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The main purpose of this organization is to guard the rights of all motorcyclists; to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote safety, rider education, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists.



## Publication Information

Send all submissions for publication, along with any necessary payment to:

**Freedom of Road Riders, Inc.**  
 1424 Estate Dr, Bates City, MO 64011-8417  
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Bus. Card	\$25	\$71	\$134	\$250
1/4 page	\$50	\$143	\$268	\$500
1/2 page	\$100	\$285	\$535	\$1000
Full page	\$150	\$428	\$803	\$1500

*Please make all checks payable to FORR, Inc.*

### FORR Local/District Event Flyers

ALL FLYERS on FORR Sanctioned events wanting to be published in The Freedom Press need to have proper approval and submitted along with, (if any), necessary payment at the time of submission for publication. Basic insurance \$75 - Each add'l insured \$62.50

**Event Flyer Policy** - All event flyers except charity events and Fun Runs must contain the following two (2) statements:

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

A charity event shall be defined as an event where ALL proceeds are given to the charity and FORR® receives absolutely no profit.

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### FORR Corporate Sponsors

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**Members Only on forr.net**

User - Member Password - Freedom2Ride

## Central Committee Corporate Officers

**Chairman - Joe "Smokin Joe" Widmer (Local 14)**  
 2410 S Crescent Ave, Independence, MO 64052-1543  
 Ph# (816) 536-7512 • E-mail: chairman@forn.net  
 No calls after 8 pm - Either leave a message or text

**Vice Chairman - Bob Hawkins (Local 35)**  
 604 S College St, Calhoun, MO 65323-1305  
 Ph# (660) 351-0486 • E-mail: vchairman@forn.net

**Corporate Secretary - Cheryl Singleton (Local 3)**  
 5985 SE 1401 Rd, Weaubleau, MO 65774-9205  
 Ph# (417) 428-3037 • E-mail: secretary@forn.net  
 Monday-Friday 1 pm - 7 pm

**Treasurer - Lynne Adkins (Local 3)**  
 PO Box 436, Saint Charles, MO 63302-0436  
 Ph# (314) 960-4249 • E-mail: treasurer@forn.net  
 8 am - 8 pm

## Central Committee Cabinet

**Legislative Coordinator - Bill Kempker (Local 10)**  
 4803 Rainbow Hills Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0275  
 Ph# (573) 690-5281 or (800) 448-FORR (3677) • E-mail: legislative@forn.net

**Rider Education Coordinator - B.L. McDonnell (Local 22)**  
 9181 Private Road 6421, West Plains, MO 65775-6692  
 Ph# (800) 309-RIDE (7433) • E-mail: safety@forn.net

**Product Line - Shelly Payne (Local 33)**  
 2501 Monroe St, Lexington, MO 64067-2304  
 Ph# (816) 449-0759 • E-mail: product@forn.net

**Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator - Shaulene "Lizzi" Frock (Local 11)**  
 Ph# (417) 439-0399 • E-mail: mac@forn.net

**Membership Coordinator - Jim Scheele (Local 30)**  
 Ph# (417) 234-6215 • E-mail: membership@forn.net 8 am - 8 pm  
**Memberships are sent to office (see below)**

**Webmaster - Mike Thompson**  
 Ph # (573) 201-1747 • E-mail: webmaster@forn.net

**Club Liaison Terry Cobb (Local 15)**  
 (573) 336-2130

## Memberships - New and Renewals / Rider Education / Events / Insurance Info/ Publication Info

**Office Manager - Dallas Chapman (Local 1)**  
 1424 Estate Dr, Bates City, MO. 64011-8417  
 Ph# (800) 309-RIDE (7433) • E-mail: go@forn.net

NEW HOURS - Monday-Friday 8 am - noon

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**August 11 - 13**  
**Freedom of Road Riders® Rally at the River!**  
**Old School Fun!**  
**HOMECOMING 2017**

18 and  
 OVER - ID  
 Required!

**Caplinger Mills River Front Resort**

14630 E. 676 Rd.  
 Stockton, MO 65785

**Admission: \$25.00 Includes Tent Camping**

**\$20.00 for MRO members or Active Duty Military with ID**

**\*Bands Friday and Saturday night!**

FRIDAY: Sean Calvin and the Dirty Truth

SATURDAY: The Third Degree PLUS Southern Bounty

**\*Bike and People Games**

**\*Saturday Bike Show**

**\*T-Shirt Contests**

**\*Miss Homecoming**

**\*Mr Homecoming**

**\*Canoe and Flat Bottom Rental Available**

**\*Fully Stocked Country Store with Ice,  
 Soda, and BEER on Site**

**No Attitudes, Firearms, Pets, or Large Knives**



**For more info see [www.forr.net](http://www.forr.net)  
 or Call 1-800-309-7433**

**\*Limited Reserved RV Sites are available\***  
**\$50.00/Weekend with Hookup**  
**\$20.00/Weekend NO Hookup**  
**Contact Joe @ 816-536-7512**  
**for reservations**

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**New Life Members**

Name	Local
Bruce Baer	15
Chuck Dunne	28

**Committee Meetings**

**Saturday prior to CC Meeting**

Membership - Noon

Legislative - 1 pm

PAC Rally - 2 pm

FEW Seminar - 3 pm

Motorcycle Awareness - 4 pm

Open Officers Meeting - 5 pm

**FOR SALE**

It has approximately 55,000 miles. 2006 Street Glide with side car, custom painted to match the bike. Asking 12,000. Call 816-674-2989

If interested please call or text the above number. I teach so may not be able to get back to you right away during the day. The bike is at my son's house in South Kansas City right now (won't fit in our garage)- but with given some leeway timewise, we can meet somewhere to show it.

1992 Honda Nighthawk 250 unknown mileage \$500 not running no title possibility of more motorcycles for sale later.

Call Doug at 573-819-4585 for more details.

