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Notes from Katherine

The theme is relationships: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been working with U.S Representative (Congress), and longtime motorcycle defender, Tom Petri (Wisconsin) to send a letter to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) asking them to stop focusing on motorcycle safety. We NEEDED EVERYONE to contact their U.S. Congress and DEMAND their support of this letter being sent to the CDC. (side note: letter has been sent, hence the language is in past tense. However, this issue is very much current and dangerous, thus we MUST BE proactive to work with/ addressing all Missouri Representatives on how asinine it is for such an entity to be involved in such a study. I can practically promise this subject will be brought forth come beginning of next year)

Please join the AMA to help end motorcycle-only checkpoints. More members mean more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights. Help us get additional cosponsors for H.R. 1861, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act. The bill, introduced by U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), will protect motorcyclists' rights and promote crash prevention as the most effective use of taxpayer money to save motorcyclists' lives. It will also prohibit federal funds being used by states to conduct MOCs (Motorcycle Only Checkpoints).

Relationships! These few true Statesmen (& women), State or Federal, WILL NOT CONTINUE TO STAND UP FOR US IF WE WILL NOT STAND UP FOR THEM. It is that simple. Why do we vote them into office, if we do not have a relationship with them, if we don't think they will do their job and represent us? Are you really voting intelligently or just what the news is telling you to? I sit here thinking after nearly 100 visits up to my Capitol as a citizen foremost, and a grass roots activist, that what I have learned in my first visit still holds true today. I have been (very) fortunate to exercise a right most people in this world simply don't have and/or the people of this great country don't take advantage of (often enough), and that is the ability to directly redress a grievance with the government. I, personally, prefer to consider the time spent as educating our politicians (& bureaucrats) so they may make an informed AND correct decision for their constituents. Either way, it is life changing to realize a small, dedicated, and passionate group of like-minded people can come together and genuinely influence law and policy that affect our lifestyle by taking part in such a meaningful and readily available process, especially when you experience it firsthand. So I will ask each of my fellow biker rights machine members out there: have YOU taken the time to develop these ever-so important relationships in order to sit down, face to face, and have the much needed AND PROVEN effective conversations with YOUR elected officials, so when that time is needed the hard work is out of the way? The conversation is easy; it is the relationship that takes "hard" work. I cannot tell you how many times members have gone up to the Capitol and ask me who their House Rep and Senator were. This cannot be the case ANYMORE! It is YOUR job to know who is representing you! To further that, you should've been involved in getting these people in office. This is an official call to action to make sure you have them in place NOW and be prepared to exercise them when needed. **Not a day goes by that we don't need them to protect our freedom.**

We will discuss who will be asked to sponsor portions of our agenda during our November meetings; I hope to see you there.

Best Regards, Katherine Fox—State Legislative Coordinator, FORR, Inc.

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Statewide Toy Run



Saturday, November 2nd

Local 13 - Missouri Veterans Home, 920 Mars St, Mexico, MO

Local 20 - Eagle's Aerie 4062, 13583 Old Hwy 25, Dexter, MO

Sunday, November 3rd

District 4 - VFW Post 1829, KCMO

Local 7 - Lebanon Cycle Ctr, 2410 Industrial Dr, Lebanon, MO

Local 8 - Royal Inn Pizza, 750 S Washington, Chillicothe, MO

Local 15 - Presley's Country Jubilee, Hwy 76, Branson, MO

Local 16 - Eagles Aerie, 321 N Spring, Cape Girardeau, MO

Local 19 - Maritz Research, 2815 N Baltimore, Kirksville, MO

Local 26 - Nodaway County Courthouse, Downtown Square, Maryville, MO 64468

Local 42 - Roadhouse 100, Hwy 100, Gray Summit, MO



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Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

When you see someone in a uniform,
 Someone who serves us all,
 Doing military duty,
 Answering their country's call,
 Take a moment to thank them
 For protecting what you hold dear;
 Tell them you are proud of them;
 Make it very clear.
 Just tap them on the shoulder,
 Give a smile, and say,
 "Thanks for what you're doing
 To keep us safe in the USA!"

By Joanna Fuchs

The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

If someone has done military service,
 They earn the title "veteran," and more;
 They earn our deep respect and admiration;
 That they are special no one can ignore.
 They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
 The list is long of all the things they gave.
 Our veterans are extraordinary people;
 They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.
 When terror and invasion were real threats,
 They showed us they could handle any storm.
 We owe our freedoms and our very lives
 To our veterans, who served in uniform.
 Our veterans should be celebrities;
 They're exceptional; no other group compares.
 We're grateful for the many things they've done;
 They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.
 We owe our veterans support and friendship;
 Let no one ever question what they're worth.
 These men and women served us and our country,
 Our veterans--the very best on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs

The Noble and the Brave: A Veteran's Day Tribute

When America had an urgent need,
 These brave ones raised a hand;
 No hesitation held them back;
 They were proud to take a stand.
 They left their friends and family;
 They gave up normal life;
 To serve their country and their God,
 They plowed into the strife.
 They fought for freedom and for peace
 On strange and foreign shores;
 Some lost new friends; some lost their lives
 In long and brutal wars.
 Other veterans answered a call
 To support the ones who fought;
 Their country had requirements for
 The essential skills they brought.
 We salute every one of them,
 The noble and the brave,
 The ones still with us here today,
 And those who rest in a grave.
 So here's to our country's heroes;
 They're a cut above the rest;
 Let's give the honor that is due
 To our country's very best.

By Joanna Fuchs

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Poems in Tribute to our Veterans



Letters to the Editor

To all our FORR brothers and sisters, particularly those in Local 12, Glasgow,

With all the bad news we see on TV and in the mass media every day, isn't it pleasant when we see a story about some person or group of persons who has done something really nice for someone else? In the business of news, they are called "feel-good" stories. I'd like to tell all of our members one such "feel-good" story and it happened right in our home local, Local 12, Glasgow. It's about how an extraordinarily generous group of bikers helped a brother and sister who were a little down on their luck financially and the recipients of that generosity happened to be my wife Gloria and I. I am not ashamed to tell you this act of kindness brought tears to the eyes of both of us.

This story goes back to 2008 when, late one April night, my wife Gloria had an aortal aneurysm, one of the most serious and deadly types of heart attacks. She was rushed to MO University Medical Center in Columbia, where she spent 8 hours on the operating table while they performed the operation that miraculously saved her life. I say "miraculously" because Gloria was suffering from a serious case of COPD, a particularly deadly lung disease. Normally an aortal aneurysm operation has a fatality rate of nearly 50%. In Gloria's case, because of the complications of her being put under sedation with her severe COPD, her chances of survival were nearly zero. My Gloria is a tremendous fighter and was determined to beat the odds. At 4 pm on April 9th, they rolled her off the operating table into the Intensive Care Unit for the next five weeks. She came out the following May in guarded, but wonderfully alive condition. To this day, our family doctor calls her his "miracle lady". Since then I've been forced by the recession into a lower paying job that barely covers the tab for all our co-pays on doctor visits and special medicines. Money is a struggle for us every month, but nothing compared to the struggle that Gloria went through to save her own life. I serve as secretary and newsletter editor for Local 12, Glasgow, and do most of my work on an older Toshiba laptop computer that has gone on several trips to the repair shop the last couple of years, trips that cut into our severely stretched budget. Lately my computer repairman has told me that our machine was on its' last legs and is not worth the price of any more major repairs. This put us in quite a quandary because there was no way we could come up with the money needed for a new machine. At our last meeting, I tentatively asked Local 12 to pay half the price of a new machine because so much of its' use is for Local 12 and other FORR business.

I was shocked when, during the following debate, our dear biker brother and friend, Brandon "Pork Chop" Adcock, moved that Local 12 pay the entire cost of our new computer! His moving speech during the following debate convinced our other Local 12 brothers and sisters to vote in favor of his motion. So in a few days, a new Toshiba laptop will be sitting on the desk this very letter is being written on, all because of the kindheartedness of a small group of hardworking and generous people that we are very proud to call our friends. If you think all the goodness and generosity is gone from this world, come down to the Fish Beak Saloon in Glasgow, first Sunday of every month at 3 pm. You will see all our brothers and sisters in Local 12 doing wonderful and charitable things for many individuals and groups of people. But I don't think any of them will top the motion that our friend Pork Chop made on Oct. 6th, 2013. We love you all in local 12 and extend a most wondrous and heartfelt "THANK YOU"! God bless you all and may you always..... be free,

Ed "Smokey" Strodman (life member #62) and Gloria (life member #441) Strodman, Local 12 members **forever!**

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To the membership of Freedom of Road Riders:

As you are reading this letter we have begun the holiday season signifying the end of another year. This also begins the final months of the 2012-2013 administration under our present cabinet.

During this administration I have been blessed to have been able to travel with the Chairman to meet many of the members and partake in their events. This has also allowed me to listen to the membership and learn what they feel is lacking at this critical time in FORR history. You have been heard and to that end the 2014 F.E.W. Seminar will be a culmination of your input.

It is very easy for us to fall into the feeling that we are alone or unique in our particular situations. It may come as a surprise to some that the challenges and emotions felt by one are felt by all. That is why the F.E.W. will be dedicated to honoring our past by allowing you to meet some of the key figures whose vision saw the birth of a motorcycle rights organization the caliber of Freedom of Road Riders, our present which is supported by some great, talented legislative advocates and the future that has yet to be written. It is time to learn what it means to be a member of an organization dedicated to fighting for the freedom motorcycling represents and the educational opportunities that will help insure we all come home safely.

The date for the F.E.W. Seminar is January 11, 2014. This date falls at a time before the old cabinet hands the gavel to the new cabinet. It is a time when the next chapter in this organization has yet to begin. I send a personal invitation to all members who have inspired this committee to bring their concerns into the open. But this invitation goes farther than a handful, it is extended to anyone, member or not who wishes to know more and has a desire to join the leadership of FORR into the next step of the journey begun so many years ago. The time for sitting on the sidelines is past. The power has been returned to the membership and it is time for the insight and wisdom within this organization to be shared for the good of all.

To all who have extended their hospitality and shared their thoughts during Martin's time as chairman, I send my deepest appreciation and love. What I do from this time forward will be in your honor and through the wisdom you have taken the time to share.

With deepest respect,
Melanie Coy
Local 16

NOVEMBER 2013 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS Truman Hotel

Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally
Saturday, November 9, 2013, 12 noon

Legislative Meeting
Saturday, November 9, 2013, 2 pm

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, November 9, 2013, 3 pm

Meeting of the Minds 2014
Saturday, November 9, 2013, 4 pm

Officers Meeting
Saturday, November 9, 2013, 5 pm

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, November 10, 2013 10:00 am

Central Committee Meeting #203**September 8, 2013**

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Rhodes, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne, Webmaster Tex Garner.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Greg "Halfbreed" Mullanix who addressed the Central Committee body concerning several things that have been going on within this organization which have been bothering him for quite some time. We have let a lot of stuff, personalities and egos get in the way of what we are here for. He doesn't know why you are here, but he is here because he wants to keep riding and he hates the monster that we call Jefferson City and the federal government. We have written so many rules, by-laws and crap that have nothing to do with a legislative rights organization and that really bothers him. Every time there is a new rule it takes away something from the organization. The days of being fast and loose are probably gone forever but do we have to legislate ourselves into oblivion. He has spent a lot of time and effort both as a state and local officer and he wants to see this organization continue. This is going to be a tough day today. There will be choices made that will decide the path that FORR takes. Are we going to be a legislative rights organization or are we doing to be a social club that tears each other apart over every small thing? You can be mad about an idea but that doesn't mean you have to be mad at the person. It's not personalities that we should be discussing here. It's Freedom of Road Riders. This is our freedom. We are one of the last one's standing. Do we give it up or do we go on. Are we a legislative rights organization or are we a social club. You guys have choices to make. It's going to get worse unless those choices are made right today and in the future. He has seen this before. We faced this fight several years ago and almost lost the organization. We fought so hard among ourselves and we damn near lost the organization then and it's happening again folks. These people at the front desk, they're not perfect, no one is. There was only one perfect person in this world and we crucified him and we've crucified people for a lot less. He's not asking you to forgive and forget but he is asking you to listen to our preamble because that's what we're about and that's what every decision has to be made on. It's not about you, it is about your local. It's up to the Central Committee to decide what this organization stands for.

