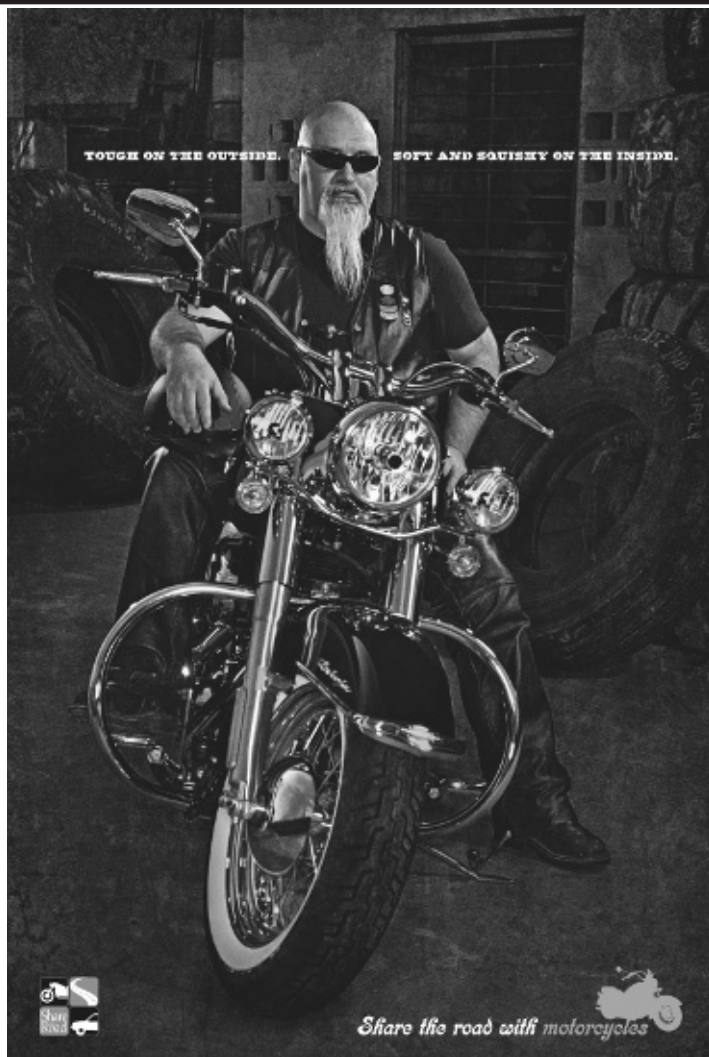




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Letters to the Editor

Let me start by saying I am a Lifetime Member, #4173, and have been around for over 25 yrs. My number would be lower but I dropped out for one year and when I came back a year later I got a new number (That's the way FORR did it in the beginning). I am more than a little concerned about the bad rap that Local #00 has gotten in the last newsletter. To be called "TOXIC" makes my blood boil!!! By my count there are a total of 30 Locals yet the Local #s go to #46. That means there have been 17 Locals that have closed their doors. Over 1/3 of them!! Of the ones still going only 12 have a larger membership count than #00 and two of those by only 2 or 4 members. Of the current Locals I would venture to guess that like in the past only a few members show up at meetings and are involved with events. Does that make the ones who aren't involved "TOXIC" as well? On the FORR web site under "What is Freedom of Road Riders" it says "membership is made up of motorcyclists from all walks of life...with all sorts of interests. Whether your interests center around legislative activities, motorcycle shows, charity events or rallies FORR has something to offer you." The way I read this it doesn't say you aren't welcome here unless you are involved first hand in politics. Our preamble states that our main purpose is to "...guard our rights...keep us informed...promote safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists." Brotherhood, freedom for ALL motorcyclists. Is it Brotherhood to single out one group of members and belittle us because we don't belong to a Local that you think we should? Is it Brotherhood to call us "TOXIC" and tell us to "excuse ourselves and find a group that satisfies our personal agenda." I thought freedom meant we had a choice in what we choose to do or not do. Freedom to choose how and when we support our beliefs and our own interest in life. Without members to come to all the FORR events and rallies you wouldn't have anything to run your Locals on. Maybe Local #00 members don't fit into your way of thinking what a member should be at least we haven't given up and dropped out like SOO many others have, at least we're still here fighting in our own way. I agree FORR has some "TOXIC" members but it isn't Local #00 who has them.

Ant Linda
Local #00
Member #4173

And Jesus said, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone..." John 8:7

This powerful message may be applied to FORR. Who among us has not said or done something that is detrimental to the purposes of FORR, Inc.? Certainly, not me!!!! I believe that every member has at one time or another done something detrimental to the purposes: did you show up to work your shift at an event, did you say something in anger that hurt another member, did you recruit that motorcyclist you met at a gas stop, did you make the trip to the Capitol to work for a piece of legislation, etc. Acts of omission are as powerful as acts of commission!

However, there are times when the act is powerful enough to require removal (suspension) of membership in FORR, Inc. Historically these issues have involved embezzlement of funds or other acts that are harmful to the operation of a Local. Some acts just require action by the Central Committee.

I don't participate in Facebook – and I believe that Facebook postings are detrimental to the purposes of FORR, Inc. Many people say things on Facebook that they would never say to another's face. And, people seem to forget that once the words are put in

print they are there forever...and those negative words are definitely detrimental to the purposes of FORR, Inc.

My hope is that the membership of FORR, Inc., will use caution and a bit of logic (if that isn't asking too much) to consider the path that our organization appears to be headed. A split in membership based on emotion rather than following our established by-laws and the logic therein will certainly bring down our 30+ years of working to protect the rights of all motorcyclists.

Are you qualified to "cast the first stone?"

Louise Reasoner
Member #8033

Holy crap, what happened to this organization? I just received our April tabloid and I must acknowledge I was taken aback by its content. Our new officers are getting a grip on the helm and turning this old tub around and we're finally heading in the right direction. They are weeding out the traitorous toxic members and giving little consideration to those supporting and following those members. It's about time! There were several members of Local 33 and other locals, from what was rumored, just about to give up on this organization and move on. Their major complain was, it just wasn't worth the fight in Jefferson City and the toxic members too. It is now obviously visible even to "Helen Keller" that our new Chairman and his cabinet are on track and on the move to a great year full of grand objectives. Now, their next objective should be to improve the Central Committee members by instilling a more positive stance on how to get thing done that the locals suggest to be accomplish, rather than working so hard on figuring out ways not to get things accomplished. Before I retired from upper management it was called problem solving. We need to quit finding reasons to abandon a suggested project and put our heads together and figure out where the loop holes are and get it accomplished.

I fully understand that there are still some sour-pusses out there, but remember what our objectives are, we are not a motorcycle club nor are we a social club, we are lobbyists, trying to lobby the state to preserve our motorcycle rights and to ride free. Martin, Skyler and the other newly elected officers are doing a great job in their first four months of office and we should all appreciate what has transpired so far. We have some outstanding legislation in movement through the Capital and we are becoming a solid group again, supporting each other's locals and their activities. I'm beginning to like the FORR again.

Let me share with some of you negative folks a little analogy my father shared with me many years ago, it went; It is all too easy to gesture the thumbs down in the coliseum when a struggling gladiator is fighting for something he believes in, but one becomes all to compassionate when he is in the arena fighting for his beliefs. Oh how true that statement is for us who are seated in the stands in the coliseum. Hail Caesar!

The other thing I noticed in the news letter is that just about every chapter's editor wrote a well informative and interesting article on what's going on in their locals and what's coming up on their schedules. Holy crap, the news letter is becoming something to read with intrest and to look forward to receiving in the mail. Again, our officers have inspired the locals in some mystical, sorceress way and gotten folks enthused to pull together and shared what's up. Great job again Chairman and to the rest of your gang. As Doug Weiss, so adamantly put it, Thank you, we're becoming a family again! Keep it up.

Ed Carper
Local 33

OBSERVATIONS & REFLECTIONS: PASSION



*I care not what others
think of what I do, but I
care very much about
what I think of what I do!
That is character!*
Theodore Roosevelt

Passion is one of the greatest of the human emotions. It has been the motivator of great composers and artists. It has been the foundation of revolutions and has inspired more than one cause. It can be a powerful driving force to insure the success of an organization but allowed to dictate behavior it can be the downfall of both individuals and groups.

Freedom of Road Riders has recently experienced an event that has shaken it to its very core. Emotions have run high with our membership battling among themselves, as well as siding against our chosen Central Committee representatives and our cabinet. Sadly, human beings are quick to take sides without stopping to consider all aspects of any given situation. The failure to look at the big picture results

in a phenomenon I have always called "Blind Followers".

A couple of years ago I was embroiled in an issue that pit animal rights and animal welfare groups against each other. The passion surrounding animal issues has been compared to the same passion that surrounds the abortion issue. I can tell you from standing in this arena for 26 years that is a fair comparison. During the debate over reforming our commercial breeding standards the one theme I kept running into was the refusal of "concerned" individuals to research the issue from all aspects and make an educated, informed decision on where they stood.

I came under attack from the largest non-profit money machine in the world because I stood against their initiative. As tough as my stance may have been at times, the thing that made me angry was when the Blind Followers would ask me how they should vote. The founders of the United States fought and gave their lives to earn our freedom of choice, yet the heirs of this freedom cannot be troubled to take the time to find out what their decisions can mean in the end result. They allow their emotions to dictate their choices. Those that advocate government control count on this and that is how so many of our laws controlling our basic fundamental rights to choose how we live come into being.

What is happening to FORR right now is no different. Too many of us are allowing our emotions to dictate our decisions. We have allowed our passion for both brotherhood and the mission of this organization to cloud our judgment. Decisions are being made as a "knee jerk" reaction to a perceived insult, while the good of this organization is being ignored. There is no room for a personal agenda in any organization reliant on presenting a united front.

Legislative advocates must put their personal feelings aside and focus their passion on the big picture. In choosing your CC representatives you have given authority to one person to make decisions based on the overall good of this organization. That does not excuse you from active involvement. Just like our elected officials, it is up to you to be involved both at the local level and the state level in the decision making process. The success of any legislative group is the quality of the membership, not the quantity.

I have been blessed in the fact that the greatest love of my life is a man I both admire and respect. This is something I would wish for all my sisters. In the past few weeks some of the targeted comments and actions within this organization have hurt me personally. People I have come to care about deeply have allowed themselves to be dictated by an immediate emotional response from a point of view that is neither informed nor thought out. I too could have reacted but I have learned over the years nothing is gained by allowing my emotions to dictate my behavior. Just as the words of Theodore Roosevelt state, I care very much what I think of what I do.

The decision made during the March Central Committee meeting was not made because of any personal agenda. It was not dictated to this organization by our leaders. It was made because of actions both outside the meeting room and during the meeting itself. The majority of the chosen representatives of the Locals felt it was in the best interest of FORR to take this action and after that fact, is not the time to decide you want your say. You have the right to be involved in the decision making process but many do not exercise their freedom of choice from the front lines. There is no room in any organization for arm chair management. A quote from one of the officers of Local 24 says it all; don't bring a bitch, if you aren't willing to bring a solution.

The disciplinary actions of this organization were not meant to unleash a "witch hunt". However it should be a wakeup call to anyone promoting a personal agenda that actions detrimental to the mission of FORR will not be tolerated. FORR already fights a stereotype cast on them because of misguided perceptions dictated from the uninformed. We cannot succeed in our goals if our membership refuses to focus their passion on the big picture.

The time to make a personal decision is upon us. Do we continue to run on our emotions or do we bring our passion and intelligence to the organization and fight for our personal freedoms?

Melanie Coy, Local 16



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Central Committee Meeting #194

March 11, 2012

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Vice-Chairman, Skyler McWilliams, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne and Give-a-Way Manager Jim Scheele.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	70	1 Vote	Larry Scott
South Kansas City	Local 05	62	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	126	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	44	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	139	2 Votes	ABSENT excused
Jefferson City	Local 10	155	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	38	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	48	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	76	1 Vote	Debbie Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	19	1 Vote	ABSENT excused
Branson	Local 15	253	3 Votes	Les Morris
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	100	1 Vote	Bill Wooten
Kirksville	Local 19	136	2 Votes	ABSENT
Dexter	Local 20	59	1 Vote	Mike Allen
Eldon	Local 21	23	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
Lincoln County	Local 23	23	1 Vote	Sam Guccione
St. Louis	Local 24	97	1 Vote	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	66	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	68	1 Vote	Ros Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	80	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	197	2 Votes	Tommy Shaw
North Kansas City	Local 29	102	2 Votes	Rhonda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	69	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	28	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	102	2 Votes	Doug Weiss
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	100	1 Vote	Keifer York
Greater K.C.	Local 46	12	1 Vote	ABSENT excused
Members at Large	Local 00	83	0 Vote	
Total		2454		March 1, 2012
Corporate Sponsors		10	0 Vote	

*Votes suspended by order of Central Committee January 11, 1998, until financial records are complete with the Treasurer. # Vote suspended due to District/Special Event financial records.

**Votes suspended by order of Central Committee November 2001, until insurance/event records are complete with the Insurance/Events Coordinator.

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver - Roll call of locals.

Chairman King read letter to Tony Shepherd regarding suspension of membership for committing actions prejudicial and detrimental to the purposes and welfare of this organization. Letter hand delivered to Mr. Shepherd at approximately 10:15 a.m. Mr. Shepherd will be given time to address the Central Committee at the end of New Business.

Membership report January 7 life members, 36 new members, 128 renewals. February 11 life members, 57 new members, 128 renewals. 367 total memberships processed. Total membership as of March 1, 2012 2,454. Increase of 58 members since last report. Membership encouraged to draw upon the knowledge and history of the life members of this organization.

