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# Letter to the Editor

SAC OSAGE Local 27 Bolivar is asking for donations. The donation is for Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield MO; July 27 thru Aug. 2; 11 am to 9 pm daily for 10 days Local 27 will have a booth this year. If every Local would donate \$20 towards cost it would be a big help. Right now we have donations coming in from Locals 35, 30 and 15, also could you place my flyer in the freedom press and get the information to the webmaster to add to the calendar.

I am still waiting on some sponsors that I have been in contact with about the insurance that is required.

Make checks payable to FORR Local 27; in memo write Ozark Empire Fair.

Mail to:
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# What the heck do all those letters mean?

This past January the membership of FORR (Freedom of Road Riders) began a journey which will take them into new, uncharted territory. This journey is one of learning and gaining understanding of the basic principles of this organization. The membership knows where they came from but now it is time to learn what it means to be part of something that goes beyond meetings and planning events. Our new chapter holds the promise of educational opportunities which will take us to heights even the founders might not have considered possible.

The May CC (Central Committee) meeting is always a bit awkward because it falls during many annual Awareness events held the first weekend of May. In honor of Mother's Day and to avoid any conflict, this is the one meeting a year that is not on the second weekend of every odd month. This causes a lower than average attendance but as was the case this past meeting, it does nothing to lower the quality. This past CC weekend produced some of the finest committee input we may have seen in quite some time. That is how we came to decide the meaning of the acronyms we use needed to be explained to insure the entire membership could join this celebration of growth to its fullest.

MMMR (Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally) this is the annual Labor Day event to be held August 29-September 1 in Sedalia Missouri. This is also the single state fundraising event FORR presents which can mean the difference between paying our bills or not. The membership dues and contributions made by the Locals keep FORR solvent but in order to insure our continued ability to stand firm in our mission statement, the success of this event must be a priority.

Last year the MMMR came under much criticism before it began and did in fact encounter some difficulties. It did not help that Mother Nature unleashed her fury once again on our Labor Day event. From this first attempt at something new rose a committee under the guidance of MMMR chairman Layne Shady of Local 8 which proved FORR can present an event, designed to encompass all motorcyclists including those of the future, without compromising any of what a Rally is meant to be. The vision of this year's event is insured if the type of membership input we have seen to date continues to refuse to be defeated. True success is dependent on each and every member doing their part even if it means simply spreading the word.

We have another event which includes participation from a number of neighboring states called the Mid-South MILE (Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness). Our own Roy "Cowboy" Hoard of Local 33 has long been a driving force behind the success of this cooperative event. The conception of the MILE began in Joplin Missouri and has

grown to include legislative advocates from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. This annual event provides a means of sharing information which concerns ALL motorcyclists and those who fight for the continued freedom motorcycling represents. The old saying is "no man is an island". Without networking and the sharing of ideas we may eventually find some success in our legislative endeavors. But when the riding community unites we become a more powerful presence learning from each other and taking legislative strategy to a whole new level. This event is scheduled for October 17-19, 2014 in Wichita Kansas.

From September 25-28, 2014 FORR will have the honor of hosting the MRF's (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) 30th annual MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) event in Kansas City Missouri. What the MILE is to our region is what the MOTM is in the worldwide legislative arena. This event brings some of the most powerful wisdom from around the world together to share trends both positive and negative affecting motorcyclists everywhere. From the banning of two wheel motorized transportation in Europe to the impending implementation of the full control represented by ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) in the United States, every aspect of potential legislative agendas will be discussed. There is another old saying that goes "fore warned is fore armed". In this case what might seem someone else's problem, could well be at our doorstep without notice.

The MRF is to the national MRO (Motorcycle Rights Organization) legislative arena what the NRA (National Rifle Association) is to those protecting our 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms. In Missouri we effectively halted attempts by the Federal government to set up discriminatory, federally funded, motorcycle only check points. This battle continues at the federal level along with the present administrations support of a federal mandatory helmet law. We may win our state fights for freedom but if our rights are not represented at the federal level it will have been for nothing. That is what makes it even more imperative for us to insure those attending what could well be one of the largest "think tank" events we have available come away educated and armed with the knowledge required to insure our rights are not taken away.

This event is being chaired by former state chairman, Martin King of Local 16 and Amy Allmon, Missouri State MRF representative and CC rep for Local 5. The knowledge and experience of these two FORR members insures every member of FORR and all those from around the world who attend are guaranteed an unequaled education experience. During the coming months a series of entries will appear in the Freedom Press outlining the details of the opportunities we have to better ourselves as legislative advocates. On January 10, 2015 we will have come full circle back to the FEW (FORR Ever Working) Seminar. This event's theme is Where Do We Go From Here? This event belongs to the FORR membership. In 2015 when our next chapter begins we will share once again the brother and sisterhood which have grown from all we have learned in 2014. Chaired once again by Susan Lockhart of Local 25 and myself, Melanie Coy of Local 16 we will indeed decide where we go from this point. From where I sit right now, the sky's the limit and our only hindrance comes from not taking advantage of the incredible opportunities for growth at our finger tips.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Coy, CC rep Local 16 Co-chair 2015 FEW Seminar



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# Awards that are exclusive of the FFW Seminar:

### 1. The Buck Stops Here

The highest award offered by FORR for excellence in service. The recipient of this award is chosen by the previous year's winners from submissions by the membership. These submissions should outline the qualities each nominee possesses that sets them above all others. The award includes a flag flown over the State Capitol in honor of the recipient. The previous year's winner is given the honor of presenting this award. For 2014 that winner is Mike "Taz" Moeller of Local 28. All submission should be sent directly to him by email, moellers1@windstream.net.

### 2. Full Throttle Award

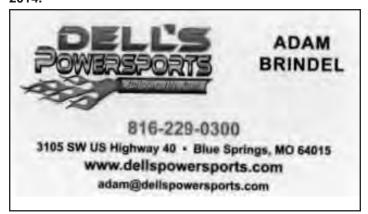
This award recognizes a new member (2 years or less) who has demonstrated exceptional member activism. This recipient should be 18 years old and above. Submissions for Full Throttle should be sent to the FEW co-chair, Melanie Coy of Local 16, mscoy@netzero.com.

### 3. Young Engineer Award

This award recognizes members 17 years old and under for exceptional representation of the young freedom fighters. This is equivalent to the Engineer of Freedom award given in recognition of above average service to adult Freedom of Road Riders members. Submissions for this award should also be sent to FEW co-chair, Melanie Coy L16, mscoy@netzero.com.

Submissions for these awards should be submitted in an informal "resume" form. All submissions for presentation January 10, 2015, are due by October 31, 2014.

An additional award recognizing those Local members who keep the home fires burning while also demonstrating above average service is the Power House Award. It was decided by the committee that this award should not be gender specific. This award is given on behalf of the Locals. Please submit a letter recognizing your Local member. This should be sent to Melanie, mscoy@netzero.com, no later than **October 31**, **2014**.



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# **LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, *Odessa 64076* Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200

Hello again. Great weather is finally here, it seems like we've waited sooooooo long this time around.

Started the Meeting/Lunch get togethers in May, it should work out well for the summer meetings.

The kids Easter party was windy, but GREAT! Big thanks to Becca and Amy and all the others that make it fun. Oh, to the fella with the 65 Mustang, (sorry I didn't catch your name), I have something for you and your car, call me!

Sadly, I have a few bad bumps in the road to report.....

Local 1 member Darral Clancy was in a bad bike wreck in April. It really did a job on him, but as of this writing he is doing better.

Longtime FORR member Halfbreed was also in a bike wreck recently. He's in pretty bad shape, but hopefully will be feeling better soon.

And very sadly one more to mention.... Condolences go out to Local 1 members, Russ and Cheryl Brandsma for the loss of Russ's dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these tough times.

Bored? No Way!!! From here on out there will be something scheduled every weekend, and probably more than one something. We'll just have to get out there and just do them all!

You know how important it is to "Get out and play and hour a day!" Ha Ha Ha

Running a bit long with this one sooooooo, "HAVE A GOOD ONE, THEN HAVE ANOTHER"

See ya,,

Michelle Rebel O'Connor #7157



# LOCAL 3-TRUMAN LAKE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m. VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO

Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or

Vice-President: Ray Burns 417-324-5596

Greetings Local 3 members,

The riding season has begun with a couple of enjoyable rides. We had thirteen riders do our Awareness Ride through towns along 54 highway to Camdenton. Went to Marty's grill for lunch then on to Lake of the Ozarks, stopping at the Leather Man shop, then circled back home.