# FORR® PRODUCT LINE



available in  
many colors.  
\$12 each  
special price  
for locals  
ordering 25  
or more

**2017 Calenders**  
now available  
\$5 each

Product Line is displayed at each  
Central Committee Meeting  
**For More Info**  
**Contact:**  
**product@forr.net or**  
**816-449-0759**

NOTICE To All Locals  
As of 6/5/17  
This is The Standing On Financial Statements

Local	Last Report
1	4/17
3	4/17
5	3/17
6	4/17
7	4/17
8	4/17
10	5/17
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35	4/17
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42	4/17
47	4/17
Dist 1	3/17
Dist 4	4/17
MAFR	4/17

Don't forget - District & Special Events Are  
Subject to the Same Rules As Locals  
Regarding Financials

If you don't agree with this report,  
Please contact Lynne Adkins at  
314-960-4249 or treasurer@forr.net

## Central Committee Meeting #225 May 7, 2017

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet Officers and Department Reps present were: Chairman -Joe Widmer, Vice Chairman - Bob Hawkins, Corporate Secretary - Cheryl Singleton, Treasurer - Lynne Adkins, Legislative Coordinator -Bill Kempker, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Shaulene Frock, Rider Education Coordinator – BL McDonnell, Membership Cord – Mark Capps and Product Line Manager - Shelly Payne.

Chairman Widmer called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

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

Location	Local	Vote	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	43	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Truman Lake	Local 03	111	2 Votes	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	42	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	104	2 Votes	Bill Gimse
Lebanon	Local 07	56	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	92	1 Vote	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	149	2 Votes	Marla Wallace
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	59	1 Vote	Joseph Karr
Glasgow	Local 12	49	1 Vote	Ed Johnson
Mexico	Local 13	99	1 Vote	Rock Palmer
Independence	Local 14	72	1 Vote	Ralph Davis
Branson	Local 15	185	2 Votes	Terry Cobb
SEMO	Local 16	59	1 Vote	Martin King
Kirksville	Local 19	86	1 Vote	Mike Auxter
Dexter	Local 20	35	1 Vote	ABSENT
Eldon	Local 21	16	1 Vote	ABSENT
South Central	Local 22	56	1 Vote	B.L. McDonnell
St. Louis	Local 24	64	1 Vote	Ken Lewis
St. Peters	Local 25	42	1 Vote	Susan Lockhart
Maryville	Local 26	46	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	24	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	108	2 Votes	ABSENT
North Kansas City	Local 29	57	1 Vote	PR. NOT SIGNED IN
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	47	1 Vote	EXCUSED
Central Missouri	Local 31	28	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	104	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	37	1 Vote	Ken Kuszak
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	20	1 Vote	Stephen Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	56	1 Vote	Keifer York
Ray County	Local 47	55	1 Vote	David Voigts
Members at Large	Local 00	59	0 Vote	
Total		2,060		
Corporate Sponsors		6		
* Vote suspended due to financial reports				
* Vote suspended due to member total less than 10				

Recognize: Life members, Veterans, First timers

Buck Stops Here - Dallas Chapman Sometimes it is really tough to hold an office or be a leader in this organization. It can mean giving up riding time, not going to a local poker run, or not having a quiet evening at home as a task for the organization needs to get done. Not only can it be difficult to get everything accomplished, sometimes the task at hand is unpleasant. Additionally, the person will be called upon to make a

decision which leaves some members of the organization upset or maybe even mad, but it must be made for the best overall outcome of the organization. I believe this is the embodiment of the term "The Buck Stops Here", i.e. YOU are the final one. Others in the organization may have your back, but the ultimate call is yours as are the The individual I am referring to has always placed the best interest(s) of Freedom of Road Riders® first and foremost. This person has served not only in various positions within the Local, but also as our State Treasurer for a number of years. In doing so, this person is always ready and willing to step up and assist when the call for help goes out. Sometimes this means being required to have a heavy hand to keep the organization from making a decision which was not fiscally or ethically responsible, yet it was always done with the best interest of the organization in mind. All in all, this person has given countless hours to the organization to ensure the "Freedom Train" continues to remain focused and running straight down the track.

I often wonder what would happen if this particular individual decided to be "finished" with the organization. What if this person simply wanted to enjoy other activities not related to Freedom of Road Riders®? Maybe it is due to the fact the organization has depended upon this individual's expertise and knowledge for everything from management of our membership to registering people for our state safety program. Maybe it is due to being tired of not living life on their own terms. Whatever the reason(s), I cannot fathom the thought of Freedom of Road Riders® without this person's participation in some form as this individual has more general knowledge of the day to day workings than many (probably most) would care to know. Some have been learned by trial and error, but mostly because the person took the time to go out and find the information, or skill, needed to perform the task. Now that I have outlined the qualifications I believe are necessary to be considered, I would officially like to nominate the Freedom of Road Riders® General Office Manager, and longtime member, Dallas Chapman for the prestigious "The Buck Stops Here"

No one is more deserving or works harder!

Approval of Minutes – Secretary Singleton <Motion to approve Minutes as printed in the Freedom Press: L1, 2<sup>nd</sup> L8.>

#### Department Reports:

Treasurer –Lynne Adkins - [treasure@forn.net](mailto:treasure@forn.net)

Local 30 – 2016 Donation. Four other Locals eligible for 2016. L25 sent donation at end of January not dated and was put toward 2017, they have since sent email stating it should go toward 2016. L6 and L12 made donations 2016. Local 30 \$450 for 2016.

To be considered as an in kind donation, item, event, etc. must benefit FORR® on a statewide level, assisting all locals and/or promoting FORR®, Inc as a whole. The maximum amount that can be considered as an in kind donation is 50% of a Local's state obligation, up to a maximum of \$750.00. In order for a Local to be able to be considered for a donation in kind to fulfill up to 50% of their obligation to the state, the following must be met.

1. The Local shall have met the previous year's obligation to the state;
2. The in kind donation must be presented to the CC board in a budget format, itemizing associated costs;
3. Budget must be presented to the CC board 30 days prior to proposed expenditure;
4. CC board will review budget and advise the Local as to its decision and amount allowed as an in kind donation.

In order to get supporter pins a Local must donate \$15/member with a maximum of \$1500 per Local. The yearly donation is based on the local member count on November 1st. The donation period is from January 1st through December 31st. Donations must be submitted by December 31st. State Accts.

Pac: beginning \$21,198.64, ending \$18159.27.  
 Riders Ed.: beg: \$9,622.89, end: \$16,106.48  
 General Fund: beg: \$5,691.12, end: \$8,178.65  
 Awareness: beg: \$3,220.85, end: \$3,032.48  
 Membership: beg: \$2,004.34 - no change.  
 Homecoming: Beg: \$9,854.56, end: \$9,717.06  
 Giveaway: beg: 2,033.28 – no change.

FEW 2017: Financial recap - See FEW Committee heading, this agenda.

Reminders: No 50/50 or Raffle wording on reports (or flyers): Use terms as incentive or donation.