Minutes – Motion by Local 24, 2nd by Local 6 to approve with correction of spelling of Steve Gallus, motion approved by voice vote.

Chairman King addressed the Central Committee regarding the employee review and the pay raise that was given to our office manager. Office Manager Chapman did not receive a pay raise last year even though she received a positive review as we could not afford it. This year our office manager was given a .25 cent per hour pay raise. Last year she voluntarily took a reduction of hours by closing the office early on Friday.

TREASURER – Steve Comeau - Financial report distributed to all CC Reps. General fund beginning balance \$10,313.49 ending balance \$15,211.21; Rider Education beginning balance \$8,491.85 ending balance \$11,094.60; PAC beginning balance \$19,072.59 ending balance \$15,340.75, Homecoming balance \$10,024.06; Freedom Park balance \$11,085.05; Give a way project beginning balance \$4,028.70 ending balance \$3,624.56.

General fund budget for 2012 distributed – Motion by Local 10, 2nd Local 24 to approve the general fund budget as presented, motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Donation by Local 16 \$200 general fund \$300 PAC to be earmarked for 2014 Meeting of the Minds.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Skylar McWilliams

Engineer of Freedom Award – Presented to Shelly Payne and Kevin Kohler.

Homecoming – Very productive committee meeting yesterday. The event will be a little different this year. Instead of giving away several hundred dollars worth of patches we will be giving away license plate brackets and event patches will be available for sale for \$2. We need a vendor coordinator. JR DeGraffenreid has done a lot of work on the bands already but we do need a band coordinator to handle the day to day band activity at the event. Bands are signed. Sound Company will be Priority Audio Rental. The committee has selected a t-shirt design. Thank you to Kevin for his work on this year's design. We are looking at doing some new timed events on mini-bikes contingent upon approval by the Shriners. CMA will be handling the field events on Saturday. People games will be Sunday. CMA does a lot for us at this event so please thank them for all they do. Bike Show will be on Sunday. Discussed presentation by Doug Clawson regarding our rider education program during the events. Local 15 will be handling the Ms Homecoming and wet t-shirt contest. Give a way project will be drawn on Saturday night. Work schedule will be out in the next Freedom Press. This will be done by lottery as in the past. Admission \$20 for SMRO member, non SMRO member \$30, if you want to join FORR at the same time \$40, active military will receive the SMRO discount. Members that join at the gate need to be placed in the local of their choice or a local close to where they live. Bands will be: Kaps & Stems, Southern Green, Big Ticket, Sass Monkey, Open Kimono. The bands and the sound company are costing us \$5,000. This is approximately \$4300 less than what we spent last year. There will be a pre-party Thursday night with a band at the Shrine Club for those that come help us get the event set up. RV costs will be the same as they were last year. There are no electric hookups inside the campground, very limited number outside the gate. These are on a first come first serve basis.

Motion from last meeting by Local 10, 2nd Local 24 that we allow minors at Homecoming removed from the table, roll call vote, 21 no, 9 yes, motion fails. Homecoming will remain 18 and over.

FEW Seminar The next seminar will be in January, 2013. We looked into several other locations but have decided the American Legion is the best venue for us at this time.

BUFR Run – Sunday April 29th at 2:00 p.m. South lawn of the capitol. There are several group rides being set up.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Fox - We are currently watching 10 separate bills including HB1104 requiring voters to provide identification. Senate bill SB611, Lembke, requires DOT to establish a uniform yellow light time on all control devices, this bill has passed the Senate and is on its way to the House. SB805 Clutch's law/Failure to yield, Engler, hearing conducted Senate transportation committee on March 8th, surprise bicycle federation has come on board and supports this bill. The committee is concerned about the language concerning 1st, 2nd, 3rd tier. Therefore the bill has been changed to read may instead of shall on 1st tier. 1st tier penalty if found guilty, penalty minimum \$500 up to \$1000 and may have 30 day suspension on license. 2nd tier if found guilty and serious injuries minimum \$1,000 up to \$3000 and shall have license suspended for 90 days. 3rd tier, fatality, minimum \$5,000 up to \$10,000 and will be suspended for 1 year and be required to take a driving course. SB743, Brown, helmet modification bill, voted out of Senate Transportation 7-1 we changed a very firm no vote Senator Robin Jones. Should be on Senate formal calendar come March 16th. SB673 motorcycle permit bill, Brown, hearing conducted February 8 in Senate Transportation Committee. Unfortunately just last week Bill Stouffer's legislative aid called us with concern about a request from one of our members to hold this bill. We must be vigilant in requesting that all of our bills be moved out of committee. SB564, military exempt from roadway skills testing with completion of military course, Brown. This has been voted due pass out of Senate and referred to House transportation committee. SB717, Stouffer, creates traffic offense of distracted driving. Bill is very vague as written. Senator Stouffer has his reasons for the vagueness of this bill. We are watching this bill. SB824 Schaeffer, designation of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month, 2nd read and referred to Senate General Law Committee. SB897 Schaeffer, prohibits checkpoints based upon type of vehicle, except for commercial vehicles.

HB1749 – Lasater, Clutch's law/Failure to yield, we have fought to keep our language in tack on this bill. This was a very anti-motorcycle committee to begin with. The committee wanted to change it to a 1st, 2nd, 3rd offense, which we strongly opposed. We seem to have yet another problem with another person in this organization concerning this bill. We do not feel it is appropriate to allow a person to get away with killing someone and walking away just because it is their first offense. HB1381 - GPS bill we have maintained this is a privacy issue and there are already methods in effect that will allow for the tracking of vehicle mileage.

Katherine stated she has heard concerns about the lack of legislative communication. At least one e-mail a week is being sent out regarding our legislative activities. Her email addresses are based upon the information provided by the general office. If you are not receiving email legislative reports please make sure the general office has your current email address. She is also going to post weekly reports under Katherine's notes on the website.

Thursday, March 22 will be the second District 4 bus trip to the capitol. St Louis also has a bus coming to the capitol that day as well. The officers felt it was important for our office manager to attend one of the capitol crusaders days so she will be attending on the 22nd as well.

AMA – Opened floor for volunteers to serve as the AMA Rep. Staples volunteered to serve as the AMA rep. Motion by Local 12 that nominations cease and that Staples be approved as the new AMA rep by acclamation, 2nd Local 24, motion carries with one opposed by voice vote. We need to call our Federal representatives because they are trying to pass a law in Congress that will limit trail riding. A lot of us started out riding on trails and it is important that we protect our future by protecting the availability of small bikes for children and our rights to ride on public lands. This is not the first time they have tried this. They have previously tried to ban dirt bikes, 4-wheelers, horses etc from many public parks. They have already taken away millions of acres of public lands from off road bike usage. We are what makes things happen in this state, and We are the ones that also make things happen nationwide. Look at the motorcycle only checkpoints. This started as a result of federal funding that became available to states to conduct motorcycle only checkpoints. States all across the nation are now addressing this issue and putting a stop to these checkpoints. We are fortunate in that we have a good Dept of Conservation that derives revenue from these types of activities. However pressure from the federal government will shut down state activities.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid – If you want on the MRF Reps email list let JR know and he will add you to the list. February 7, 2012 House Resolution 3199, Jim Sensenbrenner, R-WI would require EPA to conduct an independent E-15 blend gasoline study. There are serious concerns about the use of E-15 fuels and its effects on engines. The EPA only used one department of energy test and rushed the release of E-15 into the market. This will be coming to local gas stations in the near future. Please watch for this and be aware of its possible effects. The EPA in October 2010 approved the use of E-15 in 2007 and newer vehicles. In January 2011 it added 2001 to 2006 vehicles to this list. No motorcycles or ATV's are currently included in the list for approved use of E-15. HR748, Rep Sensenbrenner – prohibits the EPA from permitting the use of anything in excess of 10% ethanol in certain types of vehicles. At a New Jersey ABATE Seminar it was released that motorcycles being regarded as recreational vehicles. This not only has monetary effects but could result in changes for motorcycles as a valid form of transportation on our highways. In Wisconsin a bill has been introduced that lumps motorcycles in with non-motorized vehicles such as bicycles as vulnerable highway users and dramatically increase the fine and jail time for injury or death to vulnerable highway users. This bill was introduced by the bicycle association without consulting with ABATE of Wisconsin first about including motorcycles. Florida is working on a failure to yield increased penalty bill. February 20th, Congress moves to abolish motorcycle only checkpoints, HR 904. Wording has been inserted into House highway bill that would prohibit US Department of Transportation from providing grants to local or state government for these types of motorcycle only checkpoints. The highway bill officially expired in 2009, it has received numerous temporary extensions and will probably receive a lot more extensions before it is finally concluded.

We have heard for a long time that things that start in Europe eventually find their way over here. Motorcyclists in England are victimized by gasoline stations that refuse to provide gasoline service to motorcyclists unless they remove their helmet.

MOTM – We will be hosting the 30th annual MOTM in 2014 in the Kansas City area. This year it is September 21 to 23 in North Carolina. Each year FORR helps a couple of our members to be able to attend MOTM. There is a budget of \$650 per member to attend this event. If you are interested in attending send an email to Katherine. The MRF also puts on two regional conferences, BEAST of the East and BEST of the West. In addition the MRF does Bikers in the Beltway. This is the only time that any mode of transportation is given permission to park on the front lawn of the capitol grounds.

We need to really encourage our membership to be members of both FORR and either the AMA or MRF because we can work very hard at our state level but we also have to be very concerned about what happens at the federal level. The MRF is primarily focused on issues that affect street riders, whereas the AMA's focus includes off road riders, ATV's, racing and street riders.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – Safety Course dates for 2012 have been scheduled. Two of the dates in Jeff City are already full. Advanced riders course and trike course will be scheduled at Jeff City site. March 17th is instructor update. April 9-11 trike certification for instructors. There are three from FORR that will be attending this program, Doug Clawson, Derek Fowler Local 19 and Chuck Buck Local 33 are scheduled to attend. These instructors will then have the option of teaching the trike classes on 4/11-13; 4/13-15. If you are interested in taking this course call 1-800-801-3588. Cost for this course will be \$25. There are 16 openings and 10-11 are already spoken for. February 22nd was the Missouri motorcycle safety sponsor meeting in Warrensburg. This past year approximately 4,500 students were taught in the state at 28 sites. Eric with the Missouri motorcycle safety program has advised they are going to cut back the fleet of training motorcycles to two specific models which will help to reduce maintenance costs. Go to MMSF.org for a list of training sites. Currently the approximately 30 bikes that we have in our possession are owned by FORR. Doug indicated he will probably be selling some of the training bikes this year. Any bikes for sale will be posted on the website and facebook.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Norris – MODOT is still looking for awareness ideas. They will be doing signs, magnets, stickers, but no shirts this year. MODOT does not have a video for use at school driver education programs. MAC Coordinator Norris reported a program is already being worked on but it is not ready to be presented yet. MAY Rally flyers available, April 24th, BUFR Run April 29th. Make sure to get proclamations done. Bob Hawkins stated that the insurance company he works for is having agents on the hill day the same day and they have asked if they could share the site with us to have enough space to park their bus and set up their BBQ cooker. Central Committee agreed that we will allow Farmers Insurance Company to share the area with us. Working on something for rider awareness that can be added to the tri-folds, magazines etc. We need to encourage people to meet up with other fellow motorcyclists and FORR members as you are traveling across the state. The state training trailer will be at the capitol for the MAY Rally. Remember this is a safety and awareness rally.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne – Coordinator Payne thanked everyone for the Engineer of Freedom Award. She presented a banner that she is going to take around to the various events and rallies and get signatures of FORR members. At the end of the year the organization will need to decide what they want to do with the banner. Shelly presented some new product ideas which included moisture wicking bandanas, new small children's shirts, safety vest, smaller 1 1/4" hitch covers. Banners are available at \$3.00 a square foot for FORR locals/members. Shelly is selling these at a discounted price to FORR. This is an awesome price per Jim Scheele and all of our banner business needs to go here.

Local 15 has posters available at no cost that can be used to promote FORR.

Secretary Garver addressed the Central Committee regarding questions that have arisen about the product line. Product Manager Payne has a business that allows her to prepare custom items for FORR without FORR having to purchase these items in quantity or incur a financial outlay. The past officers signed a contract with Shelly wherein FORR received 20% of the net profit and Shelly's business received 80% of the net profit from these custom items. This is a win-win situation for FORR because we can provide the membership with a lot of product variety without the organization incurring a substantial upfront cost to purchase the items in quantity. There are still some items such as the sweatshirts, hats, necklaces, etc. that are outsourced. The way it has been done lately is that locals receive a discount on those items that are outsourced, but do not receive a discount on those items prepared by Shelly as part of the 80/20 contract. If locals want to receive a discount on those items as well then we are going to have to increase the retail price of those items. Remember that locals can charge whatever they want for an item unless the organization has decided the item must be sold for a specific price. There is value in a local coming to the CC meeting and bringing back specialty items for the local so they should not have a problem with the local adding a small upcharge to an item to cover this handling service. Another concern has been addressed about the inability to buy a few items at the meeting without special ordering because they are done on an as ordered basis by Shelly. The cabinet is going to set up a credit line with Shelly of approximately \$200 which will allow her to have a small quantity of a few items in stock for sale at the CC meetings. Motion by Local 6, 2nd by Local 42 that we leave the product line the way it is, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. The officers appreciate the input from the membership on these issues as the only way we can address issues is to know about them.