The next week we had 14 members go up and ride the 2nd annual Montrose VFW Post 8820 poker run to honor those who served. Man what a great turnout and great day for this ride. Even though this was only their 2nd annual ride, it's plain to see they have a successful deal going on here. A lot of hard work to put this one on. We had a good day, thanks to L3 member Charles Meredith for the invite and enjoyable ride. If you missed these rides your still in luck we have plenty of chances ahead. But know this you, need to get out and enjoy all you can. Because the way this government, we have now is headed, we may be restricted in one form or another from enjoying the freedom we feel when we get on that ride and let the wind blow those cobwebs loose. So do your homework and use your vote to help fight for your rights.

On a different note we would like to extend get well wishes to Halfbreed. There isn't much that can be said that would help with what you are going through, but just to know you have a huge family of friends who are thinking of and pulling for you, sure can't hurt.

Be sure to thank a veteran every chance you get, give them their due. There is no such thing as "free" freedom, fight for it.

Dean #29076

# **LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY**

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.

Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222

Hi Everyone,

Local 5 members had a good ride before our April meeting. We met with Local 47 and others for their first anniversary ride and had our meeting at Tryst Falls. Thanks to Local 47 and their hospitality. It was a great ride and fun to get out and get the riding season started.

This one is going to be short as time is running out to get the article in. I hope all you Mothers had a great Mother's Day and all you Fathers have a great Father's day.

Get out and enjoy this weather and ride safe and don't forget the sunscreen!

Spitfire filling in for Angel

# LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

Happy Happy. Gorgeous riding days. I haven't been notified of any trips from our Local 6 members? Anyone out there having a great time on their bikes? I'm going to have to apologize for my lack of participation this past month as we have been super busy buying our dream home and making it ours. Look for an upcoming open house party date! I forgot to turn in my change of address soon enough to get my May newsletter so I'm typing blind with what is going on.

A FORR calendar named "Where Are You" is in the making. Pictures of bikes in different places in the state are needed. It needs to be of bikes only, no people allowed in the photo. They must be turned in to Shelly Payne by early July to make the calendar. If you need help

getting them turned in contact Tim or Sheila Etherton. The costs of the calendars are \$5.00

Missouri State Fair will have a FORR booth, August 7-17. Anyone that would like to volunteer for a 4 hour shift should make contact with Cowboy from Local 33.

Upcoming events or rides that I know of:

May 23rd to 26th – FORR Mid-America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn May 30th to June 1st – FORR District 1 Black Top Rally, Pony

Express RV Park, Maysville

June 1st - FORR Local 6 Biker Sunday

June 7th - Ride for Ryan

June 8th - Camp Quality Run

June 15th - FORR Local 6 meeting

June 21st - Fun Run

July 13th - FORR CC Meeting

July 20th - FORR Local 6 meeting

Let me know if you want something in here, 816-284-9653.

Have a great month. Keep it safe.

Sheila E

# LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

Greeting all...Happy June

Well folks I'm thinking winter are over. This weekend's forecast is for temperatures in the 80's. Local #7 had our April Fools ride before our last meeting and the turnout was very good. It was easy to see that the winter was hard on the roads in this area. Also in April: Watermelon Ron, Jerry, Guy and I rode in the Kids of our Heroes support run held by the Wingmen. The Freedom Rally is almost here and if you want to have a little fun at the Rally and get your entry fee paid back just show up at the Rally and work a couple shifts. You'll have a good time and give some of the other members a break. Well it was a long winter hopes you're ready to ride. I am. See you on the road. Be safe.

Geezer

# LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.

(Call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905

Greetings from Local.

Summer has finally arrived. We have had two BRC classes already. A total of sixteen students. First class had to work around rain and wind but they finished. Great job Carl and a special thanks to Local 19 Paula and Darek. All the hard work is appreciated.

Spring Fling is approaching fast. Everything is coming together. A big reminder. RV parking is limited. 30 foot max. No electric hook ups. Must



call Glenda ahead to reserve a spot . Her number is 660-247-5713.

Our June meeting will be at the Boat Club on June 1 with a work day on June 8 at 10 am

Howard Johnson lost out on \$117 in our membership drawing. No new members or renewals this month. I guess everyone is waiting until Spring Fling.

Enjoy the beautiful weather as we know it can change quickly. Foxy Gama

# LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY

Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm

Kearney VFW 5717, 301 W Washington, Kearney, MO

Contact: Rob Hull 816-550-8162

# **LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7:000 p.m.

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson

City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor

573-353-4127

Even with the intermittent rain showers, we had a good turnout for our "Show off Your Bike" awareness event!! Thanks to everyone who came out and made this a great event! Also, thanks to all who brought their awesome bikes out for the show!

The nasty, cold weather didn't dampen the attendance for "The 15th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally" this was once again a very memorable event! Everyone who attended the Mike Sloan Rally signed a couple of Get Well cards for Halfbreed and from what I hear he is doing pretty darn good!!!!!!!

Mark your calendars for July 12 because our "3rd Annual Christmas in



July" event is scheduled and ready to go! (See attached Flyer). Remember all proceeds from this event will go to our local Samaritan Center! For all of you Facebook people, keep checking FORR – Local 10 Facebook page and Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) – Local 10 group page for upcoming events and just news in general. I do my best to keep the pages updated with events, photos and files. If you would like to be added to the group, send me a request and I will get you added as soon as I see your request.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor
taylord34@embarqmail.com

# Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Carthage Family Restaurant, 125 N Garrison Ave,

Carthage

Contact: 417-793-4899





# LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m. Fish Beak Saloon, 1st St., Glasgow

Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodtman1952@

gmail.com



Local 12 would like to start this month's news with greetings, good thoughts, and prayers to our Local 13 brother Halfbreed, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Friday, April 25th. 'Breed suffered numerous broken bones, including several ribs, two vertebrae, a bleeding artery in his bladder, and, worst of all, a severely broken pelvis. This was especially hurtful to me as I have known 'Breed and his wife Debbie for 30 years and count them among my true Brothers and

Sisters in this organization.

I rode down to see 'Breed the day after his accident and, even though I expected the worst, was shocked at his condition. He was obviously in an unbelievable amount of pain and the painkillers they were giving him were making him drift in and out of consciousness. He held my hand in a biker handshake the whole time I was there but I only stayed about ten minutes as it was obvious he needed rest more than anything. Thanks to Kathryn Fox for getting me in his room: the nurse asked me for a password that I didn't know but Kathryn came up and re-assured the nurse that I was OK to come back. I had a pretty long conversation with Debbie afterwards and she is holding up remarkably well, considering the circumstances.

The latest word on 'Breed is that once they find him a spot in rehab he will be moving out of the hospital after his surgery. Get well soon, Brother: there are MANY of us out here who really miss you!

Moving on to happier subjects, we had a very successful cleanup of the Local 12 portion of Hwy. 240 west of the Glasgow Bridge on April 6th. We had an outstanding turnout with Boz and Jude Lanning, Mike and Tami Adcock, Tori Hinnah and Mike Knox, Johnny and Laura Adcock, Doug Widel, Doug Hammack, Barry McDaniel, John Stouffer and Joyce Hibbard, Gary Schaefer, Dave Kateman, Randy Elmore, Jennifer North and George Turley, Smokey, and, unfortunately, four other names I was not able to make out from the list. Maybe next time we can print them. Irregardless, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all who showed up and helped clean the highway. It looked immaculate when we were through.

In other good news, plans for the 2014 Firecracker Classic are well underway. Nikki again will be our beer vendor and I'm sure will do her usual outstanding job with her crew from Beckett's. We are trying to get Downfall back as our Saturday band as they really rocked Stump Island last year. Shelly is again doing our t-shirts and holding her price to a reasonable \$14.00, \$3.00 of which will go to Local 12. We will have 1st and 2nd place plaques for the bike show, as well as a really nice overall trophy.

We do need our sponsor papers in NO LATER than our June 1st meeting, which will be held in Arrow Rock so we can get lots of good bike pictures for the 2015 calendar. Be at the main Shelter House on top of the hill no later than 1 pm. Our meeting will be held at 3 pm at Turley's Station. We have also agreed to help Glasgow fix the shelterhouse next to the river, which is badly in need of repair. We are having two make-up meetings to make up for the two we missed in January and February. One will be on June 7th to put linseed oil on our bandstand in preparation for oil based paint later on before the Firecracker.