Chairman King 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. Veteran Taz Moeller 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	Members	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	59	1 Vote*	Melany McDermid
Truman Lake	Local 03	56	1 Vote	Cheryl Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	51	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	125	2 Votes*	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	46	1 Vote*	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	113	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	141	2 Votes*	Deanna Rhodes
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	29	1 Vote	ABSENT
Glasgow	Local 12	68	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	85	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	65	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	252	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	74	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	121	2 Votes	Doug Years
Dexter	Local 20	50	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	21	1 Vote	Donnie Lambeth
Lincoln County	Local 23	14	1 Vote	ABSENT
St. Louis	Local 24	175	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	77	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	68	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	81	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	182	2 Votes*	Taz Moeller
North Kansas City	Local 29	66	1 Votes*	Ursula DeMoss
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	58	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	19	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	110	2 Votes*	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	46	1 Vote*	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	32	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	109	2 Votes	Tex Garner
South Platte County	Local 47	30	1 Vote	Ronda Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	48	0 Vote	
Total		2,471		September 1, 2013
Corporate Sponsors		9	0 Vote	

Motion by Local 35 to approve minutes as printed, 2nd Local 8, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAC donation advertisement – nothing new to add.

Local 33 Toxic member by-law proposal. Local 28 moved to adopt the proposal, 2nd Local 24. Local 14 disagrees with the proposed policy because they do not believe it meets the requirements of Roberts Rules of Order. According to Roberts Rules of Order a membership issue should be submitted to a committee which then investigates the matter and brings back their recommendations to the CC body. They do not believe this type of an issue should be addressed by the entire CC body and take up floor time. Local 28 believes the Central Committee body serves as the committee and that it needs to be handled by the entire Central Committee to keep it as unbiased as possible. Roll call vote, Locals 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 35, 42, 47 voted yes and Locals 7, 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 30, 31, 41 voted no, Locals 15 and 26 abstained. Vote is 25 yes and 9 no, a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote would require 25.5 to pass. Motion by Local 28, 2nd Local 35 that the corporate officers cast the deciding vote, by a vote of 3-0 the motion passes.

The other toxic member policy brought by Local 28 is now a moot issue because the new policy basically accomplishes the same thing it's just worded differently.

Local 33 by-law proposal regarding changes to 2.2A which will give \$5.00 credit to locals instead of local retaining \$5.00 per membership. Motion by Local 6 to accept as proposed, 2nd Local 27. Local 10 is against this proposal as some locals depend upon this \$5 per member to financially support and run the local. Roll call vote, Locals 3, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 47 voted yes; Locals 1, 8, 10, 19, 21, 29, 31, 41, 42 voted no. $\frac{3}{4}$ vote would require 28.6 to pass, motion fails with a vote of 25 yes, 13 no.

Rider Education – Doug Clawson BRC 17 classes scheduled, 15 held, 160 students 146 completed. ERC 2 classes scheduled both cancelled due to lack of participation. Doug has a verbal agreement for purchase of DR200. 2001 Honda Rebel is still up for sale. Due to last weekend it did receive some minor damage to the gas tank. Price will be reduced to \$1250. There is a class going on this weekend in Jeff City with only 7 student. Next weekend's class only has 4 signed up. In the past the Jeff City site has been full for every class. This is somewhat concerning. We do not do any real advertising for the classes, it's basically word of mouth. Let anyone interested know they do not have to be a member of FORR to take the class. We lost both canopies last weekend at the rally due to the storm so these will need to be replaced in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

As of right now there have been no cabinet submissions received for the 2014-2015 cabinet. We are not aware of this ever happening. We have not had a contested race for many years. At this time he would ask this body for a motion to extend the submission deadline to October 15th. Motion by Local 14, 2nd Local 35 to extend the deadline, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

Local 20 presented the following policy regarding conflicting events.

Under "Insurance/Event" Section, sub-heading "What can or can't the Local or District do at an event" – Page 11

Add Item 5

Effective January 1, 2014 – No local shall establish an event that conflicts with any FORR® Statewide Event (ie: Annual PAC Fund Raising Event typically conducted on Labor Day Weekend), the annual Meeting of the Minds (M.O.T.M.) or the annual Mid-South M.I.L.E. without a 2/3rds (Two-Thirds) approval from the Central Committee.

Reason for proposal: The reason for this proposal is to ensure that locals do not create events that interfere or take away from State-Wide PAC Fund Raising FORR Events or other major MRF events held in our areas. When a local creates a major event that conflicts with an ongoing major event such as the Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally" held by FORR; it can become detrimental to the organizations goals as a whole. These events require membership participation to be successful; and additional events not only take away from attendance but take away from membership participation.

The reason for an effective date of January 1st, 2014 is due to the fact that several events have already been established for 2013 that may conflict and since these events have already been submitted, advertised or approved to enact this change at an earlier date would be detrimental to the locals implementing these events.

Motion by Local 16 to remove this, 2nd Local 28. Discussion held concerning this proposal. Some felt that the state organization should not tell a local when they can do an event or what they could do. Locals should be free to make their own decisions regarding events. Locals should use common sense and not schedule an event that is in direct conflict with a FORR state fundraiser. Other organizations have similar policies in effect to encourage their membership to support state events. We are all in this for the same reason and the same goal. Vote was held regarding acceptance of proposal (not vote on motion as made) by voice vote. Proposal rejected.

Local 1 requested they be allowed to transfer their donation to Freedom Park and apply it as a donation in kind to the PAC fund. Motion by Local 24 that any local that wants to transfer donated funds to the Freedom Park to the PAC fund be allowed to do this at their discretion without bringing this before the CC body, Local 30 2nd, after discussion motion withdrawn. Motion by Local 10 that we close the Freedom Park account and return the money to the local or individual that made the donation, 2nd Local 24. Roll call vote, Locals 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 42 and 47 voted yes; Locals 6 and 15 voted no; Locals 12 and 41 abstained, motion carries.

Treasurer Comeau and Office Manager Chapman will determine the amounts that will be returned to each local. Each local/individual will then be of the amount held in the account and they will need to notify Treasurer Comeau how they want the funds handled.

With the passage of the bill setting May as Motorcycle Awareness Month this negates the proclamation runs. Local 8 moves that the state still insure the weekend the proclamation runs were held and that each local hold a motorcycle awareness run on that weekend, 2nd local 24, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Local 16 offered last year to cover the cost of insurance for the proclamation run and they will extend that offer again. We will still be doing the MAY Rally on the 3rd weekend in April.

TREASURER – Steve Comeau – Financial Report: General Fund – beginning balance \$6,151.23, ending \$9,100.21. Rider Education beginning balance \$21,656.50, ending balance \$22,625.66. Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally beginning balance \$9,227.14, ending balance \$894.08. PAC Fund beginning balance \$4,394.79, ending balance \$7,858.61. Give a way beginning balance \$9,318.07 ending balance \$9,090.66. Freedom Park beginning balance \$12,770.05, ending balance \$12,185.05. No locals had vote suspended due to financials. Encouraged all locals to have an officer mentoring policy in effect to help teach new incoming officers how to do the job.

Donations – Local 47 \$106.00 donation to PAC, Local 35 \$1000 PAC and transferring Freedom Park fund to PAC. Local 16 \$200 PAC, Local 15 \$500 PAC, Local 3 \$255 to PAC, \$205 raised by passing Freedom Hat at end of their meeting. Local 28 \$2,000 PAC. Local 47 \$450 PAC.

Local 24 asked who would be doing the hospitality room at the next meeting, Local 16 may be interested in hosting.

VICE CHAIRMAN Martin King handled duties as Skyler was unable to attend meeting due to work.

Engineer of Freedom – We have several really good nominations on file right now, but please keep sending them in. Engineer of Freedom awarded to Randy Nations Local 35.

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally – JR DeGraffenreid - We had a record number of sponsors this year thanks to all of the hard work of our locals and membership. Right now it looks like our projected profit is around \$3,726.77, but there may be outstanding bills that have not yet been turned in. 178 members, 86 non members, 605 day trippers for a total of 869 in gate. This is a success considering that when we moved to Buckhorn the first year we are within 130 in the gate to what we had that year. If it hadn't stormed on Sunday we probably would have done better. We made some mistakes but we learned from them and did a lot of talking with attendees, vendors etc on Sunday. We have a good foot print already set for next year if the organization decides to do this rally again next year. We need to find a spot and keep it there because we can't be moving it from year to year. Bob Hawkins stated he was not in favor of moving the event from Buckhorn, but he was there, he supported the event and the organization. He would like to see every member of this organization have the same attitude. This is our organization and you need to support it through volunteering to work a work shift. Motion by Local 28 that we make the decision that the rally be held in Sedalia next year, 2nd Local 8, motion carries by show of hands unanimously. We have a lot of work to do on the rally to make it better but we laid some good groundwork this year. The committee was thanked for all of their hard work on the rally.

FEW Seminar – Melanie Coy – This year's FEW Seminar is based upon a simple principal to bring the membership together and unite the membership. Why are we here, what are we about, how did we get here and how do we go forward. This year's seminars will be put on by the membership for the membership. Linda Hawkins will be doing decorations. She is looking for archived items to put on display during the event. Things like event t-shirts, products etc. Anything that means something to you or to your local. The format will be an open round table to allow people to ask questions and talk about issues in a controlled environment. Seating will be by lottery so that everyone gets out of their comfort zone and meets new people. They will insist that the lottery seating be observed during the morning time period and if after lunch you want to go back to your own groups you can. Looking for photos of local events. Also asking for locals to submit a photo reflective of their local number. Also looking for nominations of special women from each local. Lunch will be served on site so you don't have to leave the premises. There will be games, a duck derby, an ongoing scavenger type hunt and more. It will be fun and entertaining from start to finish.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Rhodes - Our awareness signs, magnets, etc. are all over the place. This is terrific. Likes the idea of each local doing an awareness ride. We are finally seeing the motorcycle awareness electronic signs all over the state. Deanna asked if anyone had any problems during MMMR with tags being run, stopped, harassment by local police, etc. No reports of problems. Still working with MODOT on changes to drivers handbook and testing. Roy Hoard reported that L33 gave out three boxes of yard signs and over 900 magnets at the state fair booth.