NEWSLETTER – Secretary Garver suggested that we make it a policy that corporate sponsors be distributed throughout the newsletter and not all on one page. Jim Scheele suggested that 1/4 page ads can be placed on the same page if that makes it easier to set up the newsletter. Also requested that ads be coordinated with locals that are in the area. Motion by Local 24 that corporate sponsors be distributed throughout the newsletter and not all reflected all on one page, 2nd Local 6, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Reminder that everyone submitting articles to the newsletter need to keep their submission to 1/2 of a full page. There are locals that are very active and rely upon the newsletter to get their information out to local members that are not able to attend the meetings. Chairman King stated this is simply a request not a mandate.

WEBMASTER – Larry Scott – Discussion concerning the problems that FORR's facebook page has faced in the recent months. Several locals have already discussed allowing for censorship of the FORR facebook page. Local 5 would like to see the organization's facebook page taken down as they are tired of the threats, bad language etc. Local 20 disagreed that the site should come down. Right now we have over 1,100 members on the FORR facebook page. It is a great tool for the organization but it needs to be used correctly. This is a great opportunity for locals and the organization to promote events and the organization.

Secretary Garver presented the following proposed social media policy to the Central Committee body for consideration.

Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. ("FORR, Inc.") may maintain public pages on various social media sites such as various blogs, bulletin boards, social networks such as Facebook and other user generated content sites ("Social Media Sites"). By accessing, viewing and/or posting on any Social Media Site on the internet maintained by FORR, Inc., you accept, without limitation or qualification, the following terms of use.

As a guest posting content to any Social Media Site maintained by FORR, Inc., you agree that you will not: post any material that is unlawful, threatening, profane, abusive, harassing, defamatory, knowingly false, obscene, commercial advertising, or otherwise deemed inappropriate or objectionable as solely determined by the discretion of FORR, Inc. You acknowledge that the purpose of this social media site is to promote FORR, Inc. and to provide a source of communication regarding upcoming events and activities of FORR, Inc. Please be respectful of other members when posting to the Social Media Sites maintained by FORR.

FORR, Inc. reserves the right to monitor, restrict, delete or terminate your access to any Social Media Site maintained by FORR, Inc. at any time, without notice and for any reason at its sole discretion. FORR, Inc. may delete, in whole or in part, any post made to any Social Media Site maintained by FORR, Inc. which is deemed inappropriate or objectionable by FORR, Inc., without further notice to you.

Concern addressed that if what is posted is solely someone's opinion then under no circumstances should that post be censored so long as the post is civil, respectful and not detrimental to the organization. Chairman King stated we only want to be able to censor those posts that are presenting false information or which are detrimental to the organization. We need to remember that posts to the site need to remain civil and respectful not only of the organization but of each other. We need to embrace the new tools that are available to us. However with those tools have to come rules on how the tool is going to be used. Just as you have elected the cabinet to lead this organization so must you trust this cabinet to make appropriate decisions regarding this organizations social media sites. Motion by Local 27 that we adopt the social media policy as

presented and put it into force right now, 2nd Local 30, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Chairman King reminded locals that the event must be sanctioned, insurance paid and flyer approved before the flyer or event information is posted on any local/event website or social media site. Webmaster Scott is posting the flyers on Facebook and the Website as soon as the event is approved.

CHAIRMAN – Martin King

Mid South MILE – Jim Scheele – The planning meeting happened the first week of February. The event will be in Arkansas this year in October. The next committee meeting will be April 29th at 9:00 a.m. This will be an onsite meeting. Need to start collecting donation items for the Missouri basket. We don't have a theme yet for the basket. There is also money included in the budget for two people to attend the MILE. Several members of the MILE committee are working on putting by-laws together. As part of the by-laws they are considering each state having 8 votes. For more information contact Jim Scheele at 417-234-6215 or Jscheele@printgroupinc.com. The Committee is also working on detailed financial reports. In 2011 FORR was awarded the Extra MILE award and also the attendance award. Wayne Tipton has been carrying the ball for this event for approximately 17 years and recently brought Jim Scheele on board to help with this event. Attendance award presented to Jim Scheele for all of his hard work on the event. Extra MILE award presented to Wayne "Tip" Tipton. Tip reminded everyone that Missouri got this award because of all of the hard work of everyone in this organization and during his tenure with the MILE there has been one local that has always been there to fulfill the needs of the MILE and that was Local 29. Tip presented the Extra MILE award to Local 29 and thanked them for all of their work at this event over the years.

General Office – The employee review is done once a year in January however, there is a lot of activity at the January meeting and if we are in a year with a new incoming cabinet it can be difficult for them to accurately complete the review since they have not been actively involved with the office manager on a day to day basis. Because of this the employee review will be moved to May.

Question addressed regarding approval of event flyers. A couple of years ago it was decided that the office manager would approve the flyers because they have to go to her anyway and this seemed a good way to streamline things. Who do I contact for various items is randomly printed in the newsletter and is also available on the website.

Freedom Park – We will not begin to actively look for property until we have at least \$20,000.00 in the bank. Right now we have \$11,085.05 in the account. We are looking for 40-80 acres located somewhere in central Missouri. Once we get the property purchased we still have a lot of work and expenses to get the property ready for one of our events.

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Delete Article 8.4 in its entirety. In its place put the following:

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Correction to Article 6.3(b)

Upon closure of a Local all documents, treasury funds and properties shall be turned over to the Corporate Officers within thirty (30) days.

(Current by-laws state thirty (3) days.)

Motion by Local 33, 2nd Local 6 to publish proposed by-law changes as printed and amended. Motion carries by show of hands with one opposed.

Secretary Garver presented the following proposed policy and procedure change:

Central Committee Officer Qualifications

Corporate Secretary:

Member of FORR, Inc., for one year. Served as FORR, Inc. Local or District Secretary for one year or as Secretary of a major FORR, Inc. Special Event for two consecutive years(,) with satisfactory performance. See Glossary [page 15] (for definition of Special Event).

Treasurer:

Member of FORR, Inc., (for) one year. Served as FORR, Inc. Local or District Treasurer for one year or as Treasurer of a major FORR, Inc. Special Event for two consecutive years (,) with satisfactory performance. See Glossary [page 15] (for definition of Special Event).

Election Procedures

Those who wish to run for Central Committee Chairman must mail their intent to run and the names of the cabinet to the Corporate Secretary. This filing shall be postmarked from August 1 through midnight August 31. This intent to run must be sent certified mail. The Corporate Secretary will verify eligibility by checking the current list of Local officers and checking with the Local presidents for past records. The Corporate Secretary will then send the list of those wishing to run to the Newsletter Editor by August [10] (5) for Printing in the September Newsletter and by September [10] (5) for printing in the October Newsletter. The Corporate Secretary will notify candidates for Chairman of the cabinet qualifications and/or approval within 10 days after receipt of intent.

Glossary

Central Committee Officers and Cabinet Members

[Corporate Secretary \$100.00 per month]

[Corporate Treasurer \$100.00 per month]

(The Corporate Treasurer shall receive a stipend of \$100.00 per month.)

Those items in [] shall be deleted. Those items in () shall be added.

Motion by Local 6 that we accept the proposed policy and procedure changes as printed, 2nd Local 42, motion carries by show of hands, with one opposed.

Local 24 requested the following policy and procedure changes:

At any point a member of Local 00 wishes to transfer to an active Local they may do so regardless of how long they have been a member of Local 00.

Family members and/or a Local may have the option to continue to pay the yearly membership dues for a fallen brother/sister. That member will be designated as inactive on the membership rolls of the Local.

Discussion held concerning the fallen member policy, right now if you pass away you are automatically transferred to Local 17. Basically what is being requested is the option for a local to maintain this member on their local roster as an inactive member and not have this member automatically moved to Local 17. Motion by Local 24 to approve the policy and procedure change regarding Local 00, 2nd Local 30, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. The other policy change will be tabled to the next meeting so that the officers can talk with the general office manager regarding this request and how it can be handled in our database.

Insurance – Bob Hawkins – It is renewal time for our insurance policy. In the past we have had 100,000 worth of coverage with the option to purchase a million dollars

coverage. Over 25% of our events were insured at 1 million. As a result the underwriters have increased our coverage to 1 million across the board. The total premium for this coverage will be \$14,400.75. Rate last year was \$85.00 per event. This year the rate will be \$109 which is an increase of \$24 per event. If any locals have submitted insurance premiums for an event that will be held after April 1st the local will be invoiced for the additional premium. We actually received a reduction in overall price because we have had no claims. This is much better coverage for the organization at a very minimal cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Meeting of the Minds – The event will probably be the third weekend in September, 2014. It is going to cost us somewhere around 10-12,000 to host the event. The proceeds of our 2012 give a way project will go towards this event. There were locals last year that were unhappy with last year's project because the local did not receive any benefit from the project, that has been changed this year. Carol Downs will be KC next month looking at hotels for the event. If anyone has any idea for an event design, please submit the design to JR by the next meeting. This will be the 30th anniversary of Meeting of the Minds. Being the hosting state you get to attend the breakout seminars at no charge so long as you work at least a 4 hour shift. If you want to attend the banquet you will need to pay for a banquet ticket. Donations made towards this event will count towards a local's state donation. Locals encouraged to have specific fundraisers to raise money for this event instead of simply taking money out of the local coffer. We will be adding a committee meeting on Saturday for this event in the next couple of months. Friday night the hosting state does a PAC fundraiser with entertainment. Some of the ideas that are being kicked around are biker oriented games such as helmet bowling. It would be really nice to show the rest of the world what FORR is capable of doing.

2012 Give-a-way project - Project Manager Jim Scheele - Showed off the grand prize award of a Henry 22 rifle. This will be the only time this item will be shown prior to the drawing Labor Day weekend. Tickets are available. All tickets need to be returned by the July CC meeting unless alternate arrangements are made to return them to Jim Scheele prior to Labor Day weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each. There are 7,500 tickets available. All general perimeters of prior give-a-way projects will apply to this project. Copy of flyer will be posted on Facebook, Freedom Press and website. For more information call Jim Scheele at 417-234-6217 or e-mail jscheele@printgroupinc.com.

Motion by Local 42, 2nd Local 24 that the meeting be extended until business has been completed, motion carries by show of hand unanimously.

Business Directory – Inclusion in this directory would be purely voluntary. Vice Chairman McWilliams stated he would like to see it as a standalone directory that is published once a year. This would not have to be a business you own, it could be a business that you work for. Jim Scheele said as a onetime deal we could include this in the Freedom Press to save postage costs. Question asked about just posting the information on the website, however not everyone is on line and most want an actual physical document. Suggestion that instead of printing out copies for every member that we print out enough for each local to have 10-15 copies and then if they want to print more they can. Consensus is that we do both print and website in the members only section.

General questionnaire that was handed out at the last meeting. This is an attempt to get a feel for what direction the membership wants the organization wants to go. Chairman King also reminded everyone that the officers are openly available to discuss issues and answer questions so please feel free to call any of the cabinet members if you have a question or concern about the organization.

Trademark renewal – We have two trademarks and one copyright. Motion by Local 24 to maintain the copyrights and trademarks of this organization, 2nd Local 35, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed. The cost is approximately \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Study Proposal - John Stouffer Local 12 presented a proposal that he would like taken up by FORR concerning the helmet law issue. He is proposing that a small committee be established to approach MODOT Director Leann Depew regarding setting up a Missouri study to compare helmeted vs non-helmeted motorcyclists. The study will be funded by the motorcyclists of the State of Missouri, with the study hopefully to begin in 2013. Please consult your Central Committee Representative for further information regarding this proposal.

Calendars: We have approximately 233 calendars left. In February we took some to hand out at the capitol. Motion by Local 33, 2nd Local 24 that we take the existing calendars and divide them between the locals for distribution at local bike shops, etc, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. There were 22 locals represented at this CC meeting. Therefore each local will receive 9 calendars.

Donations in Kind: Local 33 has decided they are going to pursue having a booth at the State Fair since the Central Committee has decided they do not want to pursue this event. Local 33 is anticipating the cost will be approximately \$1,300.00 for the 11 days of the event. Local 33 is asking that the cost associated with this project be considered a donation in kind to the state organization. The State Fair board has told us that approximately 8,000 to 11,000 people come through the Matthewson Center every day of the fair. Treasurer Comeau stated that any locals seeking consideration of a donation in kind need to submit a written budget to the state treasurer regarding what and how the money is going to be used. The Central Committee cabinet will then decide to grant the request or not. Local 33 is also asking for help from other locals with handouts and give a ways for the booth, everything from keychains, pens, tri-folds etc. Local 28 donated dog tags. Treasurer Comeau reminded everyone that we need to be very careful about what we approve as a donation in kind as this can have a very serious impact on the financial condition of the entire organization if locals stop sending in actual cash donations and instead want credit for large donations in kind. There potentially could be a lot of things consumed at this event which could result in substantial expenses to the organization, however it can also be a win-win situation for the organization as it will get our name out to a lot of people.

Suspension of membership. Tony Shepherd was given the floor and provided with 15 minutes to address the Central Committee. Discussion was held concerning the various charges that were brought against Mr. Shepherd and what has lead up to those charges being brought. Motion by Local 25 that Mr. Shepherd be allowed time to develop his defense and be allowed to present his defense at the next Central Committee meeting. Motion dies for lack of a 2nd. Concern addressed regarding whether our by-laws require us to wait until the next Central Committee meeting to allow the member to address the Central Committee. Concern also addressed that Mr. Shepherd is a life member of this organization and it was agreed there should not be a difference between removing a life member and removing a 5 year member. If a member is acting in a manner that is detrimental to this organization then they should be subject to the same qualifications. A life membership in FORR is an honor and a privilege and it comes with responsibility that has not been honored in this case. Motion by Local 30 that we support the board's recommendation to suspend Tony Shepherd's membership and vote on this issue, 2nd Local 29. Motion by local 33, 2nd local 27 point of order that we call for a roll call vote, motion carries with voice vote, one opposed. Roll call vote. Motion passes with vote of 18 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain. Chairman King stated the officers of this organization did not enter into this decision lightly, they recognize there will be ramifications from this decision and regret that it had to happen, but feel it was done in the best interest of this organization.

