my mind was UNITY. We had motorcyclist from all aspects of life who realize our liberties and right are being stripped away from us and say: WE WANT CHANGE...WE WANT JUSTICE FOR THOSE WHO HURT AND KILL OUR LOVED ONES BECAUSE YOU ARE CARELESS AND DRUNK OR DUI AND DON'T SEE US ... PLEASE END DISCRIMINATION AND PROFILING.. WE JUST WANT OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES THAT OUR CONSTITUTION SAYS WE ARE UNTITLED TOO.

Thank you Representative RICK MIERA for attending and speaking, you are great man you always supports our community. Thank you for

keeping our state helmet free and that we still have a choice. As we rode to Santa Fe many motorcyclist wore helmets on the ride, but the beauty was that we still have that choice.

We had a very emotional, eye opening, and heartbreaking tribute to FALLEN BIKERS. The NMMRO paid tribute to our fallen bikers from 2012 and 2013. First it was great to see our NMMRO member and insurance consultant Lisa Van Druff despite her injuries walk to the podium and share the story of her and her husbands Alan's crash due to a careless driver. They were the lucky ones they survived. Part of the tribute were the widows and families of Ray Santiago, Jonathan Yazzie, Jamie Gustafson, and we were so honored that the widow and brother of Stone Cold James Allison flew in from Texas to support us. These families spoke of their loved ones and the loss and heartache they feel. Most of all they expressed the lack of justice to those who took the life of our fallen. There were many tears shed with these families at our state capital. We heard from their stories that penalties and punishment being imposed is not sufficient and how we need to make the rest of the community aware.

Thank you to all our state officers, NMMRO members, COC, Defenders Program, MRF officers, ThunderBird Harley Davidson Dealership for their hospitality and allowing us to start our journey there, and to Santa Fe Harley Davidson Dealership for lunch and their hospitality. Thank you to our MC brothers for leading us to the capital. Thank you to the HOGG Chapter for your support. Thank you to the state capital and their staff for welcoming us to our home. Thank you to all the friends and family who attend. I was also honored my son and his family were there in support. If I have forgotten to mention anyone I apologize and say thank you to all who made our day a success.

Nebraska - Nebraska state Senator Paul Schumacher has proposed a bill that would allow motorcyclists to drive through red traffic lights, if the riders have already waited at least two minutes for the light to change. This situation happens more than non-cyclists may realize, say advocates of the proposed law, as some traffic sensors that help coordinate the lights are not triggered by lightweight motorcycles as they are by cars and trucks.

The bill stipulates that if there are no other cars around, and if the biker has waited for at least two minutes, it should be legal for them to violate the normal red light provision. Proponents say that this will keep riders from either sitting at a light for long periods of time, sometimes in adverse conditions, or from simply breaking the law out of convenience. Those opposed, including Nebraska's Sheriffs' Association, say that it will be nearly impossible to keep track of the two-minute time, and therefore a difficult law to enforce.

Similar laws have been considered, and passed, elsewhere in the country already.

Call us pessimistic, but we've got to wonder how many bikers are sitting at red lights for more than two minutes, with no one else around, right now? Some law-abiding folks there in the Cornhusker State, we suppose.

Actually, similar laws have been considered, and passed, elsewhere in the country already. Back in 2011 the state of Illinois proposed a similar measure for cities with less than two million in population. That proposal became law at the start of 2012. In 2008, South Carolina passed a law that allowed motorcyclists to proceed cautiously through a red light that was not sensing the bike and rider, as well. In fact, according to a report from USA Today, Missouri, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Idaho, Arkansas, Tennessee and Minnesota have similar regulations, all being applied to the law books in the last decade or so. Clearly, Sen. Schumacher is not alone in his thinking here.

But if our own recent poll regarding motorcycles and lane splitting is any indication, the larger issue of allowing two-tiered laws, for motorcycles and four-wheeled vehicles, is rather hotly contested. Autoblogreaders came out to a virtual, eh, split, on the lane splitting issue: 45 percent of respondents saying that it made sense as a policy, and 49 percent claiming it a dangerous practice.

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30 Rider Education Motorcycle Awareness & You Rally
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17-19 Local 20 Dexter Road to Freedom Bike Rally
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20 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Fun Run & Picnic 660-441-0625

23-27 Mid American Freedom Rally 660-596-3019

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