Allstate Insurance has sent her some information and stickers. They also have a \$5,000 grant for whoever can come up with the best new idea for awareness. This money could allow us to do some new awareness items or a new program. John Stouffer stated last year there was an effort to transfer funds to MODOT for awareness projects through licensing. We already have a fee in place on court costs which goes towards the rider education program. We need to increase this cost from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Something was filed last year but it was filed incorrectly. We need to work on getting this bill filed correctly and support this increase.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Fox - At the July CC meeting when we were told the awareness bill had passed. It was highly encouraged that we turn the proclamation run into an awareness run. She highly encouraged all locals to set up a run and support May as Motorcycle Awareness and You month. Insurance for next year's run has already been covered. We need to be the one to practice what we preach, that rider education and awareness is the key to motorcycle safety.

At the committee meeting it was decided that the first priority of FORR would be the failure to yield right of way bill. We need to start addressing this as the failure to yield the right of way bill and avoid the term Clutch's law because that doesn't address what the bill actually does. This is a public issue and we need to include the public in this bill. Calling it a failure to yield right of way bill will make things clearer.

Helmet modification – there will be a sub-committee established to write language for the bill for next year's legislative session. John Stouffer, Layne Shady, Deanna Rhodes, Donnie Lambeth volunteered to serve on the sub-committee. Katherine suggested the committee entertain raising the age to 25 instead of 21 in addition to any other language the committee might come up with. Katherine will not be a part of this sub-committee

Helmet holiday issue was also discussed by the committee.

The committee also addressed the initiative petition that is going around. FORR will be doing a position paper to address the initiative petition that is going around concerning an age limit for passengers. This will be a neutral paper which will express responsible riding. This will be something we can use to address and educate the general public about this issue. This will enable our membership to show a uniform solid voice anytime an opportunity arises to address the issue. This paper will allow us to take a defensive stance in the event this issue actually does get enough support to make it to a vote of the people. Layne Shady is working on this paper and it will be distributed to all members once finalized.

Katherine wrote a position paper on all of our issues last year and she personally submitted these position papers to several newspapers and other public forums but really didn't seem to get much membership support. She strongly suggests we do the same thing in this upcoming legislative session.

AMA – Steve Comeau - If you attend MOTM in Columbus, Ohio this year you are very close to the AMA headquarters. This is well worth the trip as their headquarters and museum is amazing.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid – The membership was thanked for their generosity and support of the PAC fund because as a result of those donations we now have funds in our account to send members to MOTM and MILE.

Meeting of the Minds is coming up this year in Columbus, Ohio. JR will not be able to attend so Amy Allmon will be going in his place. Katherine and Deanna will also be attending.

JR will be stepping down at the end of the year as the MRF state rep, but will remain as an assistant rep. Amy Allmon has graciously agreed to step in to the position so long as this body agrees to vote her into the position at the January meeting.

The EPA has decided if you pull up to a blender pump or an E-15 pump and put that fuel into anything but an automobile you will be

in direct violation of federal law and may be arrested on site. They intend to make a statement with this issue. We really don't want this stuff anyway and they can't seem to understand that.

If you want on the MRF email list please let JR know and he will add you to the list.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne – We have a new supply of hats with a few new colors and styles. She is doing research regarding the calendar situation and can come up with lots of generic items but doesn't think we need generic. She really thinks we need something that we can include information about the organization, have a membership app, etc included. A pocket size calendar with the organization information would probably run us around \$2 each. If we decide to do this she would require a minimum order of at least 50. Another idea would be an 11x17 wall calendar at around \$1.75 each. Stick up calendars start at .89 cents each but again are pretty generic. 2 ½ x 3 ½ card on one side is a calendar and the other side is open for us to put whatever we want, cost 100/\$40; 250\$60; 500 \$75; 1000 \$85. These are some options for this year's calendar. If Kevin and Shelly continue next year as product managers she asked that they receive free rein on the calendars so that she can travel around to get full page spreads of beautiful bikes in our organization and to have these calendars ready for sale prior to the 2014 MOTM. This would be an opportunity for us to showcase our member's bikes. She wants these photographs to be professional quality, not simply a photo taken in someone's garage. If this is done we will obviously need full rights to the use of the photographs used in the calendar.

Motion by Local 8 that we move forward with the pocket calendars for this year, 2nd Local 24, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Discussion held concerning how many we should order initially. Each local who wants calendars needs to submit their order to the product line manager by October 15th. If your local wants any event information included you need to submit this information to Shelly no later than October 1st.

WEBMASTER – Tex Garner- Not a lot to report. He spent last weekend with Mike Allen and is assuming he is still very busy because he still didn't have time to talk with him about the website. He has contacted Mike four times but still has not heard anything back from him. So right now Mike and Dallas are still basically handling the website duties. Local 16 asked if anyone else has come forward to help with the website. Tex reported no. Local 16 recommended Tex contact Jack with Local 25 or JR suggested maybe contacting the prior webmaster Larry Scott for assistance. Local 16 reminded everyone that she previously brought information to the table about a professional website company that would handle our website so we could avoid this continual problem. Every webmaster has their own way of doing this, of writing code, etc. which can make it difficult for others to come in and make changes. Suggestion that Mona from Local 20 contact Mike and try to work out a Saturday or Sunday when both Mike and Tex can get together in Dexter with the organization picking up the fuel tab for Tex to travel to Dexter. Motion by Local 24 to give Tex permission to tear down the website and rebuild it his way if needed, 2nd Local 16. Martin will talk with Mike about this personally to give Mike an opportunity to give Tex the answers he needs. Motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

NEWSLETTER – If anyone receives more than one Freedom Press at their home, but only wants one, they can submit a written request to the general office via email or US mail to only receive one newsletter. You can also use those additional copies to promote the organization by leaving them at local businesses that support motorcycling.

Reminded everyone that the financial report list in the newsletter is several months behind because of the delay in publication. The report shows the date the report was prepared.

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver - Membership report - Total membership as of 9/1/13 2,471. Decrease of 72 members since last report.

CHAIRMAN – Martin King –

Mid South MILE – Jim Scheele has stepped down from his obligations with the Mid South MILE and FORR due to an increase work load at his job as well as family obligations. He has asked this body to recognize Cowboy Roy Hoard as the MILE representative and Vice Chairman of the MILE Committee. 22nd Annual MILE will be October 18-20 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Biltmore Hotel. When you make reservations if you want a refrigerator or microwave in your room you will need to request it as these do not normally come in the rooms. With the cost of the room there is a free breakfast buffet. At check in make sure you receive your breakfast tickets, each room you will only receive two breakfast tickets. Flyer for event is in the newsletter. Districts 4 and 6 have sent in their \$100 so anyone in locals in those districts will only have to pay the banquet fee. This is a two story hotel which does not have an elevator. If you cannot handle stairs please ask for a 1st floor room. Dallas asked to email Dave Mann the event chairman to let him know that Roy is now the Missouri MILE rep.

General Office – No concerns addressed

2014 MOTM – Katherine and Martin are sharing chairperson duties for this event. Waiting on this year's event to take place so the final details can be worked out with the MRF for next year. The committee decided to go ahead and start planning things with the understanding there may be some changes required as we get more specific details from the MRF concerning their requirements for the event. Looking at possibly seeking sponsorships to help us off set some of the costs. We currently have a give a way project going on to help cover the costs. We are giving away a Taurus Circuit Judge. Remember tickets cannot be returned by US Mail, you must use a private carrier. Planning is going well and this is going to be a great fun event. September 25-28, 2014 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

Give a way projects – We seem to be doing a lot of give a way projects. This is good because we need money. However with this there are some perimeters that are going to have to be met regarding these projects. More information will be forthcoming on this in the future.

CONNECTIONS

Brian "Scooter" Shelton, a member of Local 24 FORR was involved in an accident recently. While driving work truck he blacked out behind the wheel, drove off the road, suffered serious injuries, work comp benefits have currently been denied, short term disability benefits have been denied. He has an attorney but it's going to take time before any money comes his way. He is hoping that his FORR family can help him in his time of need.

District 4 will be having Oktoberfest the first weekend in October. All members of FORR, their friends and family are welcome to attend the event and we hope to see everyone there.

Local 33 reported they signed up 6 new members and 1-2 renewals at the state fair booth. They also handed out a lot of awareness material, tri-folds, rally flyers and talked to a lot of people.

Local 16 has trifolds for sale 100 for \$10.00.

Motion by Local 35, 2nd Local 24 to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

**Submittals for 2014-2015
Central Committee Cabinet
As of 10/5/13**

Bill Duncan (Local 24) – Chairman
Ronda Felts (Local 47) – Vice-Chairman
Cheryl Singleton (Local 3) – Secretary
Lynne Adkins (Local 25) – Treasurer
Bill Kempker (Local 10) - Legislative Coordinator
All other cabinet positions will be chosen at a later date

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076

Contact: Melany 816-956-1090 or Linda 797-9849



Hey all you gorgeous people!! I'm hopping in to write a quick word as I am ready to get back out to Octoberfest for day 2. I really want to see the drags.. Last night was a blast!! It really didn't rain at camp til around 10ish. Can't complain about that! Today has been beautiful and the night, though chilly should bring loads of great times especially as I am MCing the Mr. and Mrs. contest. So, real quick

before I get back...Our elections are this month for the next cabinet. Also, hunters be safe and hope you catch a biggun!! Happy Birthday to all of you who I have missed and Happy Birthday to all of you November babies!! Well, short and sweet!! See you soon!!

Love always,
Toothpick

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: Myron Duskin 417-309-0423

Greetings Local 3 members,

First, we would like to welcome new members Gary Snyder and Sue Arterburn.



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(meaning he won AGAIN!)

Wow, September was a busy month, after the 'weather exciting' MMR August 30, 31-Sept. 1 and the CC meeting was September 8th (thanks, Steve for riding up with us). The following weekend Sept. 13-15 several members went to Bike Fest at Lake of the Ozarks, the weather was great and a good time was had by all, then had our MM on the 15th. The next weekend, September 19-22, it was off to Bikes Blues and BBQ in Fayetteville. Eight members and friends rode down for the weekend and met up with other members and friends, some who had gone down earlier, some later. We like this event because it's a short ride to get there and you can see and enjoy about anything you want in a rally. The following Saturday, September 28 was Bill and Debbie's ride and party. It was rainy the whole ride but about 20 bikes still braved the weather and rode, splitting off on the way back to head home. Thanks Bill and Debbie for all your hard work putting on this ride and party.

We received an e-mail that was forwarded from the MRF. WOW, it sure is interesting to see what's going on in this country with regards to motorcycle rights and the ongoing fight to keep them. Thank you JR for that connection and thanks for all the work you put out to make the MMR a success.

A sad note... it sure is confusing to still see members of FORR who get the Freedom Press delivered to their door, with articles in there from Katherine, the Legislative Coordinator, describing all we are working for and against. And another from Kathy, the corporate secretary, talking about our history AND of things we have fought for and against, for someone to think we are only about helmets, helmets, helmets!!!

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Thanks, Dean #29076

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

Greetings,

The Mid-Missouri Motorcycle came off without a hitch. Yeah, right! We had unending heat, a Sunday morning monsoon and other issues but all things being equal it could have been worse. We have lots of room for improvement but we also had some positive notes. It can only get better. If you attended and/or assisted: "Thank You Very Much" for your help and support. I know I was sleep deprived and run off my feet but Moose, Kathy, Layne, Misty, Sarge and many others worked just as hard if not harder than I. Special thanks to Dallas, Ursula and all the others that came just to work a shift.