Local 42 made a suggestion that in order for FORR and ABATE to work together that FORR take Taz up on his offer to serve as a mediator between FORR and ABATE on legislative issues. Chairman King reminded everyone that this is not an issue between ABATE and FORR, it is an issue between Tony Shepherd and FORR. The organization has lost some of our roots along the way, we need to get back to our core values and abide by our preamble.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

District 1 Blacktop Rally May 18-20, flyers will be available at the next CC meeting.

District 4 – Ursula DeMoss is the new District 4 Activities chairman. March 22 is the District 4 Bus Trip to the Capitol, everyone in this room needs to be on either the east or west bus or get to the capitol on their own. Kearney bike show is the same weekend as the BUFR Run. Working on District 4's Octoberfest, looking for vendors, October 5-7. There will be dirt drags at this event.

Chairman King thanked everyone for their hard work and patience over this long weekend. He reminded the Central Committee that we are not saying that ABATE for Missouri is not invited to send a representative to our CC meeting to speak, however we will probably not allow Tony Shepherd to serve in this position.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Local 42, 2nd Local 27, meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

BUFR Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 2:30 p.m.

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Membership Roundtable Discussion
Saturday, May 5, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 2012 10:00 a.m.

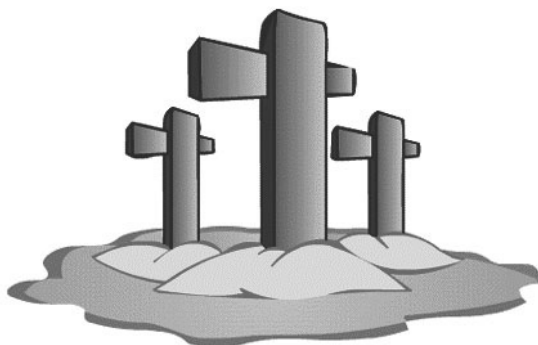
Central Committee Representatives are asked to make sure their membership is current before the Meeting begins. Contact your Local Secretary to be sure. Only current members are allowed to conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

If your Central Committee Representative is unable to attend please call 800-309-RIDE.

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*The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
Local 14 and 46*

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MID AMERICA FREEDOM RALLY XXIV
Memorial Day Weekend
May 25-28, 2012



Buckhorn, Pulaski County MO Exit 153 off I-44
Cost: MRO members \$25, Non-Members \$30
4 wheeled hauled campers and RVs cost \$10 more for raw camping
Tent Camping is free

Bands Live everynight on the biggest stage in Central Missouri

Bike Events, Bike Show, Funfair, Hot-T Contest, Hot Showers, T-shirt sale with over 25 Vendors
Sunday Religious Services, 2 Bars on site with individual or package sales
Memorial Day Ceremony to Remember our Heroes, Rolling Thunder and so much more
For more info <http://www.midamericafreedomrally.com>

Absolutely and Positively NO:
Pets, Attitudes, Firearms, Large Knives, No Glass containers on the infield
NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ADMITTED THROUGH THE GATES. IDS will be required

Contributions and gifts to FORR® are not deductible contributions for federal income tax purposes.
Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC

Free Event T-Shirts to first 2000 paid thru gate

Note from Katherine

Greetings! MAY Rally and the BUFR Run are two totally different events, both very important messages, and I hope we all can make them both...maybe one of these days, we too at FORR, could show up in our TRUE numbers; I talk about France and their demonstrations when they, too, fight tooth & nail to hold onto the limited freedoms they still have, except they show up in the THOUSANDS! They practice what they preach...BROTHERHOOD and UNITY. Like I say, you can pretend to care, but can't pretend to show up. The MAY Rally, Motorcycle Awareness & You, will be on a Tues afternoon up at the Capitol (Tues Apr 24th at 1pm); FORR will be presenting all proclamations members managed to gather throughout the State to each other and the public. This event is strictly concentrating on informing the public to be aware of motorcycles, and if we find it in our hearts and our time, we should be getting out to the schools, town halls, what-have-you and giving presentations on how to be aware of motorcycles. We as FORR members need to get out and teach our younger generation, even the public at large, exactly what that entails...how to be aware of motorcycles...sounds silly, but talk to some 50-something year old lady, and ask her the definition of motorcycle awareness. Again, we need to start getting out and teaching both the schools and town halls, and all it takes is you and your drive. The BUFR Run's goal is to be as the acronym states: Bikers United for Rights. We will gather at the Capitol Sunday afternoon (Sun Apr 29th) and let our voices (and bikes) be heard. It is time we show up in number, so our Statesmen know how many bikers they truly are in the State of MO. The government counts on its citizens to be divided; that is the truth.

Legislative Session is coming to an end, but I ask you to please stay focused, as there is a lot of activity going on; election year brings about many town hall meetings, plenty of caucuses, several seminars, let's not even discuss promises of a veto-override, which would happen in Sept...the Legislative Dept has started sending out questionnaires to all running candidates for MO; we should have a beginning of a spreadsheet on the FORR's website sooner than later, and will be filled in (hopefully to completion) with the information the Dept gets from membership. Primaries will be in Aug, so this list will shorten up quite a bit, but remember, this is why it is important to know your candidates, for instance, what if we lose a good guy between now and Aug, and all it would've taken is for you and your Local to get out and meet him or her, pass out some literature for the candidate, talk to your neighbors about Candidate X. Time is of the essence, that is why it is up to ALL OF US, not just the Legislative Coordinator, to find out about all these candidates running, find out which ones are biker-friendly, and get that info back to the Legislative Dept. We will, also, have our list of Bills from this Session on the website, and how they turned out.

I have already started to get a trickle of e-mails in from membership, regarding MOTM and MSM (Meeting of the Mind & Mid-South MILE: Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness). If you are interested in being sponsored by FORR to attend either one of these seminars (or both), please send your letter of intent to The Legislative Dept no later than Friday, Aug 3rd & the members that are chosen will be notified by the Legislative Dept that following Friday (pre-registration w/MRF to save \$10 is by 19Aug12), so you'd have ~six weeks to make plans, etc for MOTM & obviously longer for MSM.

He who lives without discipline, dies without honor...basis of self-discipline: don't allow the edges to blur. Courage is the foundation of integrity...with courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Fox

LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Melany 816-625-1006 or Dallas 816-690-4200



Hey you good lookin brothers and sisters! Welcome to May a.k.a Motorcycle Awareness Month! Yes M.A.M. At this time May Rally is a thing of the future(hope we thundered out the streets of Jeff. City!). The Legislative Bus Trip is a thing of the past and as my first time I can stand firm on saying it will not be my last. Even our very own Hellboy (Larry Scott III) knocked on some doors (thanks Uncle Treetop) and got some face time with senators and representatives including that Of Senator Chapelle whom is the one responsible for the filibuster of our SB743 (Helmet Bill). This is why we're here and I'm not only talking of our constitutional rights or our hard earned freedoms. I speak of the legacy we hand down to our children. I have to use patience ,respect, guidance and an ability to relate with my son for the betterment of his future. I also have to be knowledgeable when I talk to him about things. If he asks me questions I give him an answer I believe the world would give him and if I do not know the answer I can always look it up or find a book to help me. He has not started asking questions yet about FORR; which I'm thankful for because I do not have the answers to the questions I myself have asked. I have started my own personal journey and at the April meeting will get some allowance to indulge in it entirely. Top secret for now though (I suppose unless you were at that meeting). I feel it is not only my right to be informed but it also my duty to inform others. I believe you should always know your origin; this is no different.

Octoberfest is really coming together now. Our local is working on another Bike Bash this year; so if you have any ideas or something (Continued on Page 12)



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you would like to contribute give me a call and we'll put our heads together. We are still in need of non food vendors. What I personally believe would be ideal is something more geared for kids as this is one of the few family rallies left. It's the first weekend of October; so let the creative juices flow. Flyers are also available for this event and we need to get them out there to our other biker brothers and sisters who otherwise would not have the ability to know about it.

We currently do not have a location for the May meeting but look for your reminder card that will have all the info available.

We have some honorable mentions now. Say hello to the babes and boys of May: 1st: Reverend Joe Seward and Teri Boyce, 16th: Ken Hardesty, 20th: Conrad Monaco and last but not least on the 22nd is Rebecca Bartlett. Happy Birthday my loves. We wish you a memorable one full of laughter, good friends and good times.

I would personally like to welcome our newest member Mathew Bondurant. If you have any questions, need more info etc. do not hesitate to call me anytime.

May Events: (there are many so I will just post date and name of event)

6th: BWAM

18th-20th District 1 Motorcycle Awareness and You Blacktop Rally

19th: Local 27 Bike Show and Poker Run, Local 10 Poker Rn

20th: Local 33 Fun Run and Picnic

21st: Run for the Wall

25th-28th Mid America Freedom Rally

25th-26th: Local 20 Qulin Bike Rally

30th-31st: Local 15 Biker Camp

Until next time I'll leave you with this: Never hold back, never hesitate, always go for it all, and sometimes be a dumb a\$% and do something stupid, learn from your mistakes and don't waste a minute.

Love you!

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

Another bus ride to Jefferson City and we had 19 on the District 4 bus. We also had three that rode their bikes and two more that had to drive (work). The East Coast took a page out of our book and had 30 plus on their bus. We had sixty maybe more walking the halls of the Capitol most of the Reps and Senators were in session all day. However, we did park outside the office of the Senator from St. Louis who filibustered our helmet bill and I felt she was very disrespectful while blowing smoke at us.

We are having a membership drive. If you know anyone who rides and feels as you do about freedom and the right to choose encourage them to join. Members are not required to ride or own a motorcycle they just need to have a passion for freedom.

If you would like to meet our local go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar or coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by emailing him: harleyfif@att.net.

Happy Birthday to Eric Luplau on May 1, "Indy" Barnhart, May 12 and Steve Fifer on May 30. If you were missed and wish to be included just let me know.

If you have any info to include or suggestions for the newsletter just drop me a line aallmon@kc.rr.com or 816-536-1647.

Abide!

Amy Allmon



Smutley #7

It is with a heavy heart that I write this. Raymond Howard (Smutley) was one of a kind. He had a heart of gold and it was as big as a mountain. He loved everybody, and he was one of my dearest friends, my brother. As you can see with this picture he was a little Willie Nelson in his own right. We'd all sit around and play beer bottles and tubs while he played the spoons, guitar whatever he had. Despite his strokes, he played and loved to hear everyone sing, things like the Eagles and Hank Williams Jr. He was the ultimate biker, loved the outdoors and anything with motorcycles. We were all his kids, he never knew a stranger and helped anyone who needed it. He had great parties and Friday the 13th parties were his favorite. No matter what was going on with him health wise he just wanted to have fun, live life to the fullest. He loved women and for years he was the old man running around taking pictures at rallies and getting the girls to take their shirts off, LOL, hence the name Smutley. One of the most important things to smut though, was this organization as Smut's number was 7, he was with local 5 South Kansas City. Yes, he was one of our founding fathers. He taught me and many others the importance of freedom, and love for each other, our biker brothers and sisters. That we are a family and we have to stick together, we have to fight the good fight. He did it for 31 years and I myself won't forget that. For Smutley and all of our founding fathers we need to make them proud and do things right, together, and don't forget the purpose of this organization. His caregiver put the phone to his ear the night before he died; we hadn't been in touch for awhile. I told him I loved him, told him he was going to see our brothers and sisters we have lost before him, and get it ready for when the rest of us get there. That we (FORR) would keep up the fight and do him proud. His caregiver told me he had a tear in his eyes. He never regained consciousness and was gone the next day, February 9th, 2012. Smutley #7 passed away. Smut will never be forgotten, will always be my brother, and I won't let him down. Smut's request was to be cremated and for us to have ride on Friday July 13th, 2012 to spread his ashes over Tanglewood Lake in La Cygne KS. We will have a party Smut would be proud of, please watch for updates in the newsletter.

I will see you in the wind again my brother in the wind,
All my love - Deanna (MAC)



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A Step Back in Time to 1982

By Kathy Garver

The date was January 17, 1982, members present were Mike McPeck, Tom Zucker, BL McDonnell, Dennis Bitner, John Wonderly, Larry Merchant, Fred Stoaks, Jerry Smith, Mark Popisil, Greg Gutjahr along with other members of Local 3. The organizations first by-laws had been drafted and were finally approved by the Central Committee after much discussion. They would now be printed in the newsletter which at the time was being handled by Local 4 (Central Missouri) for vote at the next CC meeting.

Prior to this time the Central Committee had put on an event known as Octoberfest. The event was comprised of field events, drag races, beer and bands. Each local was assigned a specific task to be in charge of prior to and during the rally. In January of 1982 it was decided that the Central Committee would no longer sponsor an event such as Octoberfest. At this same time it was decided that the CC would meet quarterly on the 2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October.

April, 1982. The new proposed by-laws are still being worked on. Three additional by-laws were proposed requiring a 4/5th vote for any amendments; proposed amendments must be printed in the newsletter and any resolution shall require an affirmative vote by the representatives present at any regularly scheduled CC meeting.

By July, 1982 the Central Committee had decided that the proposed by-laws would take effect on August 15, 1982. In addition FORR had spent a significant amount of time working on a brochure to market the organization. This brochure was finally ready for publication.