Send original bank statement or if electronic copy, put a "E" near the statement heading. Send a copy of check register

Awards not available at March CC – Local 6 – Return of Roster and Submissions to Freedom Press, Local 25 – Central Committee Attendance and submissions to the Freedom Press.

PAC Fund Patches (use a 101 forms)

Donations: PAC: L26 - \$150, L3 - \$750, L13 - \$500. Donations to any state account go toward Locals yearly donations.

Corporate Secretary- Singleton -[secretary@forn.net](mailto:secretary@forn.net)

## Membership Report March – April 2017

### Memberships Processed:

<b>March Total Life Members for March – 24</b>	<b>35 New Members</b>	<b>140 Renewed Members</b>
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<b>April Total Life Members for April – 16</b>	<b>42 New Members</b>	<b>128 Renewed Members</b>
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<b>40 Life Members</b>	<b>77 New Members</b>	<b>268 Renewed Members</b>
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<b>March – April 2016</b>	<b>385 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED</b>
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**Total Membership 2,060**  
*(increase of 25 members)*

**334 LIFE MEMBERS**

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General Office – Dallas talks about General Office duties for hiring a new manager THIS YEAR. Keep all office duties together for ease of garnering info when called. Duties include: Membership processing, Secretary for Riders Education, Editing the Freedom Press, Events approval. 3 bank accounts: Homecoming, General Office and Riders Education.

Programs used: Access, Word, Excel, In-design, Training will be readily available and everyone is trainable. Send resume to [chairman@forr.net](mailto:chairman@forr.net)

Minutes from committee meetings sent via email to [secretary@forr.net](mailto:secretary@forr.net)

Membership business directory on [forr.net](http://forr.net) – send business cards to [go@forr.net](mailto:go@forr.net)

Handbooks and By-Laws can be printed at CC meetings Secretary Singleton.

Vice-Chairman – Bob Hawkins

Engineer of Freedom Award- Smokin' Joe Widmer "All of the members of this Local, would like to nominate a member, for his dedication to FORR and his Local. He has been a member for over 20 years, and has always stepped up to help others and has given back to his Local and the FORR. It would be difficult, to add up the miles that he has traveled and the sacrifices that he has made to do so. But, he has always been there to answer your questions and help, when it is needed. He has held multiple positions in FORR, and has always taken them serious. Local 14, would like to nominate, SMOKEN JOE WIDMER, for the ENGINEER AWARD. THANK YOU ALL! From all the officers of Local 14.

Insurance: A hard copy of the Insurance Certificate is not usually needed for Poker Runs and other Local Events. Flyers will not go on Facebook or [forr.net](http://forr.net) website unless insurance is paid.

Homecoming meeting is open to all members and Locals.

Committee: Chairman – Bob Hawkins L35, Secretaries – Linda Hawkins L35 and

Cheryl Singleton L3, Treasurer – Lynne Adkins L3. Vendor Coordinators - Laura Wilson L5 and Teresa? L10. Band Coordinator – Amy Allmon L5. Grounds Coordinator – Joe Widmer L14.

Security – Rock Palmer L13, Dean Singleton L3, Jim Scheele L30 and Joe Widmer L14.

RV Parking Security – Joe Widmer L14. T-shirts – State Product Line Manager Shelly Payne L8. Trophy's – L13 License Plates. Bike Show – L15, Field Events – L10. Med Tech – Terry Cobb. Support Vehicles: 4 golf carts (no drunks). Shuttle – Bill Thornhill L27 and Dave Singleton L3.

Advertising – local papers, flyers, radio ads, websites. Sponsors – EVERYBODY!

CAMPSITE PRICES determined at next meeting June 11, NOON @ Caplinger Mills. Cabins will be auctioned off at the July CC meeting.

Treasurer report will change from Dam Rally to Homecoming (PAC Fundraiser)

Homecoming Contract: VOTE<Motion to approve the Homecoming contract: L1, 2<sup>nd</sup> L27. Approved by unanimous Roll Call vote>

Insurance – Be sure this is on your flyers.

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Membership – Jim Scheele

Legislative Coord. – Bill Kempker

Motorcycle Magazine distributed throughout Missouri and Local names can be printed when sponsoring a route.

Upcoming Capitol “happenings” in submission from Bill Kempker in the Freedom Press.

<Motion to break for lunch L27, 2<sup>nd</sup> L1, approved by unanimous voice. Time 12:10pm.>

Return time: 1:15pm

AMA– Bill Kempker

MRF (Motorcycle Rights Foundation) – Amy Allmon

Locals can become sustaining members for \$100/yr.

Meeting of the Mind

Young Activist Scholarship – get to go to the MOTM 18-30 yrs. old.

Mid-South Mile– Roy Hoard “Cowboy”.

Local donations can be obtained by going to your area craftsmen.

Ox Springs Arkansas Oct. 27-29, Clarian - Lake Hamilton 501-525-1391

COC Liaison – Terry Cobb

Had elections: new president - Tom Moran, member of Armed Forces MC, St Louis.

Next meeting Snorty Horse, June 3, regular meeting at 1pm.

Rider Education – BL McDonnell

MAC - Shaulene Frock – May Rally.

Route 66 Festival Aug. 11 & 12 – Awareness Booth <Motion to pay for Awareness booth \$150 from Awareness Acct. Passed by unanimous roll call vote>

KC Bikers for Babies Awareness Booth at the KC Speedway. <Motion to pay for booth \$150 from Awareness acct. L3, 2<sup>nd</sup> L8. Passed by unanimous roll call vote>

Product Line – Shelly Payne

Calendar pictures due Sept 30 [photobyshelly@yahoo.com](mailto:photobyshelly@yahoo.com). Please mark they're for the calendar.

Pictures of people-less historical landmarks AND photos of women on their bikes with proper riding attire and any FORR attire.

Product Line will be at the Homecoming Rally.

CHAIRMAN Widmer

General Office/ Webmaster– Dallas Chapman

As mentioned in the past: looking for someone who would like to train for General Office.

Hospitality room: Hospitality room volunteers - July cost \$295. Locals 12, 25 & 30 volunteered.

State Cabinet Nomination Procedures:

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

Elections will be held the second Sunday in November. The term of Central Committee Chairman and the cabinet will be two (2) years. All voting will be by signed written ballot, to be retained by the Recording Secretary for two (2) years. In case of a tie vote, there will be another vote taken. Central Committee Representatives will only vote on the candidates involved in the tie. Central Committee Representatives will not have the option to abstain. If the tie is not broken with the second vote, the Central Committee Chairman will cast the tie breaking vote.