Lots of stuff happening around the State, check your calendar of events and plan to support other Local events Personally, I am budget and time challenged but I will do my best.

Wish Happy Birthday to Lisa "Wyld Chyld" Smith, October 2 and Jim Cook, October 5, Amy Fifer, October 12 and Happy Anniversary to Keith & Shirley Cronin, October 9.

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 e-mailing him: Sbfifer1@yahoo.com.

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!

Greetings,

Some computer glitch caused my newsletter submission to be lost in the never-never land of the internet. So the editor is going include it with this submission. Thank You, Dallas. Big changes coming in the New Year, plan to be a part of it.

Lots of stuff happening around the State, check your calendar of events and plan to support other Local events. Personally, I am budget and time challenged but I will do my best.

Wish Happy Birthday to Peggy Pursley, November 6, Shirley Cronin, November 14 and Carl Palermo, November 26.

Go 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 e-mailing him: Sbfifer1@yahoo.com.

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!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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

American Tavern, 1001 N 3rd St, North End of St Joe

Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Happy Turkey Month Everyone!! Cooler days are here and I have a feeling it's going to be a long winter. September had some pretty good riding days. New members are Rick Hoffman and Joseph McCarthy. Welcome to FORR.

Our Family Fun Day Poker Run and Picnic the end of September couldn't have been more perfect. Our trophies were some of the best I've saw thanks to Jim "Jimbo" Cross and Jack Daniels. I played 2 hands just trying to win one, but no such luck. Third place was Denny (sorry, didn't catch the last name), 2nd place was Sam Williams, and 1st place went to John Tiffany. The grills were manned by Mike "Shaky" Daniels with interventions by Dan Harmon. A big THANKS to all who helped and came out to enjoy the day with us.

Our HOGTOBERFEST on October 5th was so much fun. Just cold enough that the bonfire felt great and everyone was rotating around like marshmallows on a stick trying to be toasty on all sides. The band Revd Up sounded great like always, and the pig was awesome. Thanks goes out to those that made this event possible; Nick Swope Sr and his wife June, Sam and Lisa Williams, Joe McCarthy, and Dan Harmon. Thank you Jim Cross for the use of your place like always, and to Horizon Outdoor for providing a ride to the parking area and back, sorry if I left out anyone. Those that didn't make it out...your loss!! You missed out on one very entertaining evening.

Another ride from one of our Local members: Bill Gimse took a 1300 mile trip to Colorado for a family event, with a few of his own events along the way. You'll have to ask him how his breaks are and if there are any gas stations... that actually have gas...on his route. But he's still here and is already laughing about it.

Some other news: Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mike Daniels for the recent loss of his mother, Kenny Burks for the loss of his mother, and a speedy recovery goes out to Mary Jackson and Terry Larkin.

Up Coming Events/Meetings

November 3rd – Local 6 Toy Run

November 17th – Local 6 Meeting

December 7th – Local 6 Christmas Party

December 15th – Local 6 Meeting

January 11th – FEW Seminar in Jefferson City

Contact me if you want something in the newsletter. Keep the rubber on the road.

Sheila E (816)284-9653, sheethrn@yahoo.com or local6forr@yahoo.com

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

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

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

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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 8:

Not much news since we will have our meeting tomorrow. It is a ride in so hope it is nice. This will be our last ride in except for the toy run in November. Watch your e-mails for location of further meetings. We are trying to get Royal Inn again as we did last year.

Some of the local made the trip to Keosauqua for the State Line Rally. A great ride. It only rained Thursday night and of course Sunday when we headed home. We out smarted Mother Nature and took a different route home. Only 75 miles of rain instead of 200. It was great to see friends we see too little of. I love this rally. 66 bikes in the field events. AWESOME!!! Next year will be the 25th year. I know the board will make it better than ever. There is an ER close by too. Thanks David for taking care of Wishers when he cut his finger as only he could. I felt sorry for the Dr. who had to put up with him.

We will make nominations for officers in November. It is your chance to make changes; Get involved. Set back and complain or get involved and make a difference/ If you don't get involved, don't complain.

Our Fool Moon costume party will be history by the time you read this. All the profits go to our toy fund so hope we have a good turn out. A new location. We will see how it goes.

As cool weather approaches and the leaves turn, get out and ride and enjoy what Mother gives us before the snow falls.

Ride Safe
 Foxy Gama

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

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

Thanksgiving is a time for family & friends.

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Carthage Family Restaurant, 125 N
Garrison Ave, Carthage
Contact: 417-793-4899

Hello from Local 11. Well it has been awhile since I last posted anything on here, so I thought I would just fill you all in on what is happening with Local 11.

Back on June 14th we had our Southwest Mo. Local 11 Rally and it kicked off with a lot of old friends and family and some new one too. We all had a blast listening to live music by Big Skillet and enjoyed visiting.....then on June 15th we all played some bike games and ate some fine BBQ by Chef Les. Sat. afternoon started off with our ride in bike show when it started to rain.....and rain and rain. An old friend of mine [Noah] started looking for some wood to build a boat and told me to save the animals....but we were too busy getting everyone out of there. The water rose so quick we were lucky to get

everyone out when we did.

On July 6th, Mark [SPARKY] Capps and Beauti Simpson joined hands and hearts to become one. It was a beautiful affair.....the bride and groom made a perfect couple.

On Sept. 13th, our Secretary, Kaime Johnson, brought a beautiful 7 lb.. 11 oz. 19 1/2" long angel into this world....Nylah Jane Johnson.

On Oct. 3rd, our Treasurer, Ella McCoy's, grandson, Izaak Daniel Shipman, joined us. Weighing in at 6 lb. 14 oz. 20" LONG.

Well that about catches everyone up to now....ride hard....ride safe.

We now have our monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of every month at The Carthage Family Restaurant. Come join us and see how important our work really is.

Until Next Time....Local 11

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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



Greetings to everyone out in FORR-land from your brothers and sisters in Local 12, Glasgow. I hope everyone is taking advantage of this beautiful fall weather and getting in some riding. Fall is my favorite of all seasons to get out the old Drifter and go for a putt. The colors are spectacular, the temperatures are often ideal for riding, and there are usually a lot of other bikers out getting in some riding time before Mother Nature hits us with Winter's first icy blast. As I am writing this, we are only two days out from Octoberfest, FORR's original party, the one that started this whole organization rolling. I won't be able to make it this year due to my wife Gloria's illness but I hope District 4 gets 3 great days and kicks some major league ass in making money.

This month's news starts off with a big Welcome Home! to my wife Gloria, who is getting out of Boone Hospital in Columbia today. I've lost count of the time she has spent in the hospital for the last two years but it has been a bunch of days. I have all my fingers and toes crossed,

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hoping that this time she can stay home for good.

Our second big item is a HUGE "THANK YOU" to our retiring President Pork Chop for the WONDERFUL job he has done for all of us in Local 12. Under his leadership our membership grew, the treasury flourished, and Chop kept us all united as one local, working towards common goals. Chop also ran the tightest, most business-like meetings we ever had. He retired to work and manage his fast-growing concrete business. Chop will still be with us, he just won't be sitting in the President's chair.

Our third item is a big Local 12 welcome to our new President, Boz Lanning. Boz has some big shoes to fill following Pork Chop and I think he is exactly the right one for the job. Boz has some new ideas for the local to think over and debate and I think quite a few of them have merit. I look forward to working with Boz.

We had 15 members at the Sept. 15th meeting at the Last Chance Saloon in Sweet Springs. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:08, read the preamble, then stepped down as Local 12 President due to the time requirements of running his new concrete construction company. He opened the floor for nominations for his replacement. Smokey nominated Boz Lanning. There were no other nominations and Boz was elected the new President of Local 12.

The minutes and treasury report were both approved as read. John reported that the Freedom Park money had been sent back and the account was closed. The bills we will be pushing this year will be a bill to modify the mandatory helmet law and a distracted driver's bill. The Mid-MO Motorcycle Rally made a profit of \$3,500. There were no district or event coordinator's reports.

In old business, the Local 12 highway cleanup signs are up and look great. The signs are located on Hwy. 240. One faces east, at the west end of the MO River Bridge and the other is 2 miles west of the Bridge and faces west. Smokey should have our clean-up materials from the state by the next meeting.

In new business, Laura brought up the possibility of possibly starting a scholarship fund in memory of P.J. Wilder, a Local 12 member killed in a motorcycle accident. \$1,500 was donated to Local 12 in memory of P.J. from his friends and family. Laura wondered if we could set aside a certain amount to go with this and put it all in the proposed scholarship fund.

The Oct. 6th meeting was originally scheduled for the Station Restaurant at Arrow Rock. Smokey offered to host it at their house so the members could have a chance to greet Local 12's cofounding member, Gloria. However, a week after the meeting, Gloria had to go back to the hospital and we decided to avoid any health complications, we would go back to the Arrow Rock Station Restaurant. Many thanks to Susan McDaniel for her help with setting this up.

A Scholarship ride in memory of Randall Davenport will be held on Oct., 5th, starting at Mustang Sallyz' Bar. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. We had no membership pot winner.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 3rd- regular Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow.

Dec. 7th- Local 12 Christmas party, Beckett's Restaurant and Bar, Glasgow, cocktail hour at 6 pm, meal at 7 pm. Call Beckett's

at 660-338-9978 for reservations and menu choices. Try to reserve early, we may get enough members to fill the restaurant.

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Lakeview Park

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



Hello brother's and sister's! We are rolling into full swing for the annual Toy-Run/Parade and we are all enthusiastic about it! Local 13 voted Nov. 2nd to be the day, starting at the Veteran's Home in Mexico @ 11:am, with the parade route ending at the Help Center. We thank the Help Center for opening it's doors, off hours, to

receive these toys. From there we go to the Moose Lodge for eats and drinks. We appreciate all the help we have received from our members and the sponsors. Anyone is encouraged to join in, whether you're on a bike or not. Bring a toy, canned goods, monetary donations, and most important, bring a friend! Everyone loves a parade, it's the best thing we do all year for the kids of the community, and I'm sure a good time will be had by all. If you miss the next meeting before the parade (Oct. 20th at Teal Lake @ 3 pm)...which I hope you don't miss it, because we'll eat your share of the bbq! But if you must miss it, feel free to call w/any questions about the Toy-Run/Parade. No calls about left-overs please, for there won't be any!

We are welcoming a member to Local 13 who just transferred from Local 00 and proud to have him...welcome Kim Amyx! We're happy to

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Place: Missouri Veterans Home
920 Mars St. - Mexico, MO



Parade starts: 12:00 noon
Bring a Toy & Canned Good!!!
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see our Local's membership on the rise, and I'm sure Kim be an asset to the local as a pro-active member.

We have had a couple of ideas floating around for the photo contest but still asking for more! Let me know what you come up with for a photo **representing** the NUMBER 13? Let's do several pictures and then vote for the one we submit. I would also like to start taking pictures of your bikes, for the calendar, spit-shine them up and hit me up at a meeting, I always have my camera on hand, or email your favorite picture of your bike to me.

I hope to see you all soon, and I hope you are taking advantage of this fall weather with the rubber side down always!