Local 1 had decided to take over Octoberfest. The first officer training seminar was scheduled for July 25th which would be attended by all local and Central Committee officers. The hope was that this seminar would help show local officers how to conduct business within the local and also open up the lines of communication between the Central Committee and the locals. The first legislative committee, comprised of Steve Hackett, Marvin Harrelson and Dennis Bitner, was established to work on legislation that would be introduced in 1983.

A lot of firsts took place in 1982 for the organization. From the development of the officer training program to the legislative committee. The new organization was also opening doors for Missouri's motorcyclists by being invited to sit down with the Missouri motorcycle safety committee for input on motorcycle licensing procedures. However, the fledgling organization was also having growing pains and in October of 1982 the Central Committee revoked the charter of Local 7, Knob Noster, for failure to comply with the by-laws, CC absenteeism, lack of cooperation and communication.

The Central Committee officers recognized the need to look towards the future and that the organization required strong leadership to maintain its development and focus and nominations were being taken for the upcoming Central Committee officer election.

Like I said last month. Things were different back then, but were they better? Not necessarily, they were just different. The organization was just getting its feet wet, yet was already being recognized for its leadership on motorcycle issues within this state. Personal computers hadn't hit the mainstream market yet so there was no internet, e-mail or Facebook. Communication was done in person or by telephone. Phone trees were an important part of a local's communication link regarding getting the word out about important issues. Parties were planned around letter writing campaigns to our elected officials or sign making parties for the next field event. Most locals felt lucky to have \$200 in their local coffers and learned to be creative on pooling resources and using what they had. Things seemed simpler back then. Not because we didn't have

to work hard to get what we wanted, but because we didn't have to make everything a big production to have a successful event. We didn't need light shows at our field events. Give us good music, great friends and a campfire and that was a successful event which hopefully made us a little money. Like I said things were different back then.

I hope that hearing a bit about the history of this organization has encouraged each of you to take the time to talk with a few of the greybeards in your own local and share a few stories that you will in turn share with others.

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street

Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

Not much news to report this month but we have a bunch of people who need to renew for another great year of FORR!

Check your Newsletter label for your expiration date: Tom Bachali, Tyler Bell, Chris Bittike, Fred Bodde, Eugene Boeh, Bryan Bostic, Karla Dotson, Julia Elder, Fred Fulk, Dennis Grippando, Tom Gronniger, Mike Jarrett, Tammy Jarrett, Rick Kemerling, Robby Kernes, John Lansbury, Terry Larkin, Lee Marlow, Larry Martin, Kenny Martinez, John McIntosh, Ralph Miller, Dennis Muse, Peggy Shaw, Steve Shaw, Mike Sigrist, Melvin Silvey, Darin Throckmorton, Kevin Trump, Kim Tullis.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson

Contact: 417-286-3845

Greeting Local 7

Hope everyone is enjoying the great weather. Every year Local 7 starts of our riding season with the Freeze Yer Buns Run. This year the temp was in the mid 60's, a little warm for the freezing yer buns but I didn't hear any complaints. Robert led us on a great route with Stanley suggesting a road I bet most of us had never been on. It's always great to find new roads to ride. The turn out for the ride was good and we signed up a few new members. At our March meeting Guy was elected as our new Vice-President. For April Local 7 had an April Fools ride before our meeting. Some of us fools started the ride at 10 am and some at 1 pm depending on whether you went by the time on the newsletter or flyer. Hey after all it was April Fools Day. Watermelon Ron made it in from Ozark. But Jerry wasn't able to make the ride; Alberta was injured the night before and was on crutches. Hopefully Alberta can get healed up quickly. The temperature for the ride was 87 degrees; I think its going to be one HOT summer. Next month will be our Mother of fun Run before our meeting, starting at 10 am May 6, behind the Capt. D's. Later this year, be sure to remember our Kannyn Ball Poker Run on June 3rd, sign in noon-1:00 pm at the Lebanon Harley Davidson. This ride will benefit S.C.A.N. (Supporters of Children with Additional Needs). Also in June we will be cosponsoring the U.S.O. ride.

That's all folks

Get ready, let's ride

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

Hi everyone from Local 8,

Things have been busy around here. Everything is coming together for the longest running event in FORR. Spring Fling. New location. Peanut Barrel at Ludlow. Located on D Hwy off Hwy 36. 22 miles from Chillicothe and 26 miles from Carrollton. The Peanut Barrel offers a convenience store, gas, food, a beautiful location and shade for those who want it. The bands are in place and we have put the poker run back on the schedule. Mark your calendars for Fathers Day weekend.

We had a change in officers in March. Gary Bears had to step down as President due to a change in his work schedule. Pete Wooden moved up as President Glenda Ely was voted in as Vice Pres. Thank you for taking on a big job.

Jager Grey and Andy Clatter missed out on the money from the attendance drawing the last two months. Attend the meetings, it pays. During the warm months our meetings are ride-in at different locations. The May meeting will be in Trenton at our safety course location behind Hardees. The meeting will start at 11. A rider tune-up will follow at 1 pm. Great chance to fine tune your riding skills. No charge for the session and you don't have to be a member. Get your friends, enjoy a ride and learn.

Ride safe
 Foxy Gama

Group Riding

by STAPLES

OK, all the rides have already started and many, if not all, mean riding in a group. Here with the help of the Missouri Coalition of Roadway Safety, Motorcycle Safety Foundation and American Motorcyclist Association are some important tips.

First and foremost, arrive on time and prepared. Make sure your bike is mechanically sound (TCLOCK), full gas tank, emergency tools and you have proper riding gear. Don't put on last minute additions that have not been safety checked. I once was on a ride where someone thought that adding a big American flag to their bike would be cool. Yeah, right. As the group rode up I-255 the flag pole snapped in half with the flag and pole flying off into the group, sending bikes everywhere. Proper riding gear is not flip flops and shorts. What the heck are you thinking?

Hold a riders' meeting where you briefly discuss the route, stops, emergencies and riders' skills. Remember, you're in a group and not everyone has the same skill level and knowledge (don't scare off new riders). Appoint lead and sweep riders, (usually the most experienced). Review basic hand signals:

1. STOP – left arm extended down, palm facing back
2. Single file – left arm and index finger extended straight up (used on 2 lane / curvy roads)
3. Double file – same as above but with two fingers up
4. Slow down – left arm straight out, palm down, swinging down to your side
5. Speed up – left arm down, palm up, swinging upward
6. Hazard in road – on the left point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot
7. Pull off – left arm and index finger extended straight out, forearm swung toward shoulder

Ride in staggered formation, lead rider in left third of lane, next rider 1 second behind in right third of lane, rest of group following the same pattern (unless lead rider signals single file, then maintain 2 second spacing). When changing lanes, the lead rider is responsible to make sure there is ample room for the whole group to change lanes before signaling. The sweep rider secures the lane and riders move over back to front.

Check the riders following you in your mirror. If they fall behind, slow down so they can catch up. If all riders do this, the group should maintain a steady speed and stay together. Don't split off from the group unless you have previously discussed this at the riders' meeting (the you should be riding in the back) or unless it is an emergency.

Stay hydrated (not alcohol). Riding in this hot St. Louis weather will suck the moisture right out of you. Sure it feels great, but dehydration can cause serious consequences, like slowed reactions and impaired thinking.

Remember, you are part a group. This is not just your ride. You are responsible for not only yourself but also your passenger and everyone else in the group. This means paying extra attention to your surroundings, traffic and road conditions. Enjoy the brotherhood and the ride. Make some new friends. Find more interesting places. "Ride to live, live to ride," or better yet ride to eat, eat to ride.



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LOCAL 10

**Poker Run**

Saturday May 19th, 2012
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Sign in 10:00am/Last Bike out at Noon/Last Bike in 5:00pm

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For Additional Information:
 Jeff Henderson (573) 864-9551 or Bill Kempker (573) 698-5281
<http://forr.net>

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

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:45 p.m.****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)****Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or****Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

The Freedom Rally is coming up fast and we will have a brand new Pavilion... stop by and check it out while you are at the Rally!

We are working on some events for this summer, and I will get more information to you later. Jeff Henderson has put together our first Poker Run and it is scheduled for May 19th (Refer to Flyer). Another event that we are all excited about is going to be called Christmas in July... working with a local Vendor on this and the tentative dates are July 14th or 21st.

Still trying to get a bike show together for sometime in September, we will need volunteers; so if you are interested, get with either Bill or myself for more information. We will also be getting some Fun Runs together, email or call me if you have any suggestions.

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com

We have lost lifetime member Joe "Bsky" Bonchonsky. Please contact Bill Kempker for Information.

Change

I could feel it in the air, or was it that little voice inside my head whispering from the nooks and crannies of the brain that we all know exist but don't seem to show up on a cat scan, hinting that change was on the horizon. There was no audible cry heard for it, so why change?

It is inevitable, whether we actively pursue it or sit back and do nothing, change will occur. We in the motorcycle rights movement are confronted with it constantly. In order to protect our rights our mission is to control the changes that have an effect on us.

Sometimes it is necessary for the change to come from within our own ranks in order to be better able to continue to fight for what we believe in. Sometimes we are forced to change by our opponents tactics. Maybe one reason why we change is that we are never satisfied, or comfortable, with "the way things are". Could be we just want it. What exactly "it" is, we can't say, we just want it.

It does seem like change, even though it is constant, is more noticeable and sudden lately. With what seems like a deluge of social media venues accessible at your finger tips anywhere, anytime, (for some, all the time), the members voices are being heard in

greater numbers (and volume), than was ever even conceived of in the not-so-distant past. Until recently, concerns of members were brought to attention every other month, sometimes not even then if their rep couldn't remember what it was or did not attend the CC meeting. Now they are almost instantaneous. I believe that is having a positive effect on the organization. By allowing the membership to communicate more openly, it connects us better and brings us closer together. (There's that brotherhood thing again).

Our current President campaigned under "Hope and Change", Freedom of Road Riders does not need the "hope", we have passion for what we believe and we have the determination to see it through.

We do need the "change", for the best reason of all, to grow.

With respect to all,

Martin King

Chairman

Freedom of Road Riders Inc.

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Carthage VFW, 16759 Inca Rd in Carthage****Contact: 417-793-4899**

Hello again Freedom;

Well it's time to meet some more of Local 11 and this time it is our two youngest members...Jonny Brooks and his older sister Kaitlyn Brooks. Born Aug. 23, 2007 Jonny has been a member of local 11 for 1 year and Kaitlyn born Dec. 29, 2005 has been a member for three years. Both have

been riding (as passenger of course) since they were two years old. I personally believe that our children are our future and that we should strive to get them involved and interested in our projects and what we are all about. Maybe they are a little young to understand Clutches Law and a lot of legislative talk but they do understand being free to ride and enjoying the road. And if not for people like Freedom of Road Riders, AMA, and ABATE keeping an eye out we could loose a lot of our rights. So for Jonny and Kaitlyn I will say thank you and keep it up so that when they do get old enough they will still be free to ride as they please, not to be bound by a lot of government restrictions. They both told me to tell you...."Lets ride"

Local 11 is working on our rally for this June and would love to hear any ideas to help make it better. Hope to see a lot of you there this year. Well got to go, my better half is taking me someplace expensive tonight...hope it's not the gas station again.

Ride hard ride safe pa



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LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Meeting place varies, call 660-631-7324 or email sstrodman@yahoo.com for more information**

IMPORTANT NOTICE! THERE WILL BE NO APRIL MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 6TH AT 3 PM IN BOONESBORO AT POODLE'S II PALMS BAR AND RESTAURANT. POODLE SHOULD HAVE HIS LIQUOR LICENSE BY THIS NEXT MEETING. The reason we are making this change is because members were not getting their newsletters before the meetings on the last Sunday of the month. By moving the meetings back one week we should all have our newsletters with the meeting information that is contained in them.

We had a fantastic meeting on March 25th at Poodle's II Palms in Boonesboro. The weather couldn't have been better and Rt. 87 is one of the best motorcycle roads in central MO. Attendance was up and almost everyone rode their bikes. Poodle and Janet and their staff were great hosts and they have a nice place for meetings. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm with 18 members and 3 guests in attendance. The minutes were read and approved with one correction. John had gone to the legislative seminar and said there was a big crowd there and lots of enthusiasm for the helmet law modification. John has proposed that we pay \$125 for one year to the D.O.T. to ride without helmets or \$500 for 5 years. This would help us show the state how much money the helmet law costs them. The proposal should raise \$5 million dollars. The legislative session ends in May and our 2013 legislative campaign starts then.

In his C.C. report, John said that Tony Shepherd, a lifetime member and Engineer of Freedom award winner had lobbied in the capitol for ABATE for MO against a bill sponsored by FORR while wearing his winged wheel patch. When Tony walked into the C.C. meeting at 10 am he was given a list of charges that he would have to answer after new business and would be given a maximum of 15 minutes to defend himself. Tony was voted out by a single vote. John voted against pulling his membership because he did not feel Tony had been given adequate time to defend himself.

Socko had no report. In his president's report, Pork Chop thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The Steve McQueen flyers are done and available to be put up. We will only be awarding first place plaques in the bike show. The show will help promote local 12 and FORR. We will be contacting the ambulance and fire dep't. to do the judging any time from noon to 1:30 pm. Pork Chop is taking care of the details and in case of a rainout, Steve McQueen Days will be held during the Slater Fall Festival. In the district report, the proclamation ride will be held on April 21st and the starting point will be the Marshall City Hall at 9 am.