If the Central Committee Chairman cannot complete the term, the Vice-Chairman will step into that position and complete the term. The new Chairman will then appoint someone to fill the position of Vice-Chairman. If any of the Officers of the cabinet cannot complete their term, the Central Committee Chairman will appoint someone to fill that position. These changes must be approved by a vote of the Central Committee Representatives.

After the November elections, all books and records will be put in order and given to the new officers before January 1.

The January Central Committee meeting, following elections, will be run by the newly elected officers.

Webmaster: new volunteer - Mark Thompson

Committees

FEW – Bill Thornhill

Income: \$5292.99, Expenses: \$4089.60 PROFIT = \$1203.39

New FEW committee Lizzi and the Blonds! Kerri Lewis, Susan Lockhart and Duchess Warner.

Old Business

Membership Income – TABLED

New Business

Clean up language on Yearly Donations: for the year time-frame.

The yearly donation is based on the Local member count by Nov 1. The donation period is donations period is from Jan 1 thru Dec. 31.

Donations are due by Dec. 31 of the current year.

Proposal: Local 33, State Fair Awareness Booth, Aug 10 -20, 2017. Asking for financing from Org. <Motion to take up to \$1908.50 from PAC for the State Fair Awareness Booth for L33: L27, 2<sup>nd</sup> L22. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.>

<Motion to dismiss meeting 3:10 p.m. L1, 2<sup>nd</sup>11 Passed by unanimous voice.>

**LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ noon****Meeting location varies****Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906****Facebook - FORR Local 1****LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693 or****Vice-President: Gary Snyder 417-644-2789****Facebook - FORR® Local 3**

We had such a great time on May 2 when we rode to the MAY Rally ride to the capitol. Reports were there were 149 members there from 20 locals. 12 of us from Local 3 met L-11, L-27 and L-30 near Mack's Creek and rode in together. Great day with great people. Long day but still made time to stop at The Crappie Hole at Carson's Corner on the way home. May 7 several from L-3 went on the "Can You See Me Now" awareness ride in Spgfld. And on May 10 we were honored to be part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Escort from Spgfld to Stockton. We heard reports that there were 350-400 bikes there. So thankful and proud of our Local 3 veterans and all veterans. May 21

Skittles and Dan went to the L-47 picnic. They had the best time. Our local really gets around. Of course everyone knows Freedom Rally was May 26-29, Our Lynne, Brandy, Spoon, Chad, Myron, Rebel, Crash and Scott were there. Stormy week-end, but all turned out good.

Then there was that moment when you put your steak on the grill and your mouth waters all over from that amazing smell.....Do vegans feel the same way when you mow the grass?

Chad Duffy won the incentive pot at our last meeting. Congrats, Chad. Kermit & Michelle have a new to them Harley Soft Tail Custom. Its a beauty.

Cheryl (our Gypsy Soul) took the BRC test and is now having a blast on her "Blue Demon". Of course she aced it. It just so happened that she took the test on Mother's Day & thought that was a great mother's day present.

Kelly Forest had back surgery, we're thinking of you Kelly & hope you are feeling better.

Welcome to our new members, Mark Hampton, Scott Mallett and Don "Pappy" Ferguson. Also a big thank you to Eckart & Co. for all the running you have been doing. You know what I mean.

June 3 was our Family Fun Day at Roscoe. Great day of fun, food and free bicycles for the kiddos. Glad to see Bob & Linda from L-35 and also thanks to Anthony Jamison & two others from L-27 for coming and capturing our flag. We had our monthly meeting afterwards since our regular June meeting would have been on Father's Day. There was a chance of showers, but everything was good all day until about everyone had left except the clean-up crew and then it cut loose !! Most of us stayed fairly dry under the shelter except for the two who were dancing in the rain !!! A few of us then went to Grizzly's for more partying. Our July meeting will be back on regular time. Come join us, bring 3 or more from your local and capture our flag.

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Well I've got to run to keep from hiding  
And I'm bound to keep on riding  
I've got one more silver dollar  
But I'm not gonna let them catch me, no  
Not gonna let'em catch the Midnight Rider.

RIP Gregg Allman

12.8.47--5.27.17

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Until next time, ride safe, have fun  
Happy Father's Day to all Dads.  
Deena # 33946  
Ole' Harley Momma !!



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**LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-942-7507 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222****Facebook - forrlocal5.shutterfly.com**

Hey Local 5, sorry I was missing in action for the May meeting but I was on MRF business. Now back to Local business. Octoberfest planning is almost complete. We need a t-shirt design and sponsors, please!!!! We also need a security chief for the event so think it over and get with Donna Hillburn or me. Also, Homecoming planning is underway and we need sponsors there also. I can get sponsor forms for both events.

Please come to the next meeting with fund raising ideas, our coffers are getting low. We also still have the scooter for sale and most of the callers wanted to low ball or tried to scam us. So it is still available spread the word.

Summer is here let's plan a picnic, details to come.

MRF'S Meeting of the Minds is in Williamsburg, Virginia, September 21-24 and a plan is forming to ride/drive leaving early Tuesday, September 19 with an overnight stop in Louisville, Kentucky then on to Williamsburg. Scholarships are available for gas, hotel and hotel room.

Amy

**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095****Newsletter Editor Beth Gimse 816-261-5798**

Howdy Folks,

Warm Welcome to Local 6, new members: Lana Reynolds; Tina Hall; Lee Williams; Thad Rice; Craig Reynolds; Michael Shipman; Mike Reams (Chops).

OK. Here is the Eidenshink-Jackson tour I promised last time! April 2017 John and Barb Eidenshink along with friends Larry and Mary Jackson left for Key West, Florida. They went to Key Largo after spending the night at Daytona Beach. Then they continued on to Key West where they visited the home of Ernest Hemingway and the Key West Light House. While there, they visited Hemingway's favorite restaurant, "Sloppy Joe's" where they had, what else? Sloppy Joes! Also had some of the finest Key Lime Pie from what I hear. The group of youngsters met up with an iguana in Key Largo that they got pretty friendly with! They soon packed up and headed for Alabama and ate at the original Lambert's. Mmmmm. From here it was on to New Orleans and the French Quarter. All had a wonderful time and didn't get too wet and cold. It was 13 days and 4100 miles of a good time on some sweet rides!

Congratulations to Connie Thoeke-Burks and Kenny Burks on their 39th Anniversary! June 10.