FORR-EVER

Dee

deeherde@yahoo.com (573) 234-1215

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies - Call for info

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

We have survived our Annual Fall Swap meet and Bike show. Thanks for all the hands that worked at setting up before the rains hit. Thank you to Bill Lloyd and Papa Jay for stepping in and cooking the BBQ on Sat. Night and all the ones who brought sides and partied with us on that night as well. A SHOUT OUT to Miss Charlie Dawn, she turned 1 year old and her Birthday Party was held at the pavilion before the BBQ. The Swap Meet fell a little short of what we normally see. We had 545 thru the gate, 40 vendors and about 40 bikes in the show. But I know everyone had a blast! Despite rain the night before, the sun shone brightly with just a hint of hot. Thanks to all you new and returning members that come out and helped all day.

We now are gearing up for our 2 Toy Runs. The first is The Stone County Toy Run, it happens tomorrow, so no preparing you for that. They have an Amazing Metal picture to Raffle off and other gifts for drawings. Please mark this one on your calendar for next year if this is the first time hearing about it.

The next one is our Branson Toy Run, Nov. 3rd we will meet Presley's Country Jubilee kick stands are up @1 pm so get in early enough to sign in walk around and chat to the coolest people on earth. We will ride to the VFW in Forsyth and give our donations to the ROTC and the VFW, but we will also draw the winner for our Raffle. Hope to see everyone there! Next we will have our Trash and Treasure pick up on State Hwy 160. We meet at 1 pm and begin our clean up then. Get there early, it usually go very quickly. Then we usually go somewhere for lunch afterward.

We also have a Non FORR things happening, and the best way to find out information on them or any FORR stuff is to go to our Facebook page. Someone is on it about everyday and Tami McMinn keeps everyone up to date with any changes.

Our Business Meeting continue to be at Charlie's Steakhouse, Nov. 18th. We will plan our Christmas Party then and maybe talk about electing new Officers. So come and make your opinion heard.

The next BS meeting will be at The Midnight Rose on Nov. 5th. The are new owners and from what I have heard the "witches" are gone. Let's go out and show the new owners our support!

That's all for now, hope to see you soon,
Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

The Louis Run has long signified the beginning of the fall holiday season. It's amazing we find ourselves working out the details for the

Toy Run and the Christmas dance but that is in fact what the last meeting was all about.

First we thank Danny and Karen for hosting the September meeting at Club Neal. Karen you've written the book on hospitality and the "Shed" is a top notch reflection of you and Danny. No detail has been missed and it was a great meeting.

The Louis Run will have come and gone by the time this entry is read. To the 505, Bill's, The Bayou, The Mississippi Mud and The Pub we send our deepest gratitude for your support of this event. This run has come to signify honoring all our fallen brothers and sisters. We couldn't ask for any better way to celebrate these lives than in the atmosphere of brother/sisterhood you provide.

Because of the closeness of dates our October meeting will be held November 3, 2013 after the Toy Run at approximately 3:00 pm at the Cape Eagles. This is an opportunity for the membership of Local 16 to answer the challenged issued by our sister Locals 27 and 24 in bringing non-riders and possible new members into this fight for freedom. We have seen a number of representatives of other groups attend this Toy Run. It's time to invite them to join in our meeting that they may gain some understanding of what FORR is all about.

The November meeting will be held at Martin King's home in Pocahontas at 5 pm on November 29. The plan is for the members of Local 16 to provide a potluck meal at the end of this meeting. Being the day after Thanksgiving the left over goodies should be exceptional. Consider this an open invitation to join us for a celebration of all we have to be thankful for and as a "kick off" to the holiday season.

Until next time, stay safe, appreciate all you have and enjoy the beauty Missouri provides on our roadways!

Melanie



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm
Golden Eagle Hospitality Room
Contact: 660-988-1708

Greetings Local-19

Hope everyone has a good month with all the poker runs and rally's. The State Line Rally had a very good turnout this year with attendance in excess of 3,000. The weather was pleasant and everyone was having a good time.

We will be having our annual Toy Run to benefit the Salvation Army on Nov-3 we will meet at Maritz Research which is on North Hwy-63 in Kirksville at 11:00 pm. Admission is one new unwrapped toy and a nonperishable food item.

Our annual Auction and Dance will be Jan-18 at the Shrine club. If anyone has any ideas for the band let us know.

Action Cycles will be the location of the next meeting Nov-2 at 6:00 pm. We will be taking nominations for next year's officers we hope to see as many people as possible.

Till next time ride safe
 "IKE"

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.
Eagles Club on Hwy 25
Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428



Hello Everyone

I'm late.....I'm late for a most important date. I have pushed the newsletter deadline down to the last minute a lot has been going on in the past few weeks and I have felt like the rabbit from Alice in Wonderland but things will settle down soon (I hope).

The results of our election are as follows:
 President – Mona Morgan Vice President – Mitch

Dukes Secretary - Pam Hurst and Treasurer – Mary Reeves. All of us will be getting use to our new duties and ask everyone to be patient while we get the hang of it.

Our Toy Run is set for November the 2nd we will start and end at the Eagles however there will be a ride to include other locations that wish to participate and donate this year. This date gives us the advantage of falling under the organization umbrella for insurance. We will be having more events in an effort to make donations to the PAC fund and now have an events committee in place to organize and set events throughout the year.

Thank you to all that showed up at the last meeting and we all wish to thank Rob and Mindy for all that they have done for the Local and Freedom of Road Riders they have went above and beyond and it will

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be tough to fill their shoes. Thanks to all members that have renewed and welcome to new members.

Time to get this sent off so 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

Hug a veteran.

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.
Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369
Contact: 636-665-5004

Don't miss our Chili Cook Off.

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

Have a great Thanksgiving!

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Toy Run

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 Sunday, November 3rd, 2013

More info call: Whitey 573-768-2534,
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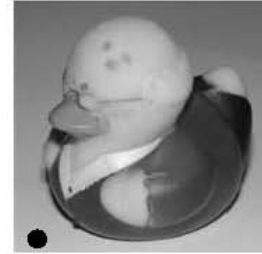
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LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268**

Hello All,

Lovin the summer that just will not end, but come on... I'd like to put on my chaps at some point.

Thanks to all who came out to our 23rd annual Leaves In The Breeze Ride on Oct. 19th.

At the October meeting we met those who were interested in running for Local 25 Office positions.

Be sure to come to the November meeting so that you can vote for your new Local 25 Officers.

Our November meeting will be Sunday the 17th.

Our Local 25 Christmas Party will be Saturday December 7th. For location and time, please feel free to give me a call. (636) 262-6338

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**

Mea Culpa,

I dropped the ball on the October Newsletter entry. I had good intentions, just bad execution. In my defense, no one brought me anything to add in, but there was enough I could have mentioned if I had remembered to write it down.

September had great weather and our participation with the local Senior Center for a fund raiser to keep their doors open a while longer. We participated in a Poker Run that had around 40 participants and covered approximately 100 miles of Missouri and Kansas highways. Good times were had by all and we couldn't have asked for better weather: Sunshine and temps in the upper 70's and low 80's. Not bad for September. Between the Poker Run, the silent auction and a gun raffle, it looks like the Center will stay open for a little while longer.

September also had our local event and fundraiser for our Chapter: Keosaqua – the End of Summer Rally. I was unable to attend that one also and I'm waiting for details from the membership so I can share the experience with the readership.

The Eat&Rides have been successful due to decent weather. The early ones were a bit warm, but still had good turnouts and evening rides with friends are always a good experience.

I've noticed an almost 11% drop off in membership renewals. I attribute some of this to the economy in general, some to the economy locally (one of our largest employers just closed its doors), and some to

forgetfulness. I can't do much about the first two, but I want to remind the others to check your membership cards or ask your Local Officers if you aren't sure about your membership status. The AMA and the MRF are doing what they can on the national level, but FORR is your best ally for laws and regulations at the State level. Their efforts protect you personally as well as riders as a whole.

Fall is rapidly approaching. Around here that means cooler temps and it also means that you need to be especially vigilant about fall road hazards: Deer are moving again, I think my thoughts on the hazards of "forest rats" is a given at this point; it's harvest time so be aware of farm equipment when you top hills and negotiate curves, because they are big and not moving very fast; and its football season so there will be extra traffic on game nights that will be thinking about everything except watching for motorcycles.

Safe Journeys,
Harold

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: Knuckleheads Cantina, 201 S Main St, Fair Play, MO****For more info contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941
V.P. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374**

Many of us wear a helmet, because we have brains enough to know that we ought to try and keep the brains we have, but we have NO ILLUSIONS as to the mystical power of a motorcycle helmet. It will not magically save us from harm simply because we put it on in fear of a fine. It only works if we use the brain INSIDE of it to drive defensively and

responsibly. That means slow down, don't measure your body parts with the speedometer, observe observe OBSERVE and ALWAYS assume that



Freedom of Road Riders® Local 19 Annual Toy Run

Sunday, November 3, 2013**Ride begins at 1:00 pm****Leaving from Maritz Research,
North Hwy 63 in Kirksville****Route ~**

Begins at Maritz Research. Go south on Baltimore to LaHarpe St to Franklin St to Missouri St to Osteopathy St to Gardner St to the Salvation Army Church.

*Alternate shortened route planned in case of inclement weather.

Toy Run admission is one NEW, unwrapped toy (non-battery operated please) and non-perishable food pantry item(s). All items collected are donated to the Salvation Army Church & Food Pantry.

For more information, contact:

Melinda Lewis, FORR Local 19 Secretary/Treasurer at 660.342.0577 or lindasue34@hotmail.com



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the person on 4 wheels will NOT see you,... that's how you get home alive. Pretty sound advice for 4 wheel drivers too I might add, although a helmet inside a car that DOESN'T have numbers on the door will make you look silly, so just stick with the seat belt.

Those of us at Local 27 and I suspect a vast majority across the state are hoping that this fall as we select slates of officers and attend the FEW meeting in January to select our next leadership team, that we will focus more on BOTH of our core beliefs,... motorcycle safety and motorcyclists rights. Being against the helmet law has consumed us, and now seems to define us. If you ask any average person on the street what FORR is about (if they even know we exist at a membership representing less than 3% of registered bikes in the state) they will most likely say,... "yea, they're against the helmet law"..... is that all we got?

I firmly believe that the helmet law will eventually die a natural death in its own time without our organization throwing money and credibility at it that we cant spare. As soon as one bureaucrat realizes that the monies lost in tourism tax dollars to ALL our surrounding states are enough to get him a promotion and the right political hack gets his mitts on that kind of info, the helmet law will die. When the tourism tax dollars outweigh the insurance companies campaign contributions the helmet law will die,... math is the trump card that will kill the helmet law.

All across the country we are seeing assaults on motorcyclists rights attempted, through profiling check points, mileage/taxation issues and more. Thank heaven that ABATE has been there to help us in countering these moves on the part of states and municipalities ever widening reach for fine monies. Whether or not I'm forced by law to wear a helmet that any fool in his right mind ought to be wearing anyway is of little worry to me compared to being pulled over on my way to Daytona for no other reason than I had the audacity to ride a bike. The complete search that is more than likely to follow will undoubtedly turn up a weapon even if the officer has to define my crescent wrench as a weapon because he doesn't like the colors I'm flying. There are OTHER battles to be fought, lets fight the important ones,... and let me take care of my cranium.