The other regular meeting will be on Sunday, July 6th and then we will have our special pre-Firecracker Classic meeting on Thursday evening, 7 pm, at Stump Island park. This will bring us up to date on meetings. By the way, we now have 217 members on the Local 12 Facebook page. Hopefully, a lot of them will show up for the Firecracker Classic. Upcoming events:

June 1st, 1 pm, bike and Local pictures at the main Arrow Rock Shelter House.

June 1st, 3 pm, regular Local 12 meeting at Turley's Station, Arrow Rock.

June 7th, special get-together to put linseed oil on the bandstand. July 6th, 3 pm, regular Local 12 meeting, place to be determined, call for info.

July 10th, 7 pm, special Firecracker Classic Meeting, Stump Island, Glasgow

July 11th-12th, Firecracker Classic Party, Stump Island, Glasgow If you have news you would like in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at smokeystrodtman@gmail.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month......be free, Smokey

# LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

**Audrain County Courthouse Community Room in** 

**Basement** 

Contact: 573-291-1465 or 573-881-7410

Hello Brothers and Sisters from Local 13,

What I can say this month, besides it has been a very productive one for us in Local 13. We had one of our best turn outs at our last meeting we had 23% membership in attendance and 12 guests, seven of which became new members. So without any further ado we want to Welcome to the Family, Lorri Welschmeyer, Josh Stroups, Jeri Pace, Anthony Barnes, Chris Lane, David and Pam Branson and Carl Welschmeyer, who transferred from Local 10 and is a life time member. We are so grateful that you choose to be part of Local 13, it truly is a honor to have each and every one you. We have a lot of events coming up this summer that we are supporting and we sincerely hope that you will be a part of all of them. I'd like to Thank Terry Archer for manning the BBque during the meeting and to everyone who brought side dishes they were great to say the least, excellent job everyone. It was a proud moment when we looked up and saw bike after bike arriving considering it was an off meeting date, due to Mother's day and the Freedom Rally. I want to thank everyone who attended we would not be here if it weren't for you. To everyone who may have not have been able to attend the meeting you were dearly missed. We hope to see you next time because we are planning on having a pot luck following the meeting. Which will be held June 22nd @ 3:00 pm Plunkett Park.

In May BL McDonnell and Katherine Fox testified for SB 696, the failure to yield the right a way Bill, something that should concern everyone but is especially dear to me. I lost a God child to this kind of accident, he was 23 and following his dreams of becoming a fireman. In fact he was on his way to the firehouse when he was struck and left to die. This horrible incident was intensified when the Lady who was later found to have done this, walked away with what started out to be a fine and the possibly some jail time. As time went by the charges consisted of a small fine with no further judgment. BL's life was also forever changed by the accident he was involved in, his hopes of continuing as a Safety Instructor were put to a sudden end, with many of the same results. This issue is a big one, it effects each of us in its own way. It is worth fighting



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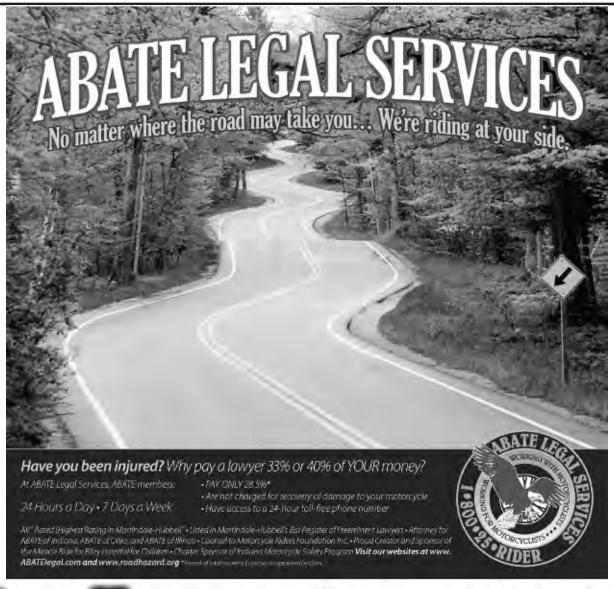


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for. My hope is that this SB 696 does become law. Unfortunately I will not be able to keep you updated on its progress at this time because my deadline to get this article in is upon me. But I will say, if for some reason or another this does not happen this year I sincerely hope that it is something we continue to fight for next session.

As many of you already know Half Breed was involved in an accident in the end of April, he is doing much better than he was right after the incident. I can't begin to tell you what a relief it was to see his baby blues and that smile, even with him being in so much pain his main concern was for Debbie and all of his loved ones. I would ask that everyone please keep your good thoughts and healing prayers coming for him and Debbie. This is going to be a long recovery but it is a recovery none the less and not a loss, for that I give many thanks. They are both such a big part of the heart of Local 13 and the whole Freedom family in general. They have both helped me personally to build my confidence and have done the same for many countless others. To say they are loved is an understatement. Where am I going with this, you might ask. It is simple, no matter who you are or how experienced you may be on a motorcycle. things happen on our roads and highways. Usually it's someone not paying attention either because they are not aware of their surroundings or put quite simply, distracted while driving. The roadways themselves pose their own threat with loose gravel on them, not to mention pot holes and there are so many countless problems that can and do arise. So please everyone be safe out there and aware of your surroundings and remember others may not be aware of you. Look twice, use every weapon in your arsenal to protect yourself. We are our own first line of defense, plain and simple. Motorcycle Safety Courses are available just visit the forr.net site for any information or ask someone in your Local, we are here to help each and every one, by promoting safety through education. Maybe you can recommend a course to new rider. I can tell you first hand it is something I feel everyone should do, the instructors are the best. They gave me a lot of support and were very encouraging, I can honestly say I walked away with a new found respect for riding in

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general. All the basics were covered and they do prepare you for life experiences on the road as well. I cannot think of a better gift to anyone, including yourself.

Local 13 is going to be hosting a Dice Run this month on the first day of Summer, we hope that we see a lot of you there.

Our Scheduled events are as follows:

June 21st - Dice Run

June 22nd - Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico@3:00 Potluck to follow.

July 11th-13th - Fire Cracker Classic Local 12 Glasgow

July 20th - Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico@3:00

August 10th - -Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico@3:00

August 16th - Wonder Run

September 21st - Family Day location TBA

September 25th-28th - Meeting of the Minds

November 1st - Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run

December 6th - Christmas Party

Until next time live life to the fullest stay Safe and FORRever Free, Valerie Taylor

FORR Secretary Local 13

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me @ taylor.valerielocal13 or 573-291-1465

# LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

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

Greetings, fellow Freedom Fighters,

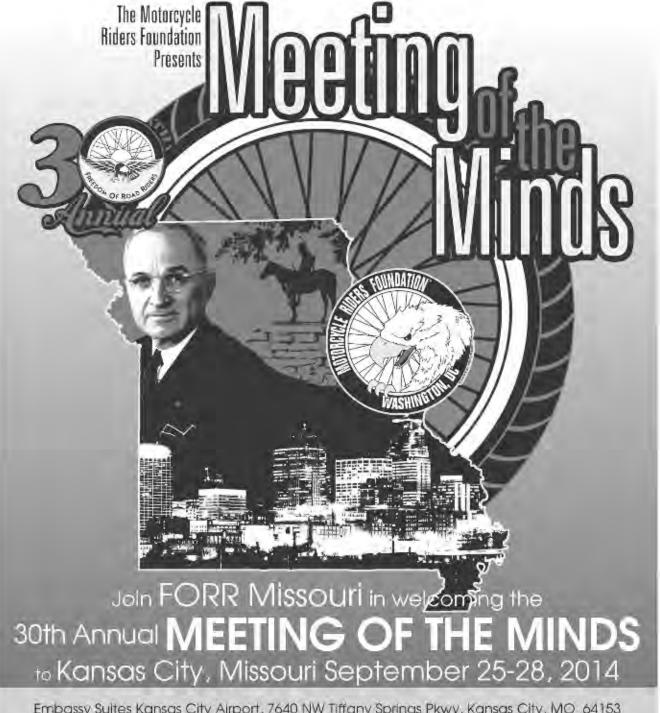
There are lots of things going on. The legislative session is closed and with luck and skill, we will have something to show for our efforts. Local 14 has a couple of events planned including a poker run at the end of this month. I hope that you are able to attend. Our activities committee has been working hard to get us up and moving and they deserve our thanks and our participation.

We are currently looking for a newsletter writer. This would be a perfect job for someone on the activities committee. Think about it. You only have to be able to read and write. And commit to a deadline every month. Here is some news on how the helmet is interpreted in Missouri: Here's the new thing out there folks. Jefferson County (and others) was working hard last year on enforcement and it's coming YOUR way.