A couple of people got together and rode up to Freedom Rock in Menlo Iowa. We heard it was good weather and smooth sailing there and back. Local 6 held their Annual Cabin Fever Bike Show on May 13th. Lots of bikes and babes! Thanks to everyone who helped set up, cook, DJ, judge bikes, and tear down. Great people in local 6!

Last but never least, a few members went to Rolling Thunder in D. C. Good show Folks! That story next time!

May your summer be filled with the smells of BBQ grills, the sounds of laughter and the Sun, shining on your face.

Ride Safe Ride Free

Beth

John and Barb Eidenshink, Mary Jackson with Larry Jackson taking pictures. See his finger? Upper left corner. Hahaha.

**LOCAL 7 - LEBANON****Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.****La Mexican Kitchen, 1679 S Jefferson Ave, South Dale Shopping Center****Contact: Robert 417-426-5627****Facebook - Freedom of road riders ® local 7****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****Facebook - FORR Local 8**

Greeting Sisters & Brothers!!

As I write this letter we're only 4 days away from our 31st annual Spring Fling! Dang we've had some good times along the way. This year I came across some discs with photos of previous years and laughed at the craziness we've experienced. All this has been accomplished through hard work, dedication and love. Love for each other but most of all love for the organization and our local. We've had some successful years and we've also had some traumatic years, yet here we are jumping in and doing it again! I want to personally thank everyone that's pitched in this year and years past to help. Spring Fling wouldn't be happening for its 31st time without you! I hope you came out and had a good time.

Cissy has some new items she's ordered for product line and can order more if there's something you'd like, get with her.

There are a lot of events going on in the area, I hope we're all getting out and supporting other locals and organizations. It all boils down to one key factor - the love of motorcycles. Be sure you're doing your part to promote safety and education. Carl has a BRC class this weekend and the next one is in July. Let's challenge each other to be sure the July class is full.

Mark your calendars for August 26. This is the date of our benefit ride for the combat vets association. More details will come later. Watch your freedom press and emails for more fun forr events.

Until next time, Keep smilin'

Glenda

**LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY****Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm****Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC****Contact: Rich Northeimer (573) 257-1122 or Denise Taylor (573) 353-4127****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR)-Local 10**

Howdy! Hope you are out enjoying this much needed sunshine! This has been a very strange year to say the least. PLEASE NOTE: We have changed our meeting day to the 4th Tuesday instead of the 3rd Thursday. This is so our meeting doesn't fall before the Freedom Rally Committee Meeting.

How about that Freedom Rally? Where else could you have gone where you experienced lots of rain, hail and tornado warnings that certainly brought us all together in the cramped up shower houses?? It started out with a bang but ended with big fun!

A few in Local 10 took the Experienced Rider Safety Course and Dale Thomas was one of them along with; Nancy Hanks, Carl Hammond, and Dan Schaper. Dale said it was well worth it and he learned some new important things to do and NOT to do! If you are interested in taking a course you can check online at [www.forr.net](http://www.forr.net) to checkout class dates and openings. The cost for this Course is \$75.00 and if you are a FORR Member for at least 30 days and you pass the course, you will be reimbursed \$30.00.

For all you FB people, keep watching Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) – Local 10 Group Facebook page for events, pictures and a few videos. If you have any events or anything else you would like to put out there, post it to the Timeline. If you have any problems finding or getting on the page, call me at 573-353-4127 or send me an email at [taylor34@embarqmail.com](mailto:taylor34@embarqmail.com). Trying hard to keep this updated with events, photos and files. If you wish to add anything, please feel free to do so.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

[taylor34@embarqmail.com](mailto:taylor34@embarqmail.com)**LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI****Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S Main, NW Door****Contact: Sparky @ (417) 439-5908 or Lizzi @ (417) 439-0399****Facebook - FORR® L11**

Hello Everyone,

The Washington D.C. trip I heard was amazing and very educational. Our own Shaulene frock, Mark Capps, Duchess Warner, and Joe Karr along with Amy Allmon and Laura Wilson from local 5, Deanna Rhodes from local 10, got to go on this trip with MRF to speak with our States Representatives and State Senators at Capital Hill concerning motorcycle rights on a National level. Thank you for all of your efforts for us riders. Our Freedom Rally was very bonding getting to meet new people from different locals and building brotherhood/sisterhood together we enjoyed everyone and their company a big shout out to Mona Thornhill, Bill Thornhill, and Dee King for making our breakfast amazing and your hospitality was very heartfelt. Birthdays a big Happy Birthday to our awesome Rachel Pullen. Events we have Bill Thornhill is hosting a 4th of July Bash we will be making plans to ride up there July 1st details pending.

L11 CC Invasion coming up July 8th-9th we strongly urge the entire local riding up there



with us, hospitality room will be in full effect. We also have Hootontown Rally Hosted by Local 30 that we plan to attend. That's all folks stay tuned for more updates in our local.

Thank You  
Brittney Macias "BB"

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 1 PM****7-09-17 Arrow Rock State Park ( on the hill)****8-13-17 Muddy Mo Pizza Place- Glasgow****Contact: Barry McDaniel (660-631-2052)****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 12**

By the time you receive this newsletter the Firecracker Classic will have come and gone. I want to thank all that attended and a huge thank you to all that worked the event. I will have more info in the next newsletter. On July 8th Local 12 along with Locals 25 and 30 will host the hospitality room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jeff City. Hope to see a good attendance, (You can lead a horse to water but you can't make them drink).

We have turned in several items for the Mid-South Mile Basket. I encourage all locals to contribute to this worth while event in October.

Until next time I want to leave you with Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do.

Barry S---head McDaniel

Newsletter/Safety

**LOCAL 13 - MEXICO****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.**

**For further information about meetings or membership call President Raymond Palmer 573-864-3575 or Secretary Melissa Palmer 573-554-4575 or email [mapalmer2@cougars.ccis.edu](mailto:mapalmer2@cougars.ccis.edu)**

**Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13**

**LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-690-8557****Facebook - FORR® Local 14**

Greetings Local 14!