Tami reported that Chris Murdock had gone up a little on his tent prices. He has three sizes available: 30x45, 20X30, and 20X40. A motion was passed to have a 30X45 and 20X40 tent. Bill O'Neill has the port-a-potties and wants to know what we charged last year. Jesus and his great burritos will be back and Janet from II Palms is also interested in being a vendor but she may need a picnic license. Beckett's will again handle the beer. Two bands have been contacted so far: Random Access and Cold Sweat. Josh Knox has also called about playing Saturday for \$500-\$600. They would play from 9-1. Tami is going to get ahold of our fireworks vendor. All members will pay to get in, \$20 for M.R.O. members, \$25 for everyone else.

In old business, John reported that a million dollars in insurance now costs \$109. Glasgow requires \$2 million. Green Printers in Marshall will again do the flyers. A motion was passed to move the meetings back one week to the first Sunday of every month to give members time to get their newsletters. Our next meeting will be on

Sunday, May 6th at 3 pm at II Palms in Boonesboro.

In new business, sponsors have to be in by June 1st and each \$100 sponsor will get two passes and two T-shirts. To get sponsor forms, contact Laura Adcock at 660-631-4582. The state M.A.Y. rally will be held on Tuesday, April 24th. The state B.U.F.R. run will be held on Sunday, April 29th. On the 21st of May, the Ride to the Wall will be passing through MO. Butterfield Boy's Ranch is having a poker run on Sunday, July 22nd to benefit the Ranch. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, April 21st, Proclamation Ride, 9 am, Marshall City Hall
Tuesday, April 24th, M.A.Y. Rally, 10:30 am, 111 Memorial Park Drive, Jefferson City

Sunday, April 29th, 1 pm B.U.F.R. Rally, Capitol Steps, Jefferson City
Sunday, May 6th, 3 pm, local 12 meeting, II Palms Bar and Restaurant, Boonesboro

Monday, May 21st, Ride to the Wall will pass through MO. This is a very impressive event.

Friday-Monday, May 25th-28th, Mid-America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn

Sunday, June 3rd, 3 pm, local 12 meeting, place to be determined at May meeting

Thursday, July 5th, 7 pm, special Firecracker Classic meeting, Stump Island Park

Friday and Saturday, July 6th and 7th, Firecracker Classic Field Meet, Bike Show and Poker Run, Stump Island Park, Glasgow

Sunday, July 22nd, poker run to benefit the Butterfield Boys Ranch
If you have any news you would like 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

Fire Cracker Classic

July 6 & 7, 2012

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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO****Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-642-2345**

Hello 13 and welcome to the new and transferring members that we got this month. This is great we are still gaining each month. I sure hope this continues and we get the point we were a year ago.

Now down to business our Wonder Run / Anniversary date got changed to 18th of August and the end of the run will be at the Shrine Park on route J near Mexico. The flier was sent out to our members with the March newsletter. Fallen members memorial and ride in bike show will be September 15 location to come at the next meeting. We are also going to have some fun runs coming now that the weather is so nice.

Don't forget that the meetings are on the third Sunday at 3 pm at Stacy's in Mexico.

Breed

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Joe Widmer 816-252-7322**

Welcome new and transferred members of Local 14. Debra Hilburn, Trevor Harrison, Ron "Booger Jordan, Carol Harrison, Kim "Crash" Harrison, Sherrie Sales Sosebee. We are alive and well. Thanks to the members of District 4 that extended their helping hands to save a Local that was in distress. All our charity is in house at this time. We have a great party and 3 Ball Tournament coming in July 21, 2012 at our meeting place. Watch for flyer in the Freedom Press and on Calendar of Events www.forr.net. We still practice Real Brotherhood in Local 14. Come see us. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the month, 2 pm. VFW Post 3976 12810 E. Kentucky Rd. Sugar Creek MO. Eat Bugs...Crash

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Location Varies****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hello again everyone,

Spring is starting off beautifully. Every event that we have had so far this year has had many members in attendance. Thank you so much for coming out and showing your support!

The Spring Clean-up on Hwy 160 was again the fastest clean-up

we have ever had. There was also probably more folks there then ever. I have been told by non-biker friends that our stretch of the road is the most well maintained in Taney Co. That's just what I've heard. I do know that we do what we can to keep our little corner under control.

The business meetings are going good at Tequila's. It seemed a little noisy because it was spring break last month. But we also had a pretty good crowd of our own. I will keep you up to date on any changes to our meeting place. But for May, it will still be at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant on Gretna Road in Branson. The food is amazing and the waiters work very hard at keeping the beer and Margaritas flowing!

We had a our annual Poker Run April 1st. I had to work, but everyone that I talked to had a blast! It was a beautiful day and there were plenty of bikes that joined us. Remember, we always have a Poker Run at the Branson Rally. So defiantly plan on riding with us then!

So speaking of the Branson Rally, it's May 30th thru June 3rd. We will have plenty of our members running around to answer any questions about upcoming events, or just to shoot the shit with. So plan on coming out and enjoying all the cool vendors and events that will be going on. I'm pretty sure that we have talked about having a bike show at the rally. I know you'll be on your bike, so plan on showing it off then. To plan on what going on when, look it up on the Branson web site. I check it out every year!

May 1st is our BS. We are going to Beverly's just outside of Branson on Hwy 76. We had planned on going there in March, but it got pretty beat up by the tornado on Leap Day. She's back up and running so we have it on our schedule once again. Hope as many comes out as there were at Spanks this past Tues. We had a great time! I really love BSing with all of you guys.

If you are around Forsyth April 28th, plan on supporting the "Friends of the VFW". This is not a FORR sponsored event, but I

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know how much VFW loves FORR. Their roof is in bad shape so the "Friends" are hosting a Poker Run to raise money to help get it fixed. There will be a couple of things raffled off, like a motorcycle battery and a \$500 paint job on anything you want, and a nice silent action. So mark it on your calendar and let's show the Veteran's of Forsyth some biker support.

That's all I have for this month. Continue the great turn out at our Local events and meetings! It really makes a difference when you're there. It makes all the planning worth it!

See you soon, Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-768-2424

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



April was a wild month. We've had two major events at the Capitol, the MAY Rally and the BUFR run, plus the day to day "going's on", so I must admit at the time of this writing I'm a little overwhelmed.

First, even though I missed the annual April Fool's Dance, I've heard it was a great turn out and enjoyed by all. Special thanks go out to D & K Trucking for lending their shop and the Justin Heskett Band for providing the music.

I apologize for not knowing of any new members but if I've missed someone, I assure you I will get you listed next month.

Our next meeting will be at the Bayou in Pocahtonias at 7:00. This is always a favorite because the food is excellent and the beer is always cold. I look forward to seeing everyone then and catching up.

The upcoming CC meeting in Jefferson City will be held May 6 at the Truman Hotel beginning at 10:00 am. Because of recent events at the state level, the membership is encouraged to attend. All the CC meetings are important but this will be a wonderful opportunity for the membership to renew their dedication to all FORR represents. For anyone that has never attended a meeting, I can assure you it is a moving experience to see our brothers and sisters come together.

Until we meet again, remember someone fought for the freedoms we enjoy....

Melanie known mostly as Madeline



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm

Action Cycle, North Hwy 63, Kirksville

Website: forr19.com

Contact: Pres. Herbert Treece 660-234-5607

***Bring a chair**

Hey everyone,

Spring is here, and there have been some awesome riding days. Dan Larson is our Road Captain and has some fun and interesting rides planned in the upcoming months. April 27 is a ride to the Harley Davidson Bike Show in St. Charles, with plans to leave Health and Fitness Center parking lot, in Kirksville at 0730. On May 27th, there is a ride to Fast Eddie's in Alton, IL, with plans of leaving Health & Fitness parking lot at 0900 and will eat lunch at Fast Eddie's. There is a Bike, Car and Truck show/festival on June 9th in Salisbury and will leave Health & Fitness Center at 1030. On July 4th there is a ride to Cutter's in Quincy, with plans to leave Health & Fitness Center at 1000 and eat lunch at Cutter's. Hope to see you on the rides. The local CMA had a Blessing of the Bikes on April 14th, at noon, at Wal Mart. The Proclamation Ride was 4/21, with bikers to leave Northtown Shopping Center at noon. Safety classes are scheduled for 4/27-29, May 25-27 and June 15-17. Please contact Sharon Trueblood to sign up and to answer any questions. Hope to see you at the next meeting. Please bring any ideas or suggestions to the meeting or contact Herb. Check out website for local updates and events.

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Peg

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

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newest member David Garner, thank you to all members that have renewed, happy belated birthday to members in March and Happy birthday to all in April.

Rob could not join us at our last meeting but we managed to cover a lot of ground too much to mention in this newsletter. By the time you receive this letter our Sierra Osage Run will have happened this year there are 23 kids that will hunt Easter Eggs and enjoy an afternoon looking at the bikes and visiting with everyone. Thank you to all that donated their time and goodies to stuff the eggs.

We are still working on sponsors for the Bike Rally in May and already have several. Mike is doing a great job with the web page for our local check it often because he is keeping it updated with the legislative news along with the progress of the Bike Rally plans.

Our local continues to be blessed with people that will jump in there and help to get the job done it is also great to hear all of the new ideas that we can explore for events. ALL of the members in our local are doing a great job.....THANK YOU.

Until next time.....Keep it between the lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan – L20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.

Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

Holy Cow!!

How can it be May already? I hope you are all havin fun cuz time

is a flyin!!

The good news is the Freedom Rally is right around the corner! We are all hoping for a good turnout this year as last year Homecoming was a little smaller than we had seen in some time because of rumors of unrelated discontent of a few bikers. Let's all hope that there will be no problems like that this year. After all this is supposed to be a "Safe Haven" for all bikers to unite and enjoy each others company.

So come on down and have a good ole time. As for rumors, I hear

that the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders are coming to the rally cuz they don't like wearing' helmets either!!

For the April 21st meeting, weather permitting, we will have a short ride to an undisclosed location to be announced at the meeting. Hope everyone can be there. Who knows maybe some of those cheerleaders will show up!!

Remember every time that your braking distance is farther than your line of sight your risk of collision with

the unknown is may times greater!

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

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

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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**

Another month has come and gone and May is already here. The Legislature has declared May Motorcycle Awareness Month so let's all be diligent and keep watching for our Brothers and Sisters on the roads.

We have made quite an impression in the Capitol this year with our presence at Capitol Days. We've done a great job in showing our reps that FORR is a voice to be heard and grows stronger each year. We brought a new generation with us this year on our trips. We showed our future generation what we stand for and that our freedom is a proud and righteous heritage to be carried on. My heart filled with pride to see everyone working together to carry our message to our Senators and Representatives. We have much to do, and together we cannot fail!

Local 24 just keeps growing! We'd like to welcome all our new members.....Tim Carey, Jim Carey, Rane Carey (returning member) Sheree Winston, Owen Osborne, Jason Davis, Joe Ford, Rob James, Rod Taylor and Zachary Warmbrodt. At this rate we will certainly be keeping the trophy for membership growth!

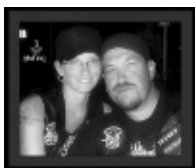
We have many fun events planned for the coming months so mark your calendars and join us!

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MAY 12	FEED MY PEOPLE FOOD DRIVE
JUNE 16	BROADWAY B.A.R. HOP
JULY 14-15	AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEKEND RIDE
AUGUST 26	REDNECK GOLF

See you all next month and remember, "When life throws you a curve, lean into it".

Love and Peace Sherry "Hippiechick" Schallert

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: 636-299-1032**

Hello all,

Hope everyone enjoyed the Big Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday April 15th.

Our Upcoming Events are as follows....

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November 4th - Our Annual Toy Run
December 8th - Our Social Christmas Party

Other Upcoming Events....

May 3rd - Calendar Girl Search @ Big St. Charles Motorsports
May 5th - 19th Anniversary Party @ TJ Bar & Grill 1 pm
June 2nd - 2nd Annual Invader's Charity Bike Rally to benefit the St. Charles County Youth in Need. Winfield Fairgrounds. 20.00 for all day and all events.. Sign-ups from Noon to 2 pm. Many field events including a Full Contact Figure 8 Mini Bike Race. Music provided by "The Devin Allman Band" w/ special guests "Guitars on Fire" a Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute Band & Possible appearances throughout the day by several other bands including "Whiskey Business" & a "Bad Co. Tribute Band. Many vendors including Foods, drinks & beer. Come out and have a great day for a great cause. Any questions feel free to contact me.. Rascal (636) 262-6338

As before, if anyone has any upcoming events that you would like me to add in the newsletter, please feel free to send them to me via E-Mail or by phone at least a month in advance. rascalSTL@hotmail.com

Our next meeting will be Sunday May 20th... Hope to see you there! Be careful out there and remember... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN!!! Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599****LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m.****Rivers Edge Bar & Grill, 315 SW Pence Avenue
Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941 or
V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058**

Well folks it's been an interesting month here at Local 27. As I mentioned last month we had been discussing the possibility of changing, or alternating, or meeting place for a couple of months. A decision was finally made on that issue at our March meeting. After taking members suggestions of possible sites, presentations from a couple of business owners, and quite a bit of heated discussion, a vote was taken. As a result Local 27 meetings will now be held

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at alternating locations: Rivers Edge in Roscoe in odd numbered months, and Knucklehead's Cantina in Fair Play in even numbered months. While I understand that some members are unhappy with the results, there were positives in this for everyone. To begin with, this was the highest attendance we have had for a meeting, except for the Christmas party, in over a year. In addition, while the process was certainly heated at times, it was refreshing to see people so passionate about a subject. Now folks, let's carry that passion over to the more important business of FORR, working to protect and preserve our rights as motorcyclists.