Its time for FORR to stop and take a deep look at itself, what we

used to be, what we have become, and what we have the potential to be in the future. No one has ever moved forward by looking back and gripping the breaks.... Rear view mirrors and breaks are for bikes,... lets keep them there.

Heads up, wheels down and balls out my friends -Jack

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

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

The weather could not be nicer than it has been lately. It has been perfect riding weather for all of us, at least in our area. But, as we move into the colder weather, please take the necessary precautions when you leave your house. Be aware of the wild life moving through the country side. Be prepared for the weather to change on a dime. Do not become a statistic to be used against us!!

I know that there has been a lot of things that have not been good for a lot of our people with the government shutdown and the forced furloughs. I realize that these events will cause a lot of uncertainty for a lot of folks. Just remember, though, that there are a lot of people that are worse off than most of us. Your time, when you volunteer for an event, does not cost you anything. The local has several upcoming events that benefit others that are worse off than most of us. Please volunteer your time, or we may have to look at reducing the number of charity events that we support.

Notes from this month's meeting:

Old Business:

The road side cleanup had eleven people show up to participate. Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time. The EWWWWH award goes to Tommy Shaw – we will not discuss what he found on the side of the road!! LOL!

The Shriner's Hospital issued a Certificate of Appreciation to the Local 28 for their contributions to the hospital last year. Taz felt that the award needed to go to Tommy Shaw for all of his hard work and dedication last year as President of the Local 28. Stop by and give Tommy your congratulations the next time you see him. We all know he deserved that.

New Business:

The FORR is doing a giveaway for the PAC fund. Stop by and see Taz if you are interested in purchasing any tickets.

Taz has wallet cards that explain to all of us what our rights as citizens are. The wallet cards are basically for your protection in the event that you are stopped by any police officer in the state. If you are interested in having one for your protection, please see him.

Taz reminded everyone about the Halloween Bash and asked that Local 28 FORR members show up to help with the setup on the 19th

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at 10:00 a.m. He also asked that everyone show up on the 26th, in costume, to help up with the children.

Spuds reminded everyone about the Motorcycle Awareness Safety classes that are being offered. If you are interested in attending one or know of someone who is, please see him about the dates, times and locations, or go to the FORR web site for a complete listing.

Officer nominations were presented to the group. There are still some vacant seats. If you are interested in becoming an officer and getting more involved in your local, please attend next month's meeting.

Congratulations goes out to Danny. He won the incentive award and chose membership as his prize.

For a complete listing of the minutes, please visit the web site at www.local28forr.com.

- We are looking for volunteers to work the Local 28 Toy run on 2 November. Taz is working on a list of retailers and businesses. Please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528, if you are interested in attending the event.

- We are looking for someone to take the lead on organizing the ride for the Veteran's Day parade on 11 November 2013. Please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528 if you are interested.

- We are looking for volunteers to work the Wal-Mart Toy Collection on 30 November 2013. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528.

- We are looking for someone to take the lead on organizing the ride for the Waynesville Christmas Parade on 1 December 2013. Please contact Taz at president@local28forr.com or 573-528-1528 if you are interested.

- 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 Glitter 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 Glitter at the meetings or send her 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:

- 19 October 2013 Waynesville Street Fest booth setup
- 19 October 2013 Pre-build for the Halloween Bash
- 26 October 2013 Halloween Bash
- 1 November 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting /Elections
- 2 November 2013 Local 28 Toy Run
- 11 November 2013 Veteran's Day Parade
- 30 November 2013 Wal-Mart Toy Collection
- 1 December 2013 Waynesville Christmas Parade
- 1 December 2013 Local 28 Chili Cook Off after the parade
- 6 December 2013 Local 28 FORR meeting
- 7 December 2013 Toy drop off
- 7 December 2013 Local 28 Holiday party
- 31 December 2013 New Year's Eve party

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO

Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184

Facebook: FORR Local 29

It has been a busy and fun month for Local 29. We started out the month with our Ride for Faith. This was a fundraiser for a teenage girl with cancer. We had dozens of bikes participate in the poker run. It was a clear but very hot day. At the end of the poker run we had food and

an auction with dozens of gifts. We had about 100 people show up for the food and auction. We were very happy that Faith was well enough to spend a short time with us. The poker run and auction raised over \$2,800 for her.

September also saw us host our annual Plum Run. This year it was in conjunction with Local 29's 25th Anniversary celebration. In addition to current and past members, we had some past presidents show up and each received a keepsake "Past President, Local 29" patch. Contact us if you are a Local 29 Past President and have not received your patch. We would be happy to send you one. It was great weather for the poker run and Safety Officer Don Jackson led the group on a beautiful route. The high hand was won by Jim Hodges and the low hand was won by Janet Williams. We ended up at Jim's farm where everyone enjoyed food and visiting. For the first time Tristin Utter was able to attend. The Plum Run is held in honor of his grandfather Chuck Utter. Tristin possesses Chuck's original FORR member number and will soon be a life member of FORR. No one stayed all night but it was after midnight before the last of the people left. Local 29 made a donation to the state Safety Fund with the proceeds of the event.

At our September meeting we had some officers switch positions and some take on new positions. Bob Neal moved from Vice-President to Treasurer. Paul McCormack is now our Vice-President in addition to his product line duties. And Jackie Smith has taken on duties as historian along with Janet Williams. A delicious meal was provided by Paul and Shirley McCormack and some leftovers from the Plum Run were provided by Jim and Donna Duyck. I had some really great chili and some really great and spicy beans among other things. Paul and Shirley have some really nice items for sale in our product line. We have some nice belts along with many other really nice hand-made leather items that Paul makes. They are priced very reasonably. Drop by one of our meetings for a free meal and take a look at our product line. Our membership incentive of \$20 would have been won by Doris Taylor if she had been there. Next month it goes up to \$30. Our attendance incentive of \$16 was won by Don Jackson. He graciously donated his winnings back to the local. Thank you Don!!!

That's all I have for now.

Honest-Bob



FORR Local 29 Life Member Rocky Pence receiving his "Past President Local 29" patch from current President Steve "Cowboy" Williams at this year's Plum Run.



2013 SCHEDULE

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LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.
 Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd
 Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Pass the turkey!

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

Please remember our Veterans!

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

AmVets is coming along. We should have our old meeting place back sooner than later. L33 would like to thank Scooters and Hitchin Post for letting meet at their places for meetings. The Sept. meeting started at Hitchin Post, then went for a ride to Windsor to finish meeting and have some burgers, hot dogs and fixings. At meeting Sarge gave the Dist. 4 report. There will be Feb. and March bus trips to Jefferson City. We started a committee to set up rules for a L33 Facebook page. DD, Randy and Roy are the committee members. L33 is signed up for the Sedalia Christmas Parade. More info at upcoming meeting.

Nominations for local officers at Oct. meeting. Election at Nov. meeting. Roy would like all gun giveaway tickets from the State giveaway turned in no later than the Dec. meeting. Sold or unsold with money.

The local has a gun giveaway to support our Adopt a Family Xmas project. It is a Remington model 770 270, camo with scope.

L33 had a good time at the Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally. We would like to thank everyone who came and or worked. Only thing we could not control was mother nature.

Upcoming events

Nov. 3rd Toy Run

Local meetings Every 3rd Sunday of month 1 pm

The food that never goes up in price is the food for thought.

Safe Travels

Cowboy Roy

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.
 Members take turn hosting at their homes
 Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6870

We had a good meeting with 11 members and 5 guest..

We had our fall poker run on the 22 of September and with everything else that was going on around us the turn out was not bad. There were 33 hands played. The run started in Clinton and ended at the Dam Lounge & Restaurant in Warsaw. The winners were Russell Cook (Local 33) 1st, Danny Hurseman (Local 35) 2nd, and Shayla Greer (Local 35) 3rd. The attendance winner was Bo Smith of Local 33. A portion of the money from made from the poker run went to the Veterans Home in Warrensburg.

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

Mike had a submittal but it somehow got zapped in cyberspace. I'm sure he will catch you up next month.





Toys For Tots

Annual Motorcycle Run

Sunday, November 3rd

Sponsored by:
 Freedom of Road Riders Local 26
RIDE OR DRIVE to this
 Worthwhile Event...Everyone is
 welcome!

Group Picture 1:00pm
AT the Courthouse Square
Maryville Missouri
Lunch to Follow at Carson's Grill
 Weather permitting:
 Ride to follow around 2:30pm
Entry Fee: BRING A TOY
& money donation for the Food Pantry
or \$20 cash donation

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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**

Don't forget the Toy Run.

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**

We welcome new members Bill Rothery and Sharon Ko in this month's spotlight. Bill is a Maintenance Mechanic at KCI Airport. He lives in the Northland and has been riding for 40 plus years. Currently he is on a 2003 Panzer Chopper. Sharon is a Marketing Associate with Copaken Brooks. She lives in Blue Springs and grew up with motorcycles. She took her first ride with her Dad when she was 5 years old and has owned 3 Harleys of her own. Together they attend numerous rallies, poker runs, and support multiple organizations. We are excited to have them as part of the group.

Russell Felts is the new Gate Representative for MRF. We are looking for committee members to sit and plan 2014 Rally. We participated in the Octoberfest out at the Grain Valley Speedway. Congratulations to Jack Garrison, who won an award in the Bike Show.

The October 19th meeting will start two hours earlier, at 11 am. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks again for all your help,
Lynn Crowley

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location**

Come on up and see us some time.

DISTRICT 4**Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm****Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello to all my riding and non-riding brothers and sisters,
Remember OCTOBERFEST.....

The FORR District 4 Octoberfest has come and gone.....sure was a mighty good time.

A huge heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in this event. Many of my brothers and sisters stopped me, as you crossed my path somewhere at Thunder Valley Sand Drags, either for a Hello, a handshake, a smile or a hug, to let me know that you were having a good ole time. Truly was great to see so many of you, whether from near or afar, I hope it was well worth your time.

Having said that, here are some highlights of the Event:

DRAG RACE winners: Brandon (749 and under), Josh Sisk, Howard S. (1000 and over) and Tim Gates, Josh Sisk, (all classes)

FIELD EVENTS winners: SPUD HUNT-Barb and Kendall, Josh and Rachel, TIRE TOSS-FatBoy and Toothpick, Josh and Rachel, WEENIE BITE-Barb and Kendall, FatBoy and Toothpick, SLOW RACE-Steve Peterson, Rick Janssen, PLANK RACE-Tim Gates, Eric Duerksen

BIKE SHOW winners: Howard S. (American Cruiser Stock), Jack G. and Trevor H. (American Cruiser Custom), Richard K. and Peabody (American Bagger Stock), Knobber and Donnie H. American Bagger Custom), Kandie N. (Metric Cruiser Custom), Jim H. and Norb W. (Metric Bagger Custom), and

BEST OF SHOW-- Norb Wiederholt

MS Octoberfest: Melany Toothpick McDermid and **MR Octoberfest:** John Steelman.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL winners!!!!

Also not to forget: CONGRATS to the *MISFIT* nominees:

Ronda Felts, Rebecca Sutton and Rick (Sarge) Salyer

My heartfelt sincere THANK YOU goes out to all participating Local's, as well as guests, every member and non member that worked and assisted in this event, as well as my sweet husband for being at my side throughout. I will not list each name, for fear of leaving someone out. Everyone who supported, worked and enjoyed this late season event knows who they are.