We had a great meeting in May. A really good turn out with lots of news and events covered. Thanks to all who were able to attend. We now have 74 total members and steadily growing. Our newest members are Roy Buck, April Buck, Jody Hudson, Scott Kling, Alan Reiss, and Josh Green. Welcome, Welcome, Welcome to our Local 14 family! A few of our members on a whim went to a bridge over I-70 to support the Run For The Wall riders who passed through the area. I can only imagine how cool it must have been to see all those bikes coming down the highway and the roar of them all must have been just awesome. Judging from the video it was an amazing site to see knowing what they are riding for. Something to look forward to next year. By the time this goes to print the Crash Memorial Poker Run / Ride will have come to past. I'm sure it was a great turn out as Crash was a well known and loved man. May he rest in peace. Here's hoping that he is getting in some great riding time with all our brothers and sisters who have also passed. I'll have a full report on the ride in the next issue. Capture the Flag is in full swing and those who have been able to go to the other local's meetings are having a great time doing so, we still have flags to retrieve so let's go get those flags. If you have the time and means to go please contact Doug Hilburn for more information. There are many upcoming events of other locals that were discussed at the meeting. You can get the information from their flyers in The Freedom Press or contact Doug for all the scoop on them, supporting as many locals as possible is key to promoting brother/sisterhood and FORR as a whole. Happy Birthday and/or anniversary to all who are celebrating this month or recently. Last but certainly not least, CONGRATULATIONS to all the young FORR members who have graduated from High School! Good luck and may all your futures be so bright that you gotta wear shades!

That's all I have for this month. Please everyone, Ride Safe, Drive Safe, Be Safe. See Ya Down The Road  
Shelly Bryan  
Local 14  
Secretary / Newsletter

**LOCAL 15 - BRANSON****Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Call for information****Contact: 417-337-4382 /****local15forr@gmail.com****Facebook - FORR Local #15**

Hey everyone,

The Hootontown Rally is just a week

or so away. Hope you're getting ready for a fantastic weekend! Don't forget that everything you need is right on site. Food, drinks, ice, canoe rental, and entertainment!

Our Local monthly BS meeting will be held July 1st at Duane Harrison's home in Kimberling City. He always has a fish fry around the 4th of July at his house. That night Kimberling City has their Fireworks display and it can be seen from his backyard For more information call Duane at 417-239-9964.

Our Fall Swap Meet is scheduled for September 17th. Shadow Rock Park is flooded right now, but could be dry and ready by then. Fingers crossed. But either way we will have a location on that date.

Don't forget that our business meetings are the third Monday of the month, held at Lone Star Steakhouse in Branson on Green Mountain Drive. We start at 7 pm. Come early for dinner.

Have a great month. See you soon,  
Lou



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**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com****Facebook - FORR Local 16**

Welcome back Local 16.

First thing I want to thank Martin for getting the newsletter in for me last month. We were vacationing in the mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma when I realized I wouldn't make the deadline. A road that I had on my bucket list was the Talimena National Scenic Byway through the Winding Staircase Mountains. It was worth the trip and I want to return in the fall when the leaves are changing.

Mother Nature has been busy this year and given us a wild ride. Our area of the state has experienced first tornadoes in the end of February, then 12+ inches of rain in early May and major flooding. Now storms with very high winds that have caused even more damage. I wonder what else is in store for us the rest of the year?

Thanks go out to Bruiser for letting us have the meeting at his place. Guess that everyone forgot that the meeting was changed or busy as only 6 members showed. Not much was discussed other than setting up a booth at Bikers on the Square in Perryville on June 17th.

Next meeting will be at Whitey and Sara's on July 1st at 6 pm. Call for directions and hope to see a good showing.

Nothing else to report this month. Be safe and until next month, Dudely

**LOCAL 19 -KIRKSVILLE****Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Meeting Location Varies****Contact: 660-626-4340****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 19**

Hi there everyone!

Well summer is here! Its time for sunshine and lots of fun. Hope everyone has enjoyed some of all the rides being hosted by the locals every where. My husband and I had the pleasure of getting to go on the Local 19 run on May 13. I could not have asked for better weather. Our lunch was awesome from The Garage not only was the food great but the staff is great. Several of us got together for a great group photo, I do believe fun was had by all. Great weather, food, people, and ride time what more could one ask for?

A huge thanks goes out to everyone that joined us for the Local 19 First Annual Kirksville Motorcycle Safety Awareness Poker Run on May 13 and making to the destinations safely. Thank you to everyone that put time in working and planning this ride. Thank you also goes out to all of the stops, which included Troy Mills Country Store, Kirksville, MO. The Garage in Centerville, Iowa. Buddy's Place in Lancaster, MO. And The EL Kadir Shrine Club in Kirksville, MO.

The Local 19 and Local 8 Combat Vet Run is planned for Aug. 26th. The Chariton River Rally and the State Line Rally and many others. Enjoy the rides and fun now, summer will be gone before we know it.

Come join the meetings to help plan and give input on these activities. Visit Freedom of Road Riders Local 19 page on Facebook to share information and get last minute updates. I hope everyone can join us for the next meeting. Due to the holiday falling on Tuesday we figured everyone would want to start their 4th celebration on the 1st therefore the July meeting will fall on the second Saturday. July meeting will be on July 8, 2017 at 6 pm held at the Shack in Kirksville. For directions for the meeting place, please call 660-626-6367, leave a message your call will be returned.

For information on Safety activities call 660-665-8186, leave a message your call will be returned.

For any general information please call 660-626-4340 text or leave a message your call will be returned.

Lets ride and have fun.

Henri

**LOCAL 20 - DEXTER****Meetings: Last Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Hickory Log on Business 60, Dexter****Contact: Mona Morgan 573-429-3012****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter**

Hello from balmy Southeast MO

Happy birthday and Anniversary to those that have celebrated and will be celebrating for the months of June and July.

What shall we talk about this month how about Social media such as face book. I have made an effort to keep our page members only the reason for that is because we are trying to grow the organization and some of the posts don't make us shine in our best light. I am aware there will be feuds however when things get posted then people have a tendency to take sides. The best way to settle any problems is to go directly to the person or persons and settle whatever the problem is the fewer people involved the better. Just because it is on face book doesn't automatically make it true. I have stopped viewing face book due to all of the drama and BS I play the games and that is the only thing I am interested in on there anymore. I look forward to catching up with friends and family but all I see is a lot of bashing and hating on one or another so lets all just be careful what we post and keep trying to improve how people will think of our locals and organization.

The locals and organization have events to raise money to keep enough to run day to day business and support a favorite charity. A lot of money and planning go into these events with the expectation it will be a success. Recently I read on face book that due to some posts to this site an events attendance was down well there is no way of knowing if this is the real reason or if folks just didn't have the funds, want to risk bad weather etc. whatever the reason a post on face book is getting the credit my suggestion is before any posts are made call someone at the event and see how it is going ask about the weather conditions but just because it is on face book doesn't mean there is a problem. Who is at fault there is no way of knowing one again more care needs to be taken before jumping on this site and posting information.