On that note, we got a great update from Kat on the status of legislation at the Capitol. It's nice to see positive action being taken on several of the bills we've been involved with. It sounds like the helmet modification bill stands a chance of passing, as well as progress on the stiffening of penalties for failure to yield, distracted driving, and others. We also had Warren Love as a guest (and new member), who spoke to us about his campaign, and his support of motorcycle related issues. It was a good chance to meet one of the local candidates, and ask questions that directly relate to us as motorcyclists.

We have several events happening this month. Yancey is hosting "Knees in the Breeze for Baby Z" on the 28th of April. Those wishing to participate in this run will meet at Osceola City Park for the Poker Run at 10:00 a.m. This ride is a fundraiser to help a local couple, now members, who lost their baby daughter, and is in need of funds to place a headstone on her grave. The Proclamation Run will be April 21st, the MAY Rally on the 24th, and the BUFR Run on the 29th. We will be meeting to ride to the Jefferson City in support of the BUFR Run on the 29th. Those wishing to join in riding can meet at Smith's Restaurant in Collins at 10:00 a.m.; we will be leaving at 10:30. Let's get together and make a good showing from Local 27 as we ride to show our strength in numbers.

WHEW! I guess that's about all for now. I'm told I should keep these articles to about 250 words, and with all that's going on it's difficult to do. But to keep as close as I can I'll call this a wrap. Remember to check your calendar, Local 27 Schedule of Events, and our Facebook page at <http://www.forr-local-27.com/> for the latest news and events. Stay safe and enjoy the ride!

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President 573-433-0047 - Vice President 573-433-0402 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.

Howdy Everyone!!!

Hope everyone has been enjoying the fantastic riding weather we've been having the past several months and it sure doesn't feel

like Spring right now but Summer. Hope this isn't an indication of what Summer will be like as sure enjoy the 70-80's for riding and getting more in than when it's hot!

Hope you all made it out for the Easter Hunt with the American Legion and if not, had a great weekend with the kids/family hunting all the eggs! I always find some in August that the grandkids didn't find! LOL

Not having the local meeting before getting this out, I can't report on any new things right now from that. But on the roster, we have up an coming:::

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On our roadside cleanup was a great success with a big THANKS to everyone that showed up. We had 22 that day and was a beautiful day for it. Allot of things were found with Bob Starnier being the winner finding a 1970's Bud Bottle. Our next one will be coming up in May and usually do this 2-3 weeks before the Freedom Rally so everything is nice for it.

We are still needing some slots filled for the Freedom Rally, so get up to front table at next meeting to check it out what is open and get signed up! Every shifts not filled, is a \$100.00 out of pocket and funds we use through the year for our charity/contribution work. I put a challenge out as I have signed up for 3 shifts---

I attended the March Capital Days in Jefferson City and meet allot of people from the East/West in Missouri. It was very impressive all the Locals from KC area and St Louis that buses up for the day an amount of people from FORR that were there. Everyone should attend at least once and meet with everyone!

Guess that's about it for now, but sure will have more in the next issue. Been getting yard and outside work done along with little projects in the house before say-----It's time to ride and heck with the other stuff!!!!LOL

Local meetings are at the Shrine Club/Buckhorn, MO @7:00 p.m. the 1st Friday of the Month----Hope to see you all there!!! Sue

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss

913-449-1533

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Can you believe April is almost over. I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather. What a wonderful year so far. I would like to say Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to anyone that it pertains to. If anyone is under the weather we hope you feel better soon. I would like to thank Jim and Dani Hodges and Russell and Ronda Felts for a lovely

and good lunch in March. Everyone needs to come to our meetings for information and good food.

We have a new Treasurer, Barb Wiederholt. Way to go girl. Bob Neal is running for Clay County Sheriff. So if you live in Clay County get out there and rally for him and vote. He was a great treasurer for 9 years (I believe). Go gett'em Bob. We are rooting for ya.

Well our Kearney Bike Show is over and I'm praying it was a huge success. Look for more information next month.

We had 16 or 17 riders on our Dist. 4 Bus Trip to the Capitol on March 22nd. With the east side (Local 24) bringing in over 30 people on their bus and the many who rode their bikes to the Capitol that day, we rocked it. A hat was passed on our bus to help cover some the cost and I think a little over \$90 was collected. If you have a few cents rattling around in your pocket that you don't know what to do with, District 4 could use some help paying for this trip.

Upcoming Events:

We have a work weekend at Buckhorn the 11, 12, and 13th of May.

Let's get the pavilion spic and span for the Mid-American Freedom Rally Memorial Day weekend (May 25-28).

May 21, 2012 is the Run for the Wall. It is so exciting to see and hear all those bikers coming into Concordia. They all have very interesting stories to tell and love to eat (psst... it is also on Jim Duyck's birthday).

June 1, 2012 we are having a follow up Kearney bike show meeting.

June 9, 2012 Local 29 is having a family picnic at Macken Park from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Everyone should bring side dishes and lawn chairs. Feel free to bring your kids & grandkids. It will be a family affair. I would like to try to get a softball game going.

May 6th is BWAM. Make sure you participate for our city. There are a lot of people that depend on the success of this run.

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to our meetings please. We had a friend of ours pass away that was VERY active in the mile. Wild Bill will be missed dearly. Give him a toast.

Hey Joker and Tamara, congrats on the new baby boy. Hope everything is ok. Glad it's you guys and not me..lol

At our meeting we had 32 members and 3 guests. We want to thank our newest member, Tim Hudlemeyer who was hanging out at the VFW and decided to rejoin FORR. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. (Thanks Connie) Ronda wants to thank Jack Garrison and Don Jackson who donated their membership renewal fee to the local. Don attended all Local 29 meetings last year so he qualified to get his membership renewal paid by the local. Jack Garrison is a Life Time Member and since he attends at least 50% of the meetings (Jack doesn't miss many), he too qualifies to have his maintenance dues paid by the local. If you want a chance to have your dues paid by Local 29, there is one more way, come out and work at least two shifts at the Freedom Rally. Of course you have to be a Local 29 member to qualify. (That means you still have time to transfer!)

As far as safety is concerned: watch out for cars that haven't had to share the road with us for a few months.

LOCAL 30 - NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Location varies

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Various locations

**Contacts: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or
Mike Adams 573-578-4239**

LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of every month! @ 1:00 p.m.

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President - Doug Weiss 660-233-3949

Editor: Ed Carper 660-422-7353



Remember that infamous line used in almost every Western or War flick from back in the day that went, "Joe, I don't like it, it's just too quiet out there". Well that pretty much describes the month of March for local 33.

Our monthly ritual of forming a congregation of members to discuss our local business was held on

the 18th of March to the chagrin of some of its members who chose to skip the meeting and go ride in the 80 degree weather. I really couldn't blame them much. Doug called the meeting to order and off we went on ride of attention-grabbing information.

The Mid South Mile is tentatively planned for October 26th thru the 28th in Fayetteville AR. If you would like to attend this year submit a letter to Doug describing why you would like to go and how your attendance will enhance our local. I went last year and it was well worth the money and time.

The State Sponsored give-a-way has now begun and we are giving away a Henry Golden Boy, lever action, 22 Cal. Rifle for a measly \$1.00 donation. Get some for yourself and let your friends and family know about this give-a-way.

Sam gave a CC report and it sounds like everything is moving along as planned and this is only due to the hard work of everyone involved. Then Sam dropped the bomb. Due to personal reasons, Sam has resigned as the CC Rep. The members present re-elected Roy as our CC Rep. to replace Sammy.

March 22nd at Jefferson City was short of amazing! There were 85 members of the FORR there in force and lobbying like the persuasive lobbyists we all are. I must voice my opinion that it appears our new officers are pulling us all back together again. Let's keep it up.

Doug took the floor and announced that the State Fair contracts are about ready. We're now waiting for an assignment spot to set up. Doug has also gotten support from several of the other locals who will provide some of the giveaway items at the fair, promoting the FORR. This is the largest assembly of Homo Sapiens in the state at one time and we'll be there in force to promote our agenda of riding safe and to ride free. Thank you goes out to all the locals who are supporting us on this endeavor.

Octoberfest is right on schedule with the two bands already signed. One band is Route 291 and the other is Sas Monkees. I'm not sure how the Monkees are going to perform now that Davy Jones is gone, but Oh well!

We have changed our meeting time from 12:00 to 1:00. The members present wanted to change the time because of church schedule, but knowing our members I think it has more to do with hang-over's.

April 1st, was our April Fools Poker Run and we had 103 riders participate. It was great weather and a great time for all. Then it ended in tragedy. On the way home from the run Dave and Tamara hit a Missouri critter and dumped their bike, hard! As of 00:30 hrs they are both in the hospital with no word of their conditions. Our prayers are with the both of them and now it's time to go after the state with some new legislation to control the animal population in this state.

May's Events

May the 5th, Committee meeting, Jeff. City.

Followed by the CC Meeting on the 6th of May.

Local 33 meeting, Am-Vets May 20th 1:00 pm this will be a rolling meeting!!!

Local 33, Support for Run for the Wall. Monday, May 21st Time TBA.

Mid-America Freedom Rally: May 25th thru the 28th
Buckhorn MO

I heard that Granny and her boyfriend went on down to Branson to listen to some good ol' Blue Grass music over the weekend. Granny's boyfriend went on over to the Presley Theater to secure tickets and told Granny to meet him there later at 2:00 pm. While Granny headed over to the theater, she saw a big sign that read: Presley Theater - Left. So Granny turned around and went back home. I know!

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LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****TT Hwy Campground****14655 Hwy TT, Warsaw, MO 65355****Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
or (Day) 660-885-5741**

Our hearts go out to Local 35 member Doug Cooper who lost his daughter in a motorcycle accident. Hang in there Doug!

By the time this hits the press we will have had our 15th Annual Spring Poker Run AKA Randy's Ride with a trip through Malta Bend... you'll have to ask Randy why. Local 35 welcomes new members John Chapman, Dee Ann Harms, Shayla, Cody & Desserree. We're on the grow!!!! DON'T FORGET to Mark your calendars, May 19th is Local 35 Work Day at Buckhorn.

Those of you who missed the March meeting, it was a good feed! Thanks to Pat Green who grilled some really yummy hamburgers and hot dogs. With homemade buns to top them off! As always we had lots of good side dishes. It was a beautiful day and our first outdoor meeting of 2012. Be sure to plan to attend the next one!

Here's the quote for May:

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. ~Thomas Paine

Keep Riding!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Bredeaux Pizza****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707**

ALL MEMBERS of LOCAL 41 we will be taking a group picture at the BIKE SHOW so we can get our local in next years calender. It would be nice to have a good turn out. This will be taking place on JULY 21st at our LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW. Our anniversary party was at McCorkles and there was so many people there that we were calling our food orders in on the phone. Not only did Knabb show up with a hot chick he also won the \$100.00 door prize which he donated back to the local. Bud & Bud won the redneck games. There prize for winning was a Busch. Every one had a good time except when Kevin asked this girl if he had meet her somewhere before and she said yes that's why I don't go there any more. Don't forget DISTRICT RALLY . There is a flier in newsletter telling you every thing you need to know about Rally. The most important thing is to show up and enjoy the good time you will have. I'll have how the Proclamation Run and the MIKE SLOAN MEMORIAL RUN went in next newsletter.

MAY 18,19,& 20th----DISTRICT 1 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
BLACKTOP RALLY

JULY 21st-----LOCAL 41 CAMERON CROSSROADS
BIKE SHOW

The first Saturday of MAY the CMA have a RUN FOR THE SON and they welcome anyone that wants to ride along. I have been on a few of these rides and it is a lot of fun and fellowship and not once have they ever asked me for any money. They did make me pay for my own lunch.

What if the Hokey Pokey is what it's all about
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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 - Tex Garner 636-744-6609****LOCAL 46 - GREATER KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 4 p.m.****Deb's House, 3700 Brooktree Ln, Gladstone, MO 64119****Contact: Kevin Olver 816-590-2344 or****Debbie Callicot 816-868-9369****DISTRICT 1****Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location**

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR DISTRICT RALLY. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAS MADE THIS ALL COME TOGETHER. LOOK FOR FLIER IN NEWSLETTER. START SETTING UP FRIDAY AT NOON SO ALL MOST OF YOU HAVE TO DO IS SHOW UP AND DON'T FORGET TO WORK YOUR SHIFT FOR GATE AND SECURITY.

I had my car towed, there was nothing wrong with it. It was cheaper than a tank of gas.

See You At The Rally

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DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all my riding and non-riding brothers and sisters

Spring has sprung...riding season is here. Vroooooom, vrooooooom.... This is my opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation, to all my brothers and sisters, who supported FORR, in Jefferson City. No matter, if you came on the bus, your motorcycle or your car. From the West, East or South, it sure was great. We had a good turnout for both trips, in February and March. We also appreciate the ones, who were with us in thought, because for whichever reason they were unable to participate. We can only hope for MORE participation next year. A need for planning a larger legislative fundraiser to ensure continuance of these bus trips has arisen. Your District 4 committee will be open to suggestions and ideas from everyone.

As serious as our little confrontation with Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal was, it certainly was also somewhat humorous and entertain-



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ing. We agree that she is NOT FOR THE PEOPLE! She is only for herself!!! And she pretty much told us that in so many words! Please pass the word to all of your friends, and especially her constituents! We need Senators in office who have the needs of the people as their only interest and agenda!

The District 4 Children's Easter Egg Hunt sure was a lot of fun. The new place was a very good choice. (Thank you JR). A huge Special THANK YOU goes out to Local 5 and Local 29 for BEING there. Very much appreciated.

April 1st Local 33 Poker Run was a blast, with awesome attendance, over 100. Way to go.