Please stand up for your rights with passion. If you are not a member of MRF....OUR VOICE in DC, consider joining, because YOU are NEEDED and can make a difference. The AMA is another organization that WE should support. Most of all, SUPPORT your own FREEDOM OF ROAD RIDERS Locals.

With that said, just a reminder:

FORR District 4 meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month and open to the public.

BATES CITY BBQ....just off I-70 Bates City Exit

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Folks who want to enjoy a bite to eat prior to the meeting should get there around 6:30.

Hope to see YOU there
Ursula (Mysterious) DeMoss
District 4 Activity Chair



Santa's Coming to Pulaski County

Freedom Of Road Riders® Local 28 are collecting Toys and non-perishable food items for the less fortunate of Pulaski County

To help support the Toys for Kids Program and the Area Canned Food drive, Freedom Of Road Riders® Local 28 Waynesville will be collecting Toys during it's toy run on 2 November 2013, during it's Santa Comes To Wal-Mart drive on 30 November 2013, and the collection boxes that will be distributed throughout the county all November, to include the Shrine Club in Buckhorn. Our goal is to bring Christmas cheer to every child in Pulaski County. For other donations please call us.

For more info call Larry Wheeler at 573-586-7291 or go to <http://www.local28forr.com/>

Contributions and gifts to FORR® are not tax deductible as charity contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. Proceeds from this event may be used to fund a PAC.





District 4 Freedom of Road Riders®
2013 TOYS FOR KIDS RIDE
Sunday, November 3rd

Sign-in from 10 AM until NOON
 We will be leaving at NOON!!!!

VFW Post # 1829
 5904 Crystal in South Kansas City 64129
 Call for directions: 816-921-2222

Donation of at least one new toy (ages 3yrs and under)
Plus one, or MORE items from the list below.

There are many things needed specifically that have been requested, to help the kids along.

Please keep the list in mind for things requested....

Baby Food Cereals (Oatmeal & Rice)
Baby Food (Fruit, Veggies and Meat), Enfamil Lipil Formula,
Similac Advance, Pediasure Vanilla,
Diapers (size 1-6), Toddler pants or jackets (size 2T-6T)
Any size socks for children

Ending at: **The Sunshine Center**
 18400 E Salisbury Road in Independence, MO 64056

For information call 816-550-9591

Contributions and gifts to FORR® are NOT tax-deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. Donations, contributions and all proceeds for this event will be used solely to benefit The Sunshine Center in Independence, Missouri

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FORR[®] ~ Local 42 TOY RUN



Sunday ~ November 3rd
Roadhouse 100
Hwy 100
Gray Summit, MO 63039

Sign-In 11:00a - 12:30pm

Admission: One Toy or Game (or more!) or \$10 donation
All proceeds to benefit the
Foster Children of Franklin County

This is a RAIN or SHINE event!! Everyone Welcome!!
All proceeds to benefit the Foster Children of Franklin County. We will depart
at 12:30 pm as a group with Santa in the lead and ride to American Legion in
St. Clair for a meet/greet Santa from 1 to 3 pm. Kids get your picture with
Santa on his Harley.

For more information contact: Alma 636-584-5481

Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

REGULATING MOPEDS AND SCOOTERS - WOULD YOU RATHER GET HIT WITH A SCOOTER OR A CROWN VIC?

Jay Jackson, Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana, recently convened a meeting to discuss the issues confronting legislators, police officers, insurance companies, motorcycle/moped dealers and riders. Key among the issues was licensing and regulation of mopeds and scooters.

At the meeting, we learned that most scooter crashes involve troubled adults who usually do not have insurance and do not have a license to drive a motor vehicle because of numerous vehicle infractions involving alcohol. If that is the case, do we really want to force these people back into cars and trucks? Their history tells us they will continue to drive, and the court system in parts of the country are letting them out of jail faster than we can put them back in jail.

My question is: "if we regulate the scooter more than we do now, will the above scooter operators simply revert to driving a car because they are not as obvious in a car as they would be on a scooter without a plate"? Presently, these drivers/riders with extensive history of alcohol/operating offenses can get on a scooter and get to where they need to go without causing much of a hazard to the rest of the traveling public. Of course the flip side is why would we ever make it easy for these types to ride scooters? Maybe because it hurts less when we get hit with the Vespa than it does with the Crown vic, particularly when they are going to drive no matter what.

I WORKED IN THE COMPANY OF A HERO ONCE AND HE LOVED MOTORCYCLES.

Getting travel brochures advertising cruises and motorcycle trips to Vietnam, Thailand and Laos, bring mixed emotions, especially this time of year. Here is why. I worked the night shift at a factory that manufactured fuel and water pumps for cars. It was during the Vietnam War. Of course there was much conversation as to the political issues back then. I worked with a guy one summer inspecting fuel pumps as part of our job. His name was Kenny Kays. When we got done talking about the war, we talked motorcycles. Japanese motorcycles, British motorcycles, Harleys and so on into the night. He liked them all, and especially Cushman Scooters. He predicted that when the war was over, cruise ships would be docking in South Vietnam with tourists and all would return to normal, so why don't we just skip the war part.

In 1968, the draft was on and Kenny had definite ideas about the morality of the war. His philosophy was easy. As a conscientious objector, he was not about to shoot someone that he didn't have anything against. If drafted, he was going to Canada. While I disagreed with his views about the war, I was impressed with his stand, especially in the land of the patriotic American Legions. And so off to Canada he went. Only after his WW II vet dad begged his return, did Kenny come back for the draft. While he was still a conscientious objector, he apparently did not give the right answers as he was drafted anyway and sent to the 101st Airborne to serve as a medic.

Kenny was on a hill in the northern part of South Vietnam when it happened. North Vietnamese sappers killed seven of the 21 soldiers on the hill and wounded many others. Even though Kenny lost the lower part of his left leg, he dragged his comrades to safety and treated their wounds and shielded the more severely wounded from incoming enemy fire. For his bravery, this conscientious objector medic was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sadly, he took his life years later, unable to cope with all that he had been through. Whenever I see advertisements for motorcycle trips in Vietnam, I think of Kenny's prediction - and he was right.

SNOOZE YOU LOSE - TIME IN WHICH TO FILE YOUR CLAIMS

We have all heard the old saying- but pay attention, as this one can cost you BIG time. When you have been injured or suffered a personal injury loss, the law limits the time you have to file a claim so you should consult with us immediately. Problems occur when some feel their injuries are not severe enough to seek legal advice, but after time the extent of the injury becomes evident. If that happens to you, here are some basic time limits you must know.

For Indiana and Illinois, that time frame is two years from the date of incident for non governmental agencies and for claim claims against governmental entities it can be as little as 180 days in Indiana or one year in Illinois. In Ohio you have two years from the date of incident to file a claim including claims against the governmental entities. Kentucky isn't so giving in some cases (motorcycle) you may only have one year from the date of incident to file a claim including claims against governmental entities and in other cases you may have two years.

If you do not resolve your claim or file suit within that time period allowed by law your claim may be forever barred, even though you have a good case. So if you have been injured be sure you note the time frame in which you have to act and remember these laws are subject to change. To be safe, calendar your claim against individuals and companies for one year. As always if you have any specific questions/concerns, contact ABATE Legal Services.

HEALTH INSURANCE: IF YOU HAVE IT ARE YOU COVERED? NOT NECESSARILY.

Recently, we have been seeing more and more health insurance policies that have extreme limitations on coverage. Sometimes these policies will use the words "limited benefit" in the title, but most of the time they're just called "health insurance" or "affordable health choices or benefits" or "basic medical" etc., you get the gist. The problem with these policies is that people have no idea how limited the coverage is unless they have to find out the hard way. These policies are marketed as health insurance and are offered by a lot of employers, so logically, people think it is typical health insurance that covers the big stuff, like a serious illness. But that is not the case, these policies do not cover the number one element that we have always, at the very least, associated with health insurance - catastrophic coverage.

Most of these policies max out coverage anywhere from \$1,000 - \$15,000 per year (but, you won't find the maximum coverage amount listed anywhere in the policy). And good luck actually getting the maximum benefit because the coverage amounts are different for every service or procedure etc., and some services are not covered at all, so you would have to hit the maximum coverage in each specific coverage category in order to actually receive the maximum dollar amount benefit. And these so called "explanation of benefits" handbooks that I presume are supposed to actually explain something do nothing other than give you a massive headache. You're better off focusing your time trying to understand 70,000 plus pages of the tax code than you are trying to understand the few pages of your health insurance policy. Whether or not this is done intentionally - you can draw your own conclusions.

In researching these BS policies, I have been trying to figure out who, if anyone, would actually benefit from having such limited health insurance. There might be some folks that would benefit, for instance, if you have ever skipped going to the doctor for your annual check-up because you could not afford the cost of the visit, then these policies can help get you better discounts for certain providers and maybe save the you a little money (emphasis on maybe). However, if you have no problem paying for your basic annual doctor visits and check-ups, and your main reason for having health insurance is in case you get injured or get a serious illness, then avoid these policies or only use them to supplement your major health policy or catastrophic policy. If you are trying to find a lower premium plan and just want catastrophic coverage, there are catastrophic plans out there that may be cheaper than a comprehensive medical plan, but will cover the big stuff.

Do a lot of research and ask a lot of questions - make sure your insurance covers what you think it covers. Call your state department of insurance if you have questions regarding your policy. If it is not the coverage you thought, then find a plan that will meet you and your families needs or start putting more bucks into your emergency fund.

ROADHAZARD.ORG TESTIMONIAL

On August 4 of this year we received a road hazard notice regarding a missing stop sign. We were advised that it had already been reported weeks earlier to the local street department, but nothing was done. Enter RoadHazard.org... Shortly after reporting this same road hazard from our law office, the stop sign magically reappeared. When I checked back with Judy of central Indiana to see if the situation had been remedied she stated "My brother said last night he reported it locally weeks ago but very soon after my request on roadhazard.org it was replaced! Great job keeping us safe!" Thanks Judy, as long as you keep those hazards coming in, we'll keep getting 'em fixed.

Ride Safe and Free,
Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

Connections



13NR30 - The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces Letter to the CDC from the United States Congress.

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been working with United States Representative and longtime motorcycle defender Tom Petri of Wisconsin to send a letter to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) asking them to stop focusing on motorcycle safety.

The CDC released a report that claimed a universal motorcycle helmet law would save lives and money. The problem with the report was that it was simply a collection of a few antiquated studies done by a handful of government agencies which are just as unqualified to focus on motorcycle safety as the CDC.

"This letter will send a clear message to the CDC that Congress is extremely displeased that they are wasting precious tax payer money on areas completely outside their area of expertise" said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "We don't need the CDC to focus on motorcycles when there are plenty of other government agencies already working on this."

The CDC report states that 41% of all fatal motorcycle accidents victims were not wearing a helmet. Simple math shows us that 59% were wearing helmets when they were involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. This is hardly a case for a universal helmet law.

Congressman Petri had this to say, "Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's and a host of other conditions and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation urges you to contact your Representative in the United States House and ask them to co-sign this letter to the CDC. The larger the number of co-signers the greater impact it will have. Please contact your Representative at the United States Capitol switchboard which can be reached at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to co-sign the Petri CDC motorcycle letter. The deadline for co-signing this letter is close of business Tuesday, October 8th. Please act fast.