That's it for me until next time.....

Keep it Between the Lines

Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan – L 20

**LOCAL 21 - ELDON****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.****Whittles Pub & Grill, 108 S Maple St, Eldon, MO****Contact: Dan @ 573-941-8989**

**LOCAL 22 - SOUTH CENTRAL****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Senior Center, West Plains****Contact: BL McDonnell 573-301-7139 or Valerie 573-291-1465****Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders ® Local 22 South Central Missouri**

Dear Brothers, Sisters and friends of South Central Local 22,

Everyone is hopefully enjoying these long summer days riding through the countryside. With the beauty of nature and all it has to offer shared with those you love and hold dearest in your heart. The cool evenings that with any luck at all include watching fire flies, counting stars, bon fires and stories of times gone by. These are the days of summer that memories are truly made of. Kind words and laughter fill the air and without a doubt these moments in time, are the most valuable gift we can give one another. Although these are beautiful scenes in our lives there is another darker side of this story. With the warmer weather and longer nights in many cases more often than not, will lead to drinking adult beverages. Which is fine if you are at your destination or are one of the few that can just drink one. We have lost too many riders who ultimately thought "I'm OK to ride." Sadly most of us have been touched in one way or another by the outcome of this thinking. We have watched the families of our fallen Brothers or Sisters as they try to make sense out of a careless choice, a choice that was made while impaired, one that would have never been made if sober. No-one ever sets out to be the cause of this kind of pain especially to those they love. That is why when you are out with your family or friends and you suspect that someone has had too much. You should ask for their keys, or take other measures to insure they do not ride and make other arrangements for them to get home. By no means am I saying this is going to be an easy task or that it is going to win you any popularity contests, but it is the right thing to do. These are the times that they (our Brother or Sister), as well as their families need you to stand up to them the most. Feelings may be hurt for a day or two, but isn't that better than alternative. When you find yourself thinking this isn't my place, who am I to make this call? Keep in mind the sorrow of the families you have seen in the past. Remember the pure devastation in the eyes of those left behind all because no-one felt it was their place to stand up and say "Not this time Brother / Sister." I believe that together even when it may not be the popular thing to do, we must be our Brother or Sisters keeper. One of the truest acts of Brotherhood is to not allow those you love to make a choice that can never be taken back. Memories are made to be shared. Lets try to make them the happy ones, you know the ones that make you laugh so hard you cry. The ones that make you giggle to yourself, and smile your goofiest smile without saying a word. Our world needs more of these moments. The challenge to us all is, do we allow our memories to become regrets? Simply because we didn't stand firm for what we knew was right or let it slide to avoid a scene? Wouldn't it be nice to look back and know, you may have made a difference. Remember together we can make a difference, when I say together, I mean each and every one of us, making a stand collectively. It starts with you and me, are you willing to make the stand? I am.

Till Next Time Live Life to the Fullest  
Valerie "Wyndy" McDonnell

**LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW Post 4105, 410 Rue St Francois, Florissant, MO 63031****Contact: Ken Lewis 314-546-1624****Facebook - Local 24****LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm****Location : Bulldog Saloon, 405 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville****Contact: Jay Flagg 636-544-9513 or Ken Wilmes 636-293-5998****Facebook - Local 25**

Hey all FORR brothers and sisters. Coming into July and the days are getting hotter. I hope it's not the same people that complain the winters are too cold that are complaining the summers are too hot. A lot of great things coming up.

Lets start with the RED, WRIGHT, & BLUE Bikefest.. The date is Saturday, August 19th. Local 25 will be there supporting this awesome event holding down an info booth on who we are. Proceeds to this are going to Wright City K9 department as their dog Zeus is retiring. Beer garden, food, entertainment, and a bike show. (1st 100 entries receive souvenir dash plaque) Don't miss it. Should be a great time..11008 Schreckengast Rd. Wright City, MO.

Come visit us at St. Charles Harley Davidson on September, 2nd. We will give anybody that shows up free Hot Dogs and soda.

We are starting now with reminding everybody about the Leaves in the Breeze. October, 15th. Should be huge. Planning on it being the biggest ever. Will be doing only 4 stops in an awesome 100 mile ride, through the beautiful fall scenery. Ending with a lot of awesome prizes and give-a-ways. And don't forget. That's when we will be doing the drawing for the 55" Smart TV. Tickets are still available. But not many. So see a Local 25 rep at the next CC meeting or email or Facebook me.

And remember.... Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

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

Greetings fellow riders,

A new month is upon us and we are now fully into riding season. Normally I would say we have been there for a while, but May was a bit of an odd month. It rained quite a bit and the temperatures swung like a pendulum. You could ride home from work at 80 degrees on one day and leave to work the next morning to find it down to 40-something. Springtime in Missouri where you can have windows open to enjoy the breeze, a/c on because it is too hot to sleep, and furnace on because you're cold all in the same week.

That is not to say we didn't manage some rides this month. Turnout varied quite a bit due to weather and end of the school year and such. None of the actual Eat & Rides were rained out, but the sky looked a bit threatening on a couple of them and we had to change the destination for the one scheduled for our meeting. That one worked out, but storms were moving in on the ride home and it was probably best that we changed to a closer location. Meeting didn't happen as we had a shortage of attendance. I can say that the six of us there had a good time.

We actually managed not only all of the Eat & Rides for May, but we even pulled off the dinner ride to The Bistro and our Jamesport Fun Run wasn't rained out. I have the sunburn to prove it for the Jamesport Run. We have two new places on the schedule for June, so be sure and come along and bring friends. If they are as good as they are supposed to be, a good time will be shared by all. If not, then you can have someone to commiserate with. It will still be a good ride regardless.

At the June meeting we will probably be getting the committee together to plan the Eat & Rides for the rest of the year. If you want to recommend

a spot, or just make sure we don't omit one you like, be sure and attend to make your voice heard. It is your organization and is only as strong as its membership. If you don't take an active part, you have no reason to complain if it doesn't do things the way you like.

The Camp Quality Run is June 11th

We do not have an Eat & Ride scheduled for July 4th.

Until next time. Keep an eye out for farm equipment and animals. They appear to both be out in abundance. The Jamesport ride definitely showed that to be true, especially the farm equipment.