It's a \$25 fine, no points, no cost -- in most places -- Some courts have it set higher at \$65 on up... and yes it's legal. It says in the statute that the courts can deem otherwise. Or they can give you a ticket for improper safety equipment?? And they don't have to let you go. They can hold you till you get proper gear!! Or impound!! If you don't like it, I suggest you activate yourself in a SMRO. We were able to change the law to no points and no jail time but, as you know, law enforcement does pretty much what it wants in any manner that will make them money and imprison you. No offense intended to our law enforcement members-this is how our world works now. You may think your helmet is the only issue we face but it is only a small portion of an entirely new world of interpretation and it doesn't look pretty for American citizens. The European Union is still struggling to KEEP their motorcycles! Since we now think globally, what happens in Europe WILL happen here sooner than later, especially if you are not paying attention. Get active and get educated.

Keep an eye on this page for more events sponsored by Local 14-we are up and running and kicking ass.

Yours in freedom, The Scooter Tramp



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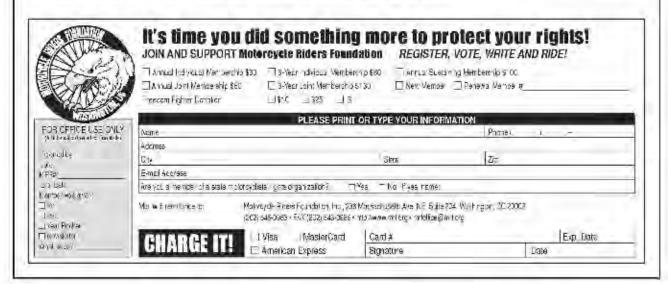
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Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the 30th annual Meeting of the Minds, September 25-28 at the Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, MO





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# Local 15 - Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

Well the weather has really put a damper on things! Seems like it's beautiful all week and then the day that our Local has an event, it rainy and or is 30 degrees. We had 2 rides in April, one was our Local Spring Poker Run. A few brave souls came out to have some fun, in the rain and cold. Next week we had our Charlie Dawn Davis Ride to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities and again, it was rainy and cold. More so here in Taney Co. I heard it was better up in Springfield. A huge Thank you to everyone that helped, rode or donated to the event. Charlie Dawn's family sends lots of love you way. They do still have patches and shirts to sell. Get a hold of her Grandpa, Papa Jay either at one of our events or on Facebook. He would love to set you up with one.

Our Spring Swap Meet was another victim of cruddy Spring weather. The weather man predicted rain, thunderstorms and even tornados all weekend. Actually the weather held out until about 12:00 Sunday. We had about 330 people thru our gates. A few bikes, but I blame the lack of bikes on the weatherman. The rain lasted about 30 mins. Thank you the many hands that set up, helped work the meet and torn down. We couldn't have done it without you!

The next BIG event that we're all talking about is our Annual Hootentown Rally. It is July 12 and 13th. Local 15 and Local 30 work this Rally together. Those of you that have come to it the last 4 years know how much there is to do! The first night we either have a live band or recorded music and have a heck of a good time roaming around watching for our friends to show up, and of course drinking. The next day is filled with canoeing, a Poker Run, Bike games, people games and Tattoo contest. As the night comes to life, we have 2 Wet T-shirt Contests and live bands all night long. There is plenty of shade, a river to swim in, and even a

place right in the campground to buy ice, food and alcohol. What more could you possibly need??!!! There is plenty of time to sign up to help, so if your from either one of the 2 Locals, let them know if you could help for a couple of hours.

Our next BS Meeting is June 3rd at the Lake House on Indian Point. I have never been, but I hear the it is a really cool place to eat and drink, but more importantly, BS with friends.

My challenges have gone unnoticed concerning our Business Meeting. Our Local is over 270 strong, yet we usually only have 30-40 members attend our monthly meeting. REALLY? REALLY???? We get up dates on all the Bills that our government is looking at. We have updates on up coming events like the Motorcycle Awareness Ride or the Fallen Solder Ride. Each meeting is full of information that protects and keeps us aware. I don't know about you, but to me those 2 things are VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!!! So why don't you do what I do. Clear you calendar on the 3rd Monday of every month, leave your house, your TV and your computer, and support our Local. The meeting is at Charlie's Steak and Ale in Branson, on HWY 76. It's starts at 7 pm. You don't have to eat, but there is food and drinks available. I would love to see every chair filled next meeting. Thanks!

Hope to see you soon, Lou



Charlie Davis Ride

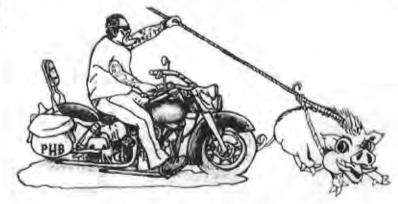


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# LOCAL 16-SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Danny 573-270-6430

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

Mother Nature may have caused the cancellation of our Awareness Rally but the effort was not in vain. During the promotion of this event L16 gained new allies and took awareness of the challenges we face as riders to a whole new level. We owe our gratitude to the news media outlets especially Faune Riggen of KZIM and the many supporters from Lawless Harley-Davidson for their continued presentation of Motorcycle Awareness. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the corporate officers for having the faith in us to take this rally to a different level in the never ending quest to raise awareness and educate the public.

At the time of this writing we will be looking forward to the 2nd annual Bikers on the Square to be held in Perryville Missouri, June 21, 2014. Last year's event proved to be an excellent means of showcasing our Local. While this is not a FORR sanctioned event, it is an opportunity for our members to share the message of freedom to one of the largest mixes of motorcyclists available.

We send our thanks to the Social Club for hosting our May meeting and I hope to have an update that does not include nasty weather from our efforts on behalf of the child of one of their members. Please momma cooperate!

During the May Central Committee meeting the subject of a Service/ Contact Directory proposed and voted on 2 years ago was again brought up. The idea is to provide information for the entire state of the services provided by the membership. For anyone who has ever been stranded or in need specific services the idea behind this is to seek assistance from within the organization whenever possible. To be included in this directory, you need only send a business card and brief description to the corporate secretary, Cheryl Singleton, secretary@forr.net or Dallas Chapman, go@forr.net. An annual directory will be circulated outlining the various resources we have within the organization. Remember, we

support those who support us....

You will need to contact Whitey or Danny for June meeting information. Once again I find myself under the gun to get our submission into the Freedom Press. With the rally behind us Martin and I will turn our attention to two more upcoming state events, the Meeting of the Minds, September 25-28 and the 2015 FEW Seminar in January. I will be more and more dependent on each of you to keep me in the loop that I may share the information for our members. There is light at the end of the tunnel though.

In the meantime, we hope to see you at our upcoming events and out enjoying the passion of riding.

Stay safe, expect the unexpected and enjoy all the beauty of Missouri's roadways!

Melanie



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# LOCAL 19-KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm Golden Eagle Hospitality Room

Contact: 660-988-1708

# **LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428



Hello Spring Finally

Riding weather is here and it is time once again to be out on the roads enjoying the wind and keeping a close eye out for those that we see that don't see us. Please take note of the blind spots and stay safe to ride another day.

I would like to welcome Matt and Amanda Reynolds to our local they signed up at our last meeting and thanks to Brian Cook and Pete Neift for renewing if I missed anyone please let me know and I will put it in the next newsletter.

Our Sierra Osage Run was a success and thanks to all that donated their money, time and candy the kids loved it. We had 18 riders and several cages. The center provided some excellent chili and hot dogs along with cold soft drinks and chips. These kids start marking the days on the calendar until Easter every year anticipating this event as most of them will not see their families for a long while.

We were informed at this past CC meeting that now the president and UN are getting in on the helmet issues so we will have to have some big guns to beat this down we need everyone to get involved and not just on the helmet laws but all of the others that will hinder us being on the highways.

Happy birthday and belated birthdays along with anniversaries to all that had them last month and this month. The dead line crept up on me and I didn't get a letter in our last issue sorry everyone April was one heck of a busy month.

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

# Local 23 - Lincoln County

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

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

Contact: 636-665-5004

# LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

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

Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624

Greetings and salutations,

Here we are already in June, I hope you made it to the Local 24 Blessing. Mother Nature was not playing nice that day but considering we had a most excellent turn out. Many thanks to all who helped put this event on, big thank you to Big Bob from the Tribe of Judah MM for the great lesson for the day.

We still have blessing 2014 shirts available, contact Neener Neener Neener at Bubbajane88@aol.com if you would like to get one of these collector items!