By the time you read this, the INFAMOUS Local 29 Kearney Bike Show will also be history for this year, has not happened as I am writing this, but hoping for their success.

Don't fret, there are still many events and runs coming up....keep your eyes peeled on the FORR calendar and plan to enjoy as many events as your time allows.

Will you look back on life and say, "I wish I had," or "I'm glad I did"? With enthusiasm, you can scale mountains. If you have zest and enthusiasm you attract zest and enthusiasm. Life does give back in kind, in due time. Your attitude is an expression of your values, beliefs and expectations.

I believe my brothers and sisters have the required enthusiasm, zest and positive attitudes to get things done, somehow, somewhere, sometime.

Ride hard, but be safe.
Meetings will be every 2nd Tuesday each month starting at 6:30 PM in the Iron Skillet Restaurant
(Take I-70 to exit 28 and pull into the Petro Truck Stop, South of I-70)

Hope to see many of you at the meetings

Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss

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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, Kathy Garver, PO Box 308, Oak Grove, MO 64075-0308 or secretary@forr.net

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

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations at the officer's meeting the night before 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 the day following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

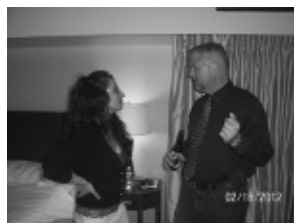
Q. What does the recipient get for being selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

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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Senate Highway Bill Passes

The United States Senate passed its version of a federal highway bill today (March 14, 2012). The measure (S 1813) provides \$109 billion over two years for highway projects. The final vote was 74-22. The bill moved quite quickly, considering the speed of the Senate these days. There was some discussion over amendments, the bulk of which were rejected.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to report that no federal helmet mandates are attached to this bill, which in the past has been the case. Even the last version of the bill that was voted on in 2005 had a full floor vote on an amendment that would have required every state to have a full mandatory helmet law, or have millions of dollars of their highway funds withheld.

"This year the mandatory helmet law issue was only a small part of the very early discussion of the Senate bill," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. "Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed a few motorcycle amendments during the committee phase, but he did not bring them up for a vote," he added.

The future is blurry for the Senate bill, as the House of Representatives has been flip-flopping on supporting it. Right now the House is supporting its own five-year bill, but it has not been brought for a floor vote.

While the MRF supports the House bill because it contains the language that would ban federal funding of mandatory motorcycle roadside checkpoints, it's not likely to see the return of the 2010 funds. Both the House and Senate bills send all safety money in one pot back to the states to give them flexibility.

The MRF will keep you updated on this and every other issue affecting motorcyclists in the Nation's capital.

The Definition of Freedom

By Jeff Hennie

I was having a conversation with a good friend the other day who is widely loved and respected in our community. He is an wise old man. I really can't stress the old part enough, I mean this dude is older than old but wise, well sorta wise.

He asked me a question I have thought about almost daily since he asked me three months ago. "What is the definition of freedom?" he pontificated. After thinking about it, I can say that I do not have an answer. I think its a lot of things to a lot of people. I think it is relative to everyone and totally limitless. But can also disappear completely in a second.

Freedom stands for something greater than just the right to act however I choose.

Certainly, freedom does mean the right to do as one pleases—to think, believe, speak, worship (or not worship), move about, gather, and generally act as you choose—but only until your choices start to infringe on another person's freedom.

Abuse of freedom leads to its demise, think about some yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. Think about laws that limit sound emissions for motorcycles.

Some say the sharpest interpretation of freedom is the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action. I guess I could go along with that.

For me, freedom is about living my life the way I want too, having a government that is not oppressive (or too oppressive anyway), the freedom to own firearms, and riding a motorcycle without the possibility of mandatory roadside checkpoints. Right now I don't have all of those freedoms.

So ask yourself, what is your definition of freedom and do you actually have it?

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Connections

Congress Considering Transportation Programs that Affect Motorcyclists

Currently, Congress is working on the next version of a national transportation bill. This program covers everything from highway safety, to congestion mitigation, and tolling projects. The House of Representatives is considering its options, but the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is seeking passage of H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012."

The AMA supports H.R. 7, because it contains many critical measures to address motorcycle safety programs, motorcyclist rights, and motorized recreational access. Additionally, H.R. 7 begins the tough process of modernizing the national transportation program by eliminating some wasteful spending programs and streamlining the project delivery process.

Of the many important programs for motorcyclists in H.R. 7, the continuation of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a notable distinction. The RTP is funded by the fuel used for off-highway vehicle recreation -- by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-highway light trucks. In some states, a motorized trail program would not exist without the RTP. It is very important this program continue.

Additionally, H.R. 7 would require state highway safety programs to include initiatives that prevent motorcycle crashes while limiting the establishment of mandatory universal helmet laws. Moreover, the bill would prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary from providing federal grants to states and local governments for discriminatory motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Furthermore, under H.R. 7, motorcycles and motorcyclists would be included in research and development of new technologies, called intelligent transportation systems, which riders have typically been excluded from in the past.

H.R. 7 also begins to eliminate the delay on transportation project delivery by streamlining review and approval processes. Therefore, the country can begin adding new capacity, improving safety, and reducing congestion at a much faster rate. Additionally, states would no longer be burdened with the mandate to spend tax revenue on "enhancements" that drain resources from the highway trust fund.

The AMA strongly encourages you to write your Representative today and urge them to pass H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012." A pre-written letter is provided for your convenience. You can access it by simply clicking the "Take Action" option.

This bill contains many programs of significant importance to motorcyclists, and we believe is the best path forward for transportation in this country at this time. Please write your Representative today.

Answers sought on derogatory off-highway vehicle trail guide

A new U.S. Forest Service (USFS) guide to help land managers maintain off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails contains derogatory OHV language.

In a letter dated March 9, seven organizations demanded answers from U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, whose department oversees the USFS. The groups are the AMA, the All-Terrain Vehicle Association, the BlueRibbon Coalition, the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), the Colorado Snowmobile Association, Trails Preservation Alliance, and the Utah Shared Access Alliance. A special thanks goes out to COHVCO who alerted the AMA to this issue.

To view the letter, http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Rights_Documents_Federal/USDA_OHV_letter_Final.sflb.ashx?download=true.

The intent of the guidebook is laudable: to help OHV trail managers develop sustainable trails and protect the environment surrounding the trails.

But the document includes a variety of statements and innuendo that reflect an anti-OHV bias, and cites as a source for information an anti-OHV group. This type of government guide should be fact-based and neutral. It shouldn't include inflammatory, biased language and the recommendations of a group known to oppose OHVs.

The 318-page guide, "A Comprehensive Framework for Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Maintenance," was released in January in book form and was posted on the USFS website. But the document was quickly pulled off the website, apparently following protests from the OHV community about offensive language.

Among other things, the document:

- States "This framework was developed to help trail managers corral the OHV management dragon. The author hopes it has provided some insight into the nature of OHV trails, and some tools to help keep the beast at bay. Happy herding and happy trails!"
- States OHV use causes an "increase in frequency and intensity of weather events," and acknowledges gathering information from the Wildlands CPR, which is an anti-OHV group.
- Cites a Wildlands CPR proposal that no routes or trails should be allowed in "citizen or agency proposed wilderness... and other lands with wilderness character."

This management practice usurps congressional authority in the process to designate Wilderness, which is one of the strictest forms of public land management and bars OHVs. Only Congress can designate Wilderness. To view the AMA's press release, [click here](#).

Now, the Wildlands CPR anti-access group is pushing back. It issued a fund-raising appeal to its members asking for financial support to fight OHV groups. To view its fund-raising appeal, [click here](#).

Please join the AMA to help us fight these efforts to end motorcycle recreation. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights -- on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.



News From Around the Globe

COLORADO

Two bills in Colorado have been defeated in recent days. HB12-128 was the bill that would have added the words "unconventional attire" to CO's anti-discrimination laws. Shop owners still have the right to "refuse service to anyone", especially where biker attire is concerned. More importantly, SB12-089 was defeated. This bill would have eliminated the Motorcycle Safety Operator Training Program in Colorado. ABATE of Co worked with CDOT and the legislature in the late 80's on the MOST program as a way to keep buckets off their heads, but there were entities that wanted it gone.

NEW MEXICO



A motorcyclist passed away in New Mexico, he crashed his motorcycle in to the pot in this picture, they have some of these pots in the medians of our highways. Speed and alcohol were both factors in this crash.

As the responsibility of an MRF Representative to promote safety awareness to all who share the road....it is also important we remind motorcyclist DO NOT DRINK AND RIDE, the life you save may be your own.... ride safe all.

Bikers can roll with 'colors' suit

BY JASON NARK

Philadelphia Daily News, Daily News Staff Writer

Getting pulled over just for wearing "colors" really ticks off outlaw motorcycle clubs, a local attorney who's represented them said, and now some of them are allowed to take out their frustrations in court.

In an opinion issued last week, U.S. District Court Judge Jerome Simandle in Camden said two members of the Pagan's Motorcycle Club and one Tribe Motorcycle Club member can move forward with a lawsuit stemming from a July 30, 2009, traffic stop involving six motorcycles in Burlington County where New Jersey State Troopers ordered them to remove their "colors," the members' patched jackets.

"The court has basically said, 'yes you have a right to wear a patch, these logos,'" said Norristown attorney Boyd Spencer, who represents the Eastern Pa. Confederation of Clubs.

The group of bikers were on their way to a beef and beer event when they were pulled over. The bikers were ticketed for not having approved helmets, the original complaint alleges, and were told to remove their colors if they wanted to leave. The whole traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, was captured by mounted cameras in the police cruisers.

"Now you're all going to take your jackets off, because on this highway, these are the only colors," one of the state troopers told the group after nearly 50 minutes had passed, referring to State Police blue and gold.

None of the bikers removed their colors, and at a later municipal court hearing, the helmets were found to be legal and a prosecutor dismissed the charges.

The state filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit but Simandle, in his ruling said the plaintiffs "sufficiently alleged deprivations of a clearly established constitutional right." Simandle dismissed a conspiracy allegation and claims that the bikers were denied due process.

"We had a little wound here and there but definitely, this is a victory," Spencer said.

A spokesman for the state declined to comment.

MICHIGAN

The mandatory helmet law in Michigan is headed for the Governor's

desk.

Today SB 291 passed the Senate on a 24 to 14 vote to allow riders 21 years of age and older to have the choice not to wear a helmet providing they carry an additional \$20,000 medical coverage on their policy.

Now, it's all up to the Governor.

MMA Establishes a Method to Identify Biker Friendly Establishments

In response to numerous concerns raised by motorcyclists regarding the fact that more and more establishments across this state are either posting signs or have stated a no colors policy the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) has established a method to identify both biker friendly and biker unfriendly establishments. Signs such as the one below seem to be popping up in more and more establishments throughout the state



The MMA feels this is an extremely discriminatory practice and has met with riders to address this issue. Therefore, in conjunction with the publication of this press release, a web page has been established on the MMA's web site that will identify both biker friendly and biker unfriendly establishments. This page can be viewed at the MMA's web site www.massmotorcycle.org by clicking the Biker Friendly Menu Button on the left.

This page will be a working document and input from all riders is encouraged. Please check back often for updates, additions, and hopefully deletions. For clarification purposes the MMA is defining a biker unfriendly establishment as "any establishment that either displays a sign or has a stated no colors policy by the owner or manager." It was felt that just because an establishment allows certain riders or holds rides to and from their business but maintain a no colors policy this did not in fact make them biker friendly. Instead it makes them hypocrites and they want your biker dollars but they want it on their terms.

Last year, through threatened boycotts and bad press, the MMA was successful in having two charity rides moved from one business on the South Shore because they wanted rides to end at their business but they had an established no colors policy. The organizers of these events saw our point and moved their rides to more biker friendly establishments and both events were very successful as a result. It is hoped that all riders of this state will follow this example, band together, and not patronize any establishment that has a no colors policy.

In a further attempt to recognize businesses that are biker friendly, the MMA has designed and purchased easy identifiable window stickers that can be placed in the front windows or doors of these biker friendly establishments.

Again the MMA will be relying on the riders of this state to identify the business that are worthy of these stickers and our biker bucks. To report biker friendly establishments, biker unfriendly establishments, or to obtain a sticker please contact Chairman@MassMotorcycle.org, ViceChair@MassMotorcycle.org or BikerFriendly@MassMotorcycle.org.



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Calendar of Events



Check inside this issue for more information on the events listed on this calendar.

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JUNE

- 5 Local 20 Dexter Rodger Smith Memorial Ride & Drive
573-300-1694
- 18-20 District 1 Motorcycle Awareness Rally 816-449-2707
- 19 Local 10 Jefferson City Poker Run 573-864-9551
- 19 Local 27 Sac-Osage Bike Show & Poker Run 417-296-4964
- 20 Local 33 50 Hwy W Fun Run/Picnic 660-233-3949
- 25-26 Local 20 Dexter Qulin Bike Rally 573-421-7480
- 25-28 Mid America Freedom Rally 417-650-8353
- 30-6/3 Local 15 Branson Bikers Camp 417-334-4029

- 3 Local 7 Lebanon Kannyn Ball Run 417-532-4731
- 15 Local 8 Chillicothe Spring Fling 660-329-0292
- 15-17 Local 11 SW Missouri SW Missouri Rally 417-439-5908
- 16 Local 23 Lincoln Cty Poker Run 314-412-1983
- 16 Local 28 Waynesville USO Ride 573-443-0047
- 23 Local 33 50 Hwy W Got Lost Overnighter 660-233-3949
- 30 Local 28 Waynesville Buckhorn Blast/Passport Run
573-433-0702 or 573-528-15258

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