13NR31 - 2013 MRF Meeting of the Minds Awards

MRF FOUNDER'S Award

- Paul Vestal

MRF AFTERMARKET AWARDS

- Chris Maida - Editor of American Iron Magazine for their support of the MRF
- The Broken Spoke - Sturgis South Dakota for their support of the MRF
- Chris Callen - Editor of Cycle Source Magazine for their support of the MRF
- Rob Keller of Cycle Source Magazine for their support of the MRF
- 2013 MRF Membership Awards
- #1 SSMRO in Individual MRF Memberships-ABATE of Wisconsin
- #2 SSMRO in Individual MRF Memberships-ABATE of Illinois
- #3 SSMRO in Individual MRF Memberships-ABATE of Minnesota
- #1 SSMRO in Sustaining MRF Memberships-ABATE of Illinois
- #2 SSMRO in Sustaining MRF Memberships-ABATE of Wisconsin
- #3 SSMRO in Sustaining MRF Memberships-ABATE of Pennsylvania
- #1 in Sustaining Motorcycle Club Memberships-Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs

- #2 in Sustaining Motorcycle Club Memberships-Michigan Confederation of Clubs

- #1 SSMRO in % Membership Growth-ABATE of Louisiana
- #2 SSMRO in % Membership Growth-United Bikers of Maine
- #3 SSMRO in % Membership Growth-ABATE of Montana

MRF STATE LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

- **FORR of Missouri for passing SB282, M/C Checkpoint ban and HB715 legalizing pulsating brake lights**

- Rhode Island Motorcycle Association for passing HB5061, increasing penalties for ROW violations
- ABATE of Kansas for passing HB 2318 legalizing headlight modulating systems and side lighting
- Massachusetts Motorcycle Association for defeating numerous communities based sound ordinances
- New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization for working with their State Legislature and DOT in highlighting the growing driving and transportation related dangers in their state
- TMRA2 for passing SB763 trike training, and HB3838 motorcycle and trike training
- Texas ABATE Confederation for passing SB763 trike training, and HB3838 motorcycle and trike training
- CBA/ABATE of North Carolina for passing SB353, a motorcyclist ROW bill

MRF Ron Shepard Motorcycle Safety Award

- Kentucky Motorcycle Association/Kentucky Bikers Association for their continuing accomplishments for the Motorcycle Safety Program

MRF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

- ABATE of Wisconsin for their continued strong relationships with their congressional delegation
- ABATE of Pennsylvania for fostering a working relationship between the Honorable Bill Shuster, ABATE of PA, and the MRF
- MMA-Arizona for overturning the Maricopa County Motorcycle Emissions Testing
- ABATE of Arizona for overturning the Maricopa County Motorcycle Emissions Testing
- Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs for overturning the Maricopa County Motorcycle Emissions Testing
- ABATE of Illinois for maintaining an effective relationship with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood

MRF Congressional Champions Awards

- Hon. James f. Sensenbrenner - Wisconsin
- Hon. Dr. Michael Burgess - Texas
- Hon. Tim Griffin - Arkansas
- Hon. Jeff Denham - California
- Hon. Tom Petri - Wisconsin
- Hon. Bill Shuster - Pennsylvania
- DEB BUTITTA Most Outstanding MRF REP of the Year Award
- Barbara "Lisi" Martinez

MRF MRF State Rep Top Recruiter in 2013 Award

- Jim Conley

MRF Political Action Committee Awards

- ABATE of Illinois FEDPAC for their contributions to the MRFPAC
- Chuc Coulter for his many years of dedicated service to the MRFPAC

MRF President's Silver Cup

- Dawn Riba
- Gary Sellers

MRF JOHN "FARMER" AWARD

- Rick "Doc" Jones of Illinois

MRF LIFETIME MEMBER, LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Imre Szauter
- MRF Thomas Paine Award
- Doc D'Errico

MRF Board Service Retirement Clocks

- Steve Zimmer

Connections



An important message from the American Motorcyclist Association about the New York City incident involving an SUV driver and motorcycle riders

An incident in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 29, involving an SUV driver and some motorcyclists has generated widespread media coverage and stirred concern amongst motorcyclists nationwide.

The American Motorcyclist Association is troubled by the contents of a video that was taken of the incident – both for the serious injuries caused by the SUV driver and for the actions of some motorcyclists who apparently decided to take the law into their own hands. Because a criminal investigation is underway, we believe it is wise to refrain from commenting further on the specific incident until all the facts are known. We will continue to monitor the developments of the investigation.

As you know, the AMA has long advocated responsible riding. AMA members strive to represent motorcycling in a positive light. AMA clubs do the same, supporting rider education and raising funds for charitable causes in their communities. Each year, hundreds of well-organized, AMA-sanctioned recreational events occur where law-abiding motorcyclists gather to enjoy camaraderie and spend their tourist dollars in host cities and surrounding communities.

One unfortunate event of this kind, reported frequently by national and local media, can create a false image of all motorcyclists by the general public.

The safety of all road users, especially motorcyclists, is of the utmost concern to the AMA and we do not support actions by any road users that violate the law. The AMA is telling the media our position about responsible riding and urging them to report this incident factually and objectively.

As motorcyclists, we can all do our part individually by writing emails or letters and making phone calls to our local news media urging them to do the same, and explaining that the actions of a few do not represent the vast majority of the estimated 27 million motorcyclists in America.

The AMA encourages its members to utilize the media as a communication tool. The media can be helpful in getting our message out to the public or drawing attention to our concerns regarding the incident in New York City. To find and contact local or national media outlets, click here.

A sample letter is enclosed below...

To Whom It May Concern:

"As a responsible motorcyclist and a concerned citizen, I am writing about the incident that occurred in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 29, involving an SUV driver and some motorcyclists.

I am troubled by the serious injuries caused by the SUV driver and by the actions of some motorcyclists who apparently decided to take the law into their own hands. Some in the media have reported the facts but others are sensationalizing the story. I urge you to report this incident factually and objectively.

I ride responsibly and do my best to represent motorcycling in a positive light. Those of us who ride support rider education and often raise funds for charitable causes in our community. The safety of all road users, especially motorcyclists, is of the utmost concern to me and I do not support actions by any road users that violate the law.

Each year, the American Motorcyclist Association sanctions hundreds of well-organized recreational events. At these events, law-abiding motorcyclists gather to enjoy camaraderie and spend their tourist dollars in host cities and surrounding communities.

One unfortunate event of this kind, reported frequently by national and local media, can create a false image of all motorcyclists by the general public. Motorcycling has become an enjoyable mainstream activity and almost everyone today has a family member or friend who rides. The actions of the motorcyclists portrayed in the video of the encounter in New York City do not represent me, my friends, or the vast majority of the 27 million motorcyclists in America."

If you have comments please send them to grassroots@ama-cycle.org.

The AMA is happy to introduce a new member of its AMA government relations staff member in Washington, D.C., Steve Salisbury. Steve is the new Off-Road Government Affairs Manager, has a degree in forestry and is an avid off-road rider. He has written access advocacy articles for Trail Rider magazine and volunteered as a Master Tread Trainer with Tread Lightly!. Steve is a native of central New Jersey and has moved to Washington, D.C., from Maine where he worked in the forest products and powersports industries. He brings a varied background to the AMA and will focus on the off-highway access challenges faced by riders nationwide.

Washington D.C.: A new U.S. Forest Service rule could accelerate trail deconstruction. The rule will allow the agency to fast-track the destruction of motorized trails. On Sept. 12, the Forest Service published a final rule in the Federal Register that adds three new "categorical exclusions" to its national Environmental Policy Act regulations "for activities that restore lands negatively impacted by water control structures, natural- and human-caused events, and roads and trails."

Categorical exclusions allow the agency to act without preparing a costly and time-consuming environmental assessment or environmental impact statement to determine the project's impacts.

Among other things, the new rule allows the U.S. Forest Service to obliterate "unnecessary and unauthorized roads and trails" without doing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement which can be established by merely leaving them off their trail and road maps. The rule can't be applied for recognized National Forest System Roads and National Forest System Trails.

When using the categorical exclusion related to roads and trails, the rule says U.S. Forest Service officials "will conduct appropriate scoping and public involvement assuring that citizen views are taken into account in an appropriate manner given the context of the decisions being made." The rule also states "this category will not be used to make access decisions about which roads and trails are to be designated for public use."

When the Forest Service sought public comments on the proposal last year, the AMA expressed concerns that the proposed rule would "allow a categorical exclusion from the current environmental review to accelerate the pace of road and trail deconstruction. In other words, these new categorical exclusions will make it much easier for the Forest Service to reduce the number and mileage of trails."

The AMA also asked why a categorical exclusion wasn't proposed for instances when the Forest Service restores trails for the safety of users.

"Now, more than ever, it's important for all riders to contact their local national forest and get on the contact list to be notified when the local forest plans to take any action on trails," said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. "Since the Forest Service can move quickly to destroy trails, we must be prepared to move quickly to voice our concerns as motorized recreation enthusiasts whenever we can."

Springfield, Ill.: The cost to ride an off-road vehicle is about to rise for many residents of Illinois. As part of an effort to raise money for state parks and other outdoor activities, officials are in the final stages of approving the rules for a \$15 annual fee on most all-terrain vehicles.

The new permit for four-wheelers is expected to go into effect Jan. 1 pending the outcome of a hearing next month by a special panel of lawmakers who are reviewing the proposed rules. The new fee, which could raise as much as \$800,000 per year, is similar to programs already underway in Missouri, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky, said Illinois Department of Natural Resources spokesman Chris McCloud.

Not every owner of an ATV will have to buy a permit sticker. Among the exemptions are golf course owners, who will not have to buy stickers for their fleets of carts. The same goes for farmers and ranchers who use ATVs on their property.

People who ride on property where they reside also are exempted. However, those who ride four-wheelers on property they own but don't live on would be required to pay the fee.

FORR at the 2013 Meeting of the Minds



“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.

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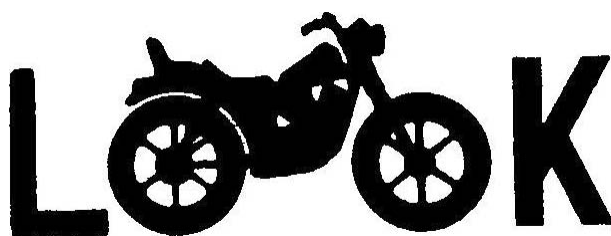
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3 Local 7 Lebanon Toy Run 417-532-4731

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3 Local 15 Branson Branson Toy Run 417-334-0775

3 Local 16 Cape Girardeau Toy Run 573-768-2524

3 Local 19 Kirksville Toy Run 660-342-0577

3 Local 20 Dexter Toy Run 573-718-0428

3 Local 26 Maryville Toys for Tots 660-582-1742

3 Local 42 Franklin Cty Toy Run 636-584-5481

9 Local 23 Lincoln Cty Chilli Cook Off 314-412-1983

30 Local 28 Waynesville Santa's Coming 573-528-1528

DECEMBER

15 Local 33 50 Hwy West Adopt-A-Family Dinner 660-441-0625

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