Local 24 had a good representation at the state capital, thank you to

all that rode, drove, and attended the Mike Sloan Memorial ride.

A big thank you to the Shelton and Debbie Singer for their donation to the local, now we need local members to get out and collect donations for the gun safe tickets!!!

I am proud to say that the Bondsman has retired the Local 24 Iron butt; he has won it for the 3rd time in a row.

Now it is the local's decision if we want to keep this competition going under another name.

Make sure you always have membership forms with you so you can be an ambassador promoting FORR and Local 24 where ever your travels take you.

Have to say congrats to Jasmine (daughter of Big Sid) on the completion of the Army Military Police training!

Come to the local meetings and see what we are doing to keep YOUR motorcycle on the road.

If you have not been to a meeting in a while stop on in and see what the 2014 local officers are doing different.

Welcome to all new members, come on to a meeting and have some fun with the best local in the state.

Local 24's president's phone number is 314-546-1624 call him if you need any info on what local 24 is doing (he really like calls between 0200 and 0300, make sure you breathe heavy into the phone)

Well that is enough for this month.

TCLOCK your ride
Do something nice for some one
See you at the next meeting
Clem Kadiddlehopper



Local 24 President & First Mouse placing signs







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# Local 25 - St. Peters

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268



Hello All,

Upcoming June events...

Sunday June 1st is our Local 25 annual Bear Run. It will start at Chariots of Fire 216 North Lincoln Dr. Troy Mo. Sign ups are from 10 am - 11 am with the last bike out no later than 11:30 am. For more info, contact (636) 299-3268

Saturday June 7th Chariots of Fire 10th annual Motorcycle Show. Registration 10 am - Noon. Proceeds to benefit Camp Hope. For more info, or vendor space, contact (636) 775-1385

Sunday June 8th Make-A-Wish "Ride for Wishes" @ Big St. Charles HD Registration 10 am - Noon. Bike Blessing @ Noon... Ride leaves @ 12:30 pm. For more info, or vendor space, contact (314) 363-3415

Saturday June 14th Youth In Need Bike Rally & Concert. Field events and full figure 8 mini bike race.. Sign ups from Noon - 2 pm. Winfield Fairgrounds Winfield, Mo. For more info, or vendor space, contact (636) 262-8035

See you all at the events.... And as always remember.... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN

Rascal





# Local 26 - Maryville

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

Contact: 660-582-4599

Well, another month is upon us. We made it through the month of April and into May. The Eat&Rides were a mixed success. The April Fools from last month's newsletter made an appearance at most of the runs, but attendance was sparse when the temps were in the 50's or below. The one warm day, that it didn't rain, we managed almost 30 people. Many of them were even members. We hope that those that ride with us for the Eat&Ride Tuesdays will become members and help the organization protect our rights as motorcyclists.

The Awareness Run was not as great a success for our local chapter. We only managed to have 6 bikes and 7 people in attendance. I know a few of our members had prior engagements that prevented them from attending, but it was still a sad turnout. Thankfully, we were joined by members of our neighboring chapter/s. Gave us a better appearance and numbers for the group ride. Ride was enjoyed by those in attendance and the weather cooperated, mostly, for the event with the majority of the rain holding off until later.

Not much else to say for this month. Spring is upon us and the weather should be much better for riding. Be aware that it is planting season in the rural areas and be alert for slow moving farm equipment. I hate to think what the outcome would be to rear end a tractor pulling a disc or cultivator.

Invite your friends to rides. Encourage them to join and support FORR. Explain how it benefits them. Remember that you are responsible for the impression you make on the public. How they perceive all motorcyclists could be a reflection of how they see you.

Safe Journeys,

# LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

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

Contact:: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres.

Leland Seymour 636-497-2814

Greetings brothers and sisters....

Well we just got back from the May C-C meetings in Columbia, what a great time to get together with Brothers and Sisters from allover the state and visit, learn and just hang out.

We had a very good meeting, seem to get a lot done. There is always more we can do to protect / fight for our rights, so never give up!

We got to go to the hospital while we were there and visit with Halfbreed. He is doing remarkably well all things considered. His spirits were very high and we had a great time just letting him talk to us about his situation, I'm sure the nurses are having a good time also !! LOL.

We here at Local-27 have a busy early summer coming up , here is a small list of our upcoming events;

MAY 10TH -- LUCUS OIL SPEEDWAY BUSINESS EXPO WHEATLAND

MAY 11TH -- ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY COOKOUT BOLIVAR MAY 14TH -- LOCAL-27 MONTHLY MEETING BOLIVAR

MAY 17TH -- FREEDOM RIDE TO OSAGE BEACH, HUMANSVILLE 9:AM

MAY 22ND THRU 26TH FREEDOM RALLY BUCKHORN

MAY 30TH -- RELAY FOR LIFE RIDE BUFFALO NOON JULY 10TH -- THRU JULY 13TH GRAND RIVER RALLY URICH, MO.

JUNE 11TH -- MONTHLY MEETING BOLIVAR

JULY 24TH THRU AUG. 2ND-- SPRINGFIELD FAIR

I'm sure I forgot some but you can see we are shifting into high gear with events this year. Some of these will have already happened when you get this letter, but we wanted you to know we are out there spreading the FREEDOM word!!!

.....MLLH&R ,Dawg

# LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

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

Hello Spring and Summer!! Am I glad to see the warmer weather roll in. I am sure all of you feel the same way. Hopefully, the days will be warm and the evenings pleasant as we get closer to rally time. With that being said, I hope to see all of you at the rally this month. Hop on the bike, take the back roads, enjoy the scenery, and come on out and celebrate with friends and family.

The nice weather always entices riders to get out on the open road. It also entices new riders to get out there. We have all sent them. They are the ones that are not sure what to do when they are turning or coming to a stop. Take the time to talk to any new riders that you see and let them know about what the FORR stands for. Let them know that people care about their safety, their well-being, and are fighting for their rights. You never know, you may just gain a member and a friend for life.

Notes from this month's meeting:

I was not able to attend this last meeting, so I do not have any notes. Larry was going to discuss the work roster as there were still six slots open. But, I was told that all of the slots were filled. He was going to email out the work roster. If you want to receive a copy, please let him know. Another topic of discussion was the upcoming USO ride. It is going to be held on 21 June. For a complete listing of the minutes, please visit the Facebook site.

- If you want to reduce duplicate issues of the newsletter being sent to your home address, an email or letter needs to be sent to Dallas instructing her to do so. You can find this information in the newsletter

or contact one of the officers for more information.

- If you have not received an email or a card indicating that your membership is due for renewal, please contact Bill Calhoun at membership@local28forr.com.
- If your birthday or anniversary has not been announced at the local meetings, and you would like it to be, please contact Bill Calhoun at the meetings or send him an email at membership@local28forr.com. Check out the Local 28 FORR web site at http://www.local28forr.com or stop by and visit us on Face Book at https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150

**Upcoming Events:** 

23-26 May 2014 Freedom Rally

6 June 2014 FORR Meeting

5 July 2014 Buckhorn Blast (Poker Run)

11 July 2014 FORR Meeting

1 August 2014 FORR Meeting

27 August - 1 September 2014 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally

5 September 2014 FORR Meeting

3 October 2014 FORR Meeting

25 October 2014 Halloween Bash

7 November 2014 FORR Meeting

29 November 2014 Walmart Toy Ride

5 December 2014 FORR Meeting

1 January 2015 Polar Bear Run





# Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184 Facebook: FORR Local 29

Local 29 has voted to change our meeting locations. Our May meeting will be held at our usual location American Legion Post 61, 5125 N. Bellaire, KCMO. **Starting with our June meeting we will meet at the Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd., KCMO.** All meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 1:00.

The 2014 Kearney Bike Showwas held in memory of our Past-President and Life member Joe "Puddy" Loyd. The weather was sunny with a temperature in the mid-70's... and cloudy... and pouring rain... and hail... In other words: typical Missouri spring weather. The weather definitely hurt the turn out but those who did brave the weather had a good time. We had 23 bikes register and within a few minutes of registration ending we were hit with big storms. The storms lasted a couple of hours and then ended. Despite the weather we were able to honor Puddy and have a good time. We also cleared almost \$700 on the show.

We would like to express our thanks to Local 9 for their assistance at the show. Whenever something needed done all it would take was for us to ask, and members of Local 9 were there to help. Their help was invaluable to us.

And with that happy note I will say goodbye for another month. Ride safe. Honest Bob



# LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m. Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

A quick update as to what's going on in the world of Local 30. We met at Logan's Roadhouse for our monthly business meeting on April 17th. On that date we were graced by several visitors. The first, a brave beautiful woman dealing with breast cancer. She and a representative from Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks (BCFO) provided information on what the agency does, and invited us to join the Cruisin' for Cleavage Ride in October. We invite you to join us. The group provides ancillary services for those diagnosed and their families, and offer assistance with things like rent, mortgage payments, utilities and food. The strain the diagnosis alone puts on a family is only amplified by the loss of income in the home, and the fear of the unknown. I've copied the following information from a local website:

Cruisin' for Cleavage: The poker run starts at Don & Son's Cycle, 4319 W Chestnut Expy. in Springfield. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the motorcycles leave at 10:30 am. The fee is \$25.00 for the rider and \$15.00 for a passenger. Riders that pre-register get a free t-shirt. Riders will stop at multiple locations along the route and collect a poker card at each stop. At the final location there will be a raffle, live auction, food, a live band and prizes for the best/worst poker hands. The money raised each year goes to BCFO to help those families and individuals that are impacted by breast cancer in southwest Missouri. For more information call (417) 862-3838, or go to http://www.bcfo.org/event/cruisin-for-cleavage/.

At the time I'm writing this, I haven't had the opportunity to speak with any of our members regarding the Ride to the Capital. I did see pictures and only hope we turned out in droves to support our representatives supporting us.

Several up and coming events (not necessarily ours):

- June 5-7 Blues, bikes and Hot Cars at Summers at the River on 160 in Nixa
- July 13-15 Hootentown Bike Rally, Local 15 and Local 30
- July 24-Aug 2 Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Local 27 has partnered with Local 30 and Local 15 to set up a booth at the fair this year. We will offer information on who FORR is and what our mission looks like. Hopefully we can round up a few new members.

That's all I have today folks. It's Friday afternoon and I'm a half day away from the weekend.

Ride happy, ride safe, Christine S.



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# Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m. Location varies - call for info

Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or

Sabrena Shivers 573-201-1385

# Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

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

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

President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625

OK so I'm going to get on my soap box for a bit, but I hope what I have to say will make sense and if it does nothing else, will make you stop and think if only for a brief moment.

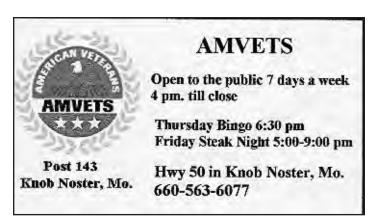
As many of you know I have worked in the legal field for many years, yeah I know, but lets not go there. We recently had a client and her family come in upset about a traffic ticket the young lady had received and how the police were just "targeting her" because she was cute and young. Well to get to the chase the young lady was giving a ticket for following too close. The officer indicated on the ticket she was going 77 mph with less than a car length distance from the semi in front of her. The young lady said she didn't see how that was a problem because she wasn't involved in an accident, didn't have the patience to sit behind the semi all day and was just getting into position to get around him. I asked her if she knew at that speed that it would take her approximately 1 ½ football fields to stop her vehicle. She said "well no" but that's immaterial because traffic was moving. Yes it might have been moving at the time but at that distance and speed could you really see though the semi to know what was up ahead?

You all may be asking, yeah but what does that have to do with me and motorcycling. Well its kind of two fold. Number one, if you see a vehicle doing this give yourself some extra room in case the unthinkable happens. In other words try to put some distance between you and a potential problem. Number two, don't be like the young lady. Make sure you always leave sufficient room between your vehicle (car or motorcycle) and the vehicle in front of you. And if someone cuts you off and fills up that space well slow down or move over or something to get it back. Don't let your anger at being cut off cloud better judgment. There's also a number three. This gives you some insight into the mind of the young drivers out there on the roadway.

Remember its up to you to watch out for yourself on our roadways because no one else is going to do it for you.

The local is going to have a busy summer but it should prove to be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to ride your bike, enjoy some great company and hopefully meet some new friends. Here's a short list of some of our upcoming activities:

Memorial Weekend - Mid America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn, Missouri. June 7th June Bug Run - Sign in from 3-4 pm at Yeager's Cycles,



Sedalia, MO. There will be some new activities to go along with this new event. So come on out, enjoy a great late afternoon/evening ride on a hopefully wonderful June day.

June 21-22 - Our Annual Got Lost Fun Run - Don't know where we will end up as our fearless leader for the run is being very tight lipped about that piece of info. However it is usually a good day of riding, followed by a great steak dinner, drinks, swimming pool or as in last year a hot tub and swimming pool and lots of great memories. If you interested in going on this overnight run get ahold of Bo at 660-441-0625 so hotel reservations can be made.

July 27th - \$1,000 Poker Run

Check out Local 33's new Facebook page. Type in Freedom of Road Riders Local 33 as your search term. We're trying to post interesting information about motorcycling, motorcycle rights, local events and activities and great looking pics on the page. So check it out and if you like what you see, like us. And to all who've already checked out the page. Thank you.

Well until next time. Watch out for the tailgating, texting drivers, keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up and most of all enjoy the open road.

Kathy





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# LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6383

Still early yet, but things are starting to happen now. It seems we are going to skip Spring and go right to Summer, but after the Winter we had, that fine with me. We have had about 3 or 4 rides so far.

Our Spring Poker Run was May 4th (rain date) and we had a fair turn out. It ended up getting pretty hot and the place we ended at air conditioning was not working and they had no fans so it was pretty warm, no one stayed to long after all was over.

Looking forward to the Freedom Rally.

May the road angels watch over you no matter how you travel. Linda Browning

# **LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

The grass is green, the sky is blue, I'm riding my bike watching out for you. Our Motorcycle Awareness Ride was a wonderful ride. We had every kind of motorcycle present. We had Yamaha, Triumph, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Honda, Can Am, Three wheeler, and even Harleys.

If you weren't there shame on you. We met up with District 2 at Camaro's in Bethany and there were 33 motorcycles and about 55 people showed up. We had 3 people from our Local present and 7 riders as guest. Thank you District 2 for helping us make an awesome appearance. Our BIKE SHOW will be JULY 19th at McCorkle Park in Cameron.

Grandkid, but we have something going on all the time. I still consider myself a concerned member. This year I will become a 20 year member. I try to help out as much as possible when our local has events planned and I try not to miss any. Enjoy the nice days for riding and SUPPORT YOUR FORR!!!!!

PEACE and LOVE STEMS

Don't forget that FORR is putting together a directory of member owned businesses.

Please mail a business card to the office or email your information to go@forr.net

Watch for more info later. District Rally is back on. It is May 30th, thru June 1st. The band Revved Up will be playing Saturday night. There

will be a Poker Run and Bike Games. It will be held at Pony Express RV

Park in Maysville. If we want to keep this going we have to support it! I

don't want to hear anybody gripe about going on group rides anymore. We don't get to go on very many and when we do no one shows up.

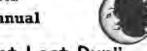
So zip it! I haven't been going to meetings since I started raising my

# LOCAL 33

# Freedom Of Road Riders

Presents our

14th Annual



# Overnight "Got Lost Run"

Who Knows Where We Will End Up This Year?



June 21-22, 2014

Meet at AmVets in Knob Noster

Sign In: 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Leave at 9:00 am sharp

Return on Sunday June 22

This is a chance to ride out of state, where the freedom is...so come on out and enjoy the ride. RAIN



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FORR® Motel Reservations and Sign Up, contact Bo (660-441-0625)

http://forr.net

http://www.forrlocal33.com

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Local 41 Cameron Crossroads Classic

Ride-In Motorcycle Show

Saturday-July 19th

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McCorkle Park, Downtown, Gameron, MO

10am to noon Registration (\$5.00 Entry-Fee)

I pm to 2 pm Judglog

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For More Information Contact

Stave Gallus at 816-449-5037 or 816-449-0676

For More Information on FORR® please visit (www.). I

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# Local 42 - Franklin County

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

Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164

Hello Everyone,

Please welcome two new members, Joe Dobyns and Scott Wagner. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the trash bash.

It was great seeing everyone at our annual poker run, Once again it was a huge success!!

This year we are going to try something new, An evening Black Jack/ Dinner Ride. This is something new for us I hope everyone comes out and rides.

Don't forget we need help with our school supply collection June 8th and June 22, we will be meeting at the Washington Schnuck's.

This month's monthly meeting will Meerschaum Corncob factory in Washington, MO at 3 and we will be having our picture taken.

Upcoming events:

June 8-Local 42 School Supply collection-Schnuck's & Big Lots 9 am-3 pm

June 22-Local 42 School Supply collection-Schnuck's & Big Lots 9 am-3 pm

June 29-Monthly Meeting at Meerschaum Corncob factory Washington, MO 3 pm

Now get out and enjoy this weather!!!

See you soon,

Paula

# LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am

Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO

64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)

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

What a day for a daydream!!!! Local 47 ROCKS!! We had the most absolutely best day for a ride and a picnic ever. We would like to thank CMA for the Blessing of the Bikes for us. Don Jackson for grilling for us. Anthony for driving the truck and trailer and locals 5,9,14,29,33 and 31 for coming. Curtis Neal won the our drawing and our biggest thank you to Barb and Ronda for setting up the food... oh Norb you did a great route and Nancy awesome zombie eggs.. LOL

We voted on 3 by law changes and talked about May being Motorcycle Awareness Month.

September 25-28,2014 is Meeting of The Minds. Be there or be square. Embassy suites in KCMO. Cowboy and Cowgirl up. Sounds like fun to me. Anyone who volunteers to work at the Meeting of the Minds this year is encouraged to dress in western wear. This way the attendees will know who they can go to for help. All Locals are encouraged to bring their banners to put on display at the Embassy.

October 3-5, 2014 is Octoberfest at Thunder Valley Sand Drags Mid-South Mile is October 17-19, 2014. 915 E. 53rd St. N. Wichita, Kansas 67219.

Special prayers needed for Halfbreed and his family. He was in a motorcycle accident and seriously injured. Many members popped in to see him while in Columbia for the CC Meeting. Things are looking up, but he still has a long way to go.

Congratulations to Dale, Dave and Jack for receiving trophies at the Kearney Bike Show. Whoo Whoo!!

Be Safe out there and Be Free Nancy Martin aka Skittles Member #12303

# **DISTRICT 1**

**Meetings: 2nd Thursday** 

Check with your local rep for location

District Rally will be May 30, 31 and June 1st. Pony Express RV Park in Maysville. Poker Run, Olympic Bike Games, and Live Music. So put on your Rally Gear and lets get REVVED UP. It's going to be a good time. Looking forward to seeing all my crazy friends.

Motorcycle Awareness Ride went well. We met up with District 2 in Bethany at Camaro's and had a good meal and a lot of BSing. I missed seeing anyone from Local 6. Sorry you missed it. There were 33 Bikes and around 55 peeps.

District Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the Month. Check with your REP. for place and time. Be sure and help out at the Rally. Local 6 has 114 members, Local 26 has 53 members and Local 41 has 26 members. So It only seems fair that Local 6 does three times the work and Local 26 does twice the work more than Local 41. I think regardless if we all work together it will be one GREAT RALLY. See you there. I'll be the one wearing black and waving at every one.

# **DISTRICT 4**

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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

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

Hey, anyone who wishes to write a "guest" submission for District 4 please let me know. I have too many jobs and not enough time. Anyway......

This legislative session was very busy. Our helmet modification bill, HB 1655 has passed through the house and was assigned to the traffic committee where it will most likely stay with the short time left.

The failure to yield the right away bill, SB 696 has passed through the Senate and assigned to the General Laws House committee where it should get a hearing quickly. If we get it moving again we have a chance to get it through.

This is an election year so go to the Secretary of State's website to see if your Senator or Rep will be running again, has termed out or retiring. Then see who is running in their place and call them up or e-mail them to see where they stand on our issues.

Jacob Turk is once again running against Rev. Cleaver for the US Missouri's 5th District. Don't forget the primary elections are important. Do your research.

Abide!

Amy "Sunshine" Allmon



# "ENGINEER OF FREEDOM" AWARD

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

Q. Who may receive the "Engineer of Freedom" award?

A. Any member in good standing of Freedom of Road Riders  $\! \$. \!$ 

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

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, 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 prior to each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

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

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

# FORR® Statewide 2014 Training Sites & Dates

Jefferson City — B.R.C.

May 3-4 July 12-13 Sept 13-14
May 17-18 July 19-20 Sept 20-21
June 7-8 Aug 2-3 Oct 4-5
June 14-15 Aug 9-10 Oct 11-12

Jefferson City — E.R.C. May 10

Jefferson City – A.R.C. TBA

Jefferson City – 3-Wheel TBA

Kirksville – B.R.C. TBA

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Trenton - B.R.C.

May 3-4 July 12-13 September 13-14

Trenton – E.R.C. June 7

Call for course availability 1-800-309-7433 - go@forr.net

# Connections



# United Nations General Assembly Calls For Global Mandatory Helmet Law

Recently the 68th session of the United Nations voted to approve a non-binding resolution entitled "Improving Global Road Safety," which sounds innocent enough, but when closely examined, has some very disturbing ideas concerning motorcyclists, motorcycles, and helmet laws.

The most disturbing directive is "to encourage Member States (countries participating in the UN) to enact comprehensive legislation on key risk factors for road traffic injuries including the non-use of helmets." Or in other words, universal mandatory global helmet law. Keep in mind this is a non-binding resolution, but many countries and legislative bodies take the UN's suggestions very seriously. This is the warning shot across the bow. The United Nations is coming for motorcyclists.

That is why it is so unfortunate that Americas own Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and a member of President Obama's Cabinet voted in support of the resolution. She even spoke to the General Assembly in strong support of the resolution.

The non-binding resolution has some other very troubling issues with regards to motorcyclists. For instance, one of the directives claims that there are insufficient policies in place to protect motorcyclists. The idea that one type of policy would work for every country in the United Nations is beyond fantasy. Our diverse global motorcycle community cannot exist under a one-size fit all approach.

Another section of the resolution recognizes and commends The UN Economic Commission for Europe and the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to modify vehicle regulations to increase safety. This is essential in the UN calling for global harmonization of policy that could include helmet laws and universal vehicle anti-tampering measures. Both of these would devastate the motorcycle community and aftermarket industry in America.

It is a clear picture of the mindset of the UN to support such an overreaching resolution. By muddying the waters with controversial policies, the UN loses support for some very good ideas concerning distracted driving and Good Samaritan policies.

The MRF is engaged on this and will keep you informed about this issue.

# Motorcycle Riders Foundation Champion Representative Tom Petri to Retire

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that long time MRF supporter, Tom Petri (R-WI), will not seek another term in Congress. This will be the last term the 35-year Capitol Hill veteran will serve. The 73-year-old congressman has been popular with his home district, sailing to re-election year after year. Petri was first elected in 1979.

Petri led the charge of the full repeal of the helmet law mandate in the mid nineties at the request of ABATE of Wisconsin and the MRF. Petri has chaired various subcommittees on the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

We at the MRF will miss his dedication, leadership, and generosity that he has bestowed upon the motorcyclists of this country.

### The Most Important Day to Bikers on the Federal level.

Thursday, May 15, 2014 - Bikers Inside the Beltway

The Schedule is as follows:

**Parking**: 3rd Street between Madison Drive NW and Jefferson Drive SW directly in front of the Capitol building.

**Arrival & Registration**: 9:00 am to 11:00 am Attendees will receive lobbying materials and general instructions to help with their day.

The MRF encourages you to schedule appointments with your Representative and Senator's offices. Plan your appointments according to your arrival time. If you plan to arrive promptly at 9:00 am, you can schedule meetings anytime from 9:45 am on. If you plan on arriving at 11:00 am at the latest then you can schedule meetings from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm or after the Congressional Program. Should you be unable to get an appointment, plan on dropping by as many offices from your State as you can during that time. Feel free to contact the MRF office with any questions about scheduling or otherwise.

**Debrief** – Strategy Session

Time to be announced – We will gather to discuss the events of the day and collect information from attendees to move forward with the MRF Legislative

agenda.

### Friday, May 16th, 2014

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Grass-Roots day, Follow Up, Follow Through session has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We do encourage all attendees of our Lobby day, Bikers Inside the Beltway, to visit the new MRF office location and continue any additional lobbying efforts with the help of Jeff Hennie. Jeff will be available to go to Congressional Offices with you on Friday if you so desire. Please contact Jeff to schedule times.

### U.S. EPA to FTC: Ethanol Harmful To Motorcycles

Recently the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) proposed a new rule regarding the labeling of ethanol blended fuels in order to "help fuel purchasers identify the correct fuel for their vehicles." Ironically, the new rule would exempt any fuel meeting the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) E15 waiver from the proposed labeling requirements.

In the record section of the proposed rule, the EPA provides information under the "objections to the proposed labels" section openly stating that ethanol is harmful to motor vehicles, and specifically mentions that ethanol is damaging to motorcycles.

The EPA indicates two major ways that ethanol affects vehicles. First, ethanol enleans the air to fuel ratio by increasing the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons. This can lead to higher exhaust temperatures and can possibly cause catalyst failure by gradually deteriorating emission control equipment. Next, other component failures can occur due to materials compatibility issues with ethanol use.

The EPA also found, that ethanol can damage older conventional cars, heavy-duty engines, motorcycles, and non-road engines, explaining: "Older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and especially non-road products cannot fully compensate for the change in the stoichiometric air-to-fuel ratio as ethanol concentration increases. Over time, this enleanment caused by ethanol may lead to thermal degradation of the emissions control hardware and ultimately catalyst failure. Higher ethanol concentration will exacerbate the enleanment effect in these vehicles, engines, and equipment and therefore increase the potential of thermal degradation and risk of catalyst failure. In addition to enleanment, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failure and ultimately exhaust and/or evaporative emission increases. For older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and non-road products, the potential for materials compatibility issues increases with higher ethanol concentration."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been attempting to block the widespread sale of E15 and higher blends until they have been fully studied. The MRF supports U.S. House of Representatives bill H.R. 875, a bill that would halt the sale of E15 and commission an independent scientific study to determine all of the effects of E15 on an internal combustion motor.

The lack of demand for E15 has the EPA proposing that ethanol manufactures produce less ethanol than they have for the past few years. Additionally a study done by the University of Nebraska, the third highest corn producing state in the country, found that using corn crop residue (considered a ready source for ethanol production) is harmful to the environment by generating more greenhouse gasses than traditional gasoline.

The Federal Trade Commission is still taking public comments on the labeling requirements. Simply slapping another label on a fuel pump is not the best way to prevent misfueling. Separate pumps, like diesel, need to be developed and installed. Let the FTC know that you don't like the fact that fuels meeting the E15 EPA waiver are exempted, and more labels are not going to lead to less misfuels. The deadline is June 2nd and you can leave your polite public comments here: http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FTC-2014-0088-0001

More important than the labeling changes is the fact that the EPA is publicly admitting that ethanol is harmful to motorcycles, something the MRF has been stating for years. This revelation by the EPA is the sort of push we can use to rollback the sale of E15.

University of Nebraska study:

http://newsroom.unl.edu/releases/2014/04/20/

Study+casts+doubt+on+climate+benefit+of+biofuels+from+corn+residue

# Connections



UN passes resolution on global road rules Resolution supported by the U.S. ambassador

The United Nations' General Assembly passed a resolution April 10 titled "Improving Global Road Safety." Ambassador Suzanne Powers, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, agreed to cosponsor the resolution that "calls for laws to fight texting and driving." Her official remarks can be viewed by clicking here.

However, the resolution also contains language calling for mandatory helmet laws and harmonization of vehicle regulations in the name of "safety." This resolution is non-binding, but the American Motorcyclist Association wants you to be aware of the international momentum for laws and regulations that might affect you in the future.

The resolution encourages member states "that have not yet done so to consider enacting comprehensive legislation on key risk factors for road traffic injuries, including the disregard for road signs and signals, the non-use of helmets..." (See PP27, No. 5, p. 4).

It also commends the work of the UN Economic Commission for Europe for its "continuous work of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to modify vehicle regulations to increase safety performance" (See PP14, p. 2).

Much of the work performed by this body is worthwhile. However, some agenda items may interfere with your right to customize your motorcycle. The distracted driving language calls for member states to enact comprehensive legislation concerning inappropriate use of cell phones, including texting, while driving..." (See PP27, No. 5, p. 5).

The AMA supports efforts to curtail distracted driving, which presents a serious threat to motorcyclists. Working together, we can better help the nation's drivers acknowledge the presence of motorcyclists on our roads and highways and thereby increase the safety of all travelers.

However, these items should be addressed at the federal or state level, not at the United Nations. The AMA will continue to watch out for you — the rider — even at the international level!

### EPA acknowledges ethanol damages engines Proposed new labeling rule would prove ineffective

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has publicly acknowledged that ethanol in gasoline can damage internal combustion engines by increasing exhaust temperatures and indirectly causing component failures.

Yet, even with this knowledge, the Federal Trade Commission is recommending more labeling at the gas pump as its solution to the problem.

The American Motorcyclist Association believes that is not enough. The Federal Trade Commission issued a rule proposal to provide requirements for rating and certifying ethanol blends and requirements for labeling blends of more than 10 percent ethanol.

But this rule exempts the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's E15-approved label.

This rule is for an additional label to be placed on the fuel pump "in

response to the emergence of ethanol blends as a retail fuel and the likely increased availability of such blends."

With this rule, it only means gasoline with higher blends of ethanol will emerge into the marketplace.

The AMA believes this proposal will cause even more confusion given the events surrounding the rollout of E15 into the marketplace. The AMA opposes E15 and any fuel containing more than ten percent ethanol because it can cause engine and fuel system failure to your motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, and can void manufacturers' warranties.

According to the EPA, "[e]thanol impacts motor vehicles in two primary ways. First ... ethanol enleans the [air/fuel] ratio (increases the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons) which can lead to increased exhaust gas temperatures and potentially increase incremental deterioration of emission control hardware and performance over time, possibly causing catalyst failure. Second, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failures."

"In motorcycles and nonroad products [using E15 and higher ethanol blends], EPA raised engine-failure concerns from overheating."

The FTC is seeking public comments now on the rule proposal that calls for the additional label to identify higher ethanol blended fuels. You can tell the agency how this proposal will cause even more confusion, given the events surrounding the rollout of E15 into the marketplace.

The AMA does not believe this new label will do what it is intended to do – keep users from misfueling with higher ethanol blended fuels. It simply does not provide clear direction. Another label on a blender pump that already has many labels will not be sufficient to avoid misfueling and could be easily overlooked.

The proposed rule provides no direction on where on the pump the label should be located. Moreover, the FTC is proposing that the label be rounded to the nearest factor of 10. How will this accurately inform the consumer of the type of fuel called for by the vehicle owner's manual? Will a fuel containing 11 percent to 14 percent ethanol be labeled as 10 percent ethanol? Is the FTC aware that manufacturers' warranties are valid only for the use of fuel containing 10 percent ethanol by volume or less?

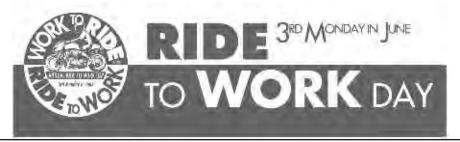
Help protect 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in America -- and the riders who depend on their safe operation -- from inadvertent misfueling. Tell the FTC you want safe access to fuel for motorcycles and ATVs!

The loser in any inadvertent misfueling event is the motorcyclist and ATV rider. The AMA stands behind its members, and all riders, in calling for more thorough safeguards against misfueling.

The deadline for comments is Jun. 2! Act today to ensure your voice is heard

For the latest information on the AMA's efforts to protect your access to safe fuel, go to http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/amafuelforthought.aspx.

Now more than ever, it is crucial that you and your riding friends become members of the AMA to help protect our riding freedoms. More members mean more clout against the opponents of motorcycling and ATV riding. That support will help fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. If you are a motorcycle rider, join the AMA at AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join



# **NOTICE To All Locals**

As of **5/5/14** 

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# Calendar of Events

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# JUNE

- 1 Local 25 St Peters Bear Run 636-542-3530
- 7 Local 3 Truman Lake Family Fun Day 417-327-5596
- 7 <u>Local 33 50 Hwy West</u> June Bug Poker Run 660-441-0625
  - 8 Local 7 Lebanon 2014 Kids Bike Run 417-532-4731
  - 13-15 Local 8 Chillicothe Spring Fling 660-329-0292
    - 21 Local 13 Mexico Dice Run 573-301-7139
    - 21 <u>Local 28 Waynesville/ Local 7 Lebanon</u> USO Military Support Run 573-586-7291

21-22 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Overnight Got Lost Run 660-441-0625

# JULY

- 5 <u>Local 28 Waynesville</u> Buckhorn Blast / Passport Run 573-586-7291
- 11-12 Local 12 Glasgow Firecracker Classic 573-819-1250
  - 11-13 Local 15 Branson & Local 30 Nixa-Springfield Hootentown Motorcycle Rally 573-739-3592
- 12 Local 10 Jefferson City Christmas in July 573-694-0074
  - 19 <u>Local 41 Cameron Crossroads</u> Cameron Crossroads MC Show 816-449-2478
- 27 Local 33 50 Hwy West \$1,000 Poker Run 660-441-0625

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