Safe Journeys,  
Harold

## LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

**Meetings: 117 W Jackson, Stockton, 3rd Saturday @ 11:30 am**

**Contact:: Pres. Bill "Madd Dawg" Thornhill (417) 955-0941; Vice-President. Tim "Tool Man" Taylor (417) 399-1986; CC Rep Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941**

**Facebook - FORR Local 27**

Looks like summer is finally here, cant wait to get out there and do some riding. We hope everyone has a great riding season.....Till next time keep the shiny side up

Madd Dawg

## LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE

**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.**

**Contact: President Eric Price 573-512-0265; Vice President Vice-President Larry Hudspeth 573-433-0805; Shrine Club 573-774-545**

**Facebook - Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders**

Another rally under our belt and of course we were not short on excitement.

All the bands did awesome considering the crazy weather from Christiana at the pre-party to the Sunday night entertainment and the AMAZING rolling thunder.

Saturday we were under tornado warnings wind was crazy and a lot of people huddled in the showers and the shrine club but thank goodness everything just blew, lol, over and we continued the party. Kudos to the rally committee for keeping everything in line and kind a on schedule.

Happy Anniversary to Danny and Reva Gartin and Larry and Vivian Hudspeth,

Happy Birthday to Benny Alvarez, Mike Bennett (the BIG 60!), Merle Johnson, Deborah Parsons and Mayra Preble.

Don't forget the USO run on the 17th of June 10 am registration, kickstands up at 12 riding from Ozark Harley Davidson in Lebanon to St. Robert community center.

Buckhorn Blast the 1st of July is truly a blast for kids and adults. Games, bouncy house, music, beer, hotdogs, chips, soda and of course fireworks! All for \$5 per person come on out and have a GREAT time at the shrine club starts at 12

Remember to ride safe and have a great time  
Mayra

## LOCAL 29 - KANSAS CITY NORTH

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.**

**VFW 5717, 301 W Washington, Kearney, MO 64060**

**Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or**

**Bob Neal 816-809-7184**

**Facebook - FORR Local 29**

## LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

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

**Barnhouse Bar & Grill, 5484 W Sunshine St**

**Contact: President James Darter 417-466-0518**

**Facebook - FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO**

Dear FORR Friends & Family,

Well I knew the day would come when I had to much on my platter and I didn't get the newsletter in on time. So here I am squeaking in last second. I claim my only valid reason was because it was my birth month and I have been truly celebrating, but I really don't think that's valid. Ha ha Ha!!! So, as I've said so many times, "I'm going to make it short and sweet". Yea Right!

We have had phenomenal attendance at our Hootontown Meetings. There has been more participation, more ideas, better ideas, then I have ever seen before. We hope to be putting on the best rally in the area and all of the hard work shows and pays off. We have two locals here that are super excited. We can't wait to see how it all turns out. We look forward to seeing you all.

Buckhorn clean-up was a great day. What a great and much needed plan. When we arrived with a few things we for sure needed, we realized we had some other issues to address. Our L-30 sign had been destroyed, which was upsetting, BUT we made it 20x better, so it worked out perfect. We painted the old board a crazy orange color and Big Jim made us an outstanding new banner to hang. Thank You Big Jim!! And to everyone who came along to help clean-up.

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Buckhorn-If you don't have at least one long, lingering memory of this rally, you weren't there. It poured on Saturday and boy did it ever pour, but I don't remember ever being there Memorial Weekend when it didn't rain. It never ruins a good time. We always have a blast. Most of the Locals have built some great pavilions and are more than happy to allow you and your bike in to weather out the storms. This year was no different than any year in the past. A lot of peeps packed up after the rain, well it's over then.....but whatever. Then you have several that take off Sunday morning, which I also understand with prior Memorial Weekend plans. But I'm telling ya, Sunday night is the best night of all of them. The bands are the best and that dang Mr. Buns contest is HILARIOUS!! I'm still not sure why they call it "Mr. Buns" because it's an all out "Skin to Win". The guys have a great time and the women absolutely have a scream. And the ladies are dressed to the hilt. It's amazing the difference in nights. For next year please consider staying Sunday night. It's a great time.

OH and Local 30 again rocking the house on awards again:

#1 Custom Bike

#1 Best of Show

#1 Wet T-Shirt Contest

Way to go Local 30!!

We have had a handful of our members riding quite frequently. For those of you riding, thank you so much for participating. We appreciate you and your time. We are going to try and be staying around our local area for a bit, trying to hit some bike nights during the week and some close bike rides on the weekends. We look forward to meeting some new folks and enjoying some ride time.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 8 Hosting the Hospitality Room at CC Meeting

July 9 CC Meeting

July 14-16 HOOTONTOWN RALLY!!

July 20 Our Monthly Meeting

August 11-13 State Rally-Caplinger Mills

August 17 Our Monthly Meeting

August 26 L-11 Swap Meet & Bike Show

September 16 Poker Run for Mt. Vernon Veterans Home

BIKE NIGHTS EVERY NIGHT IN SPRINGFIELD!

Love ya,

Channy

Meeting Location: Barnhouse Bar & Grill, 5484 W Sunshine St-THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED-(Where we have our Leather & Lace)  
Time: 3rd Thursday of the Month, Starts Promptly at 7 pm, Come early if you'd like to eat. And they also host a bike night for after meeting.  
President: James Darter (417)466-0518

## LOCAL 31 - CENTRAL MISSOURI

**Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm**

**Odd months: Spots Place Hwy 63 Vichy, MO.**

**Even months: Traveling, check out "Local 31 Central MO" on Facebook for the latest info.**

**Contacts: Mike Thompson, 12080 County Rd 8010, Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John 573-647-0129**

Yes, your eyes are not deceiving you, Local 31 has finally sent something in for the Newsletter! In all seriousness, we have been lax about getting something submitted regularly. I am a new member who volunteered to help, so hopefully you will be seeing something more regularly from us in the newsletter. Recently local 31 has been up to many things and above all we have been growing. We have almost doubled the number of members since January 1st, when our new officers took office. We would be at 31 but unfortunately, we lost Mike Patten in May, RIP brother. Mike had health issues but many of us were lucky enough to see him at our last meeting before he passed.

Our new president went to the FEW seminar and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn from other locals and came back with some great info. He also went to his first CC meeting in May. It was announced at

the CC Meeting in May that he will be taking on the Webmaster duties for forr.net.

I want to thank all our members that have been coming to the meetings regularly. We have had a great turnout at the meetings and everyone has been very active. We also had some guests that came all the way from Truman Lake to capture our flag. We had a cleanup day for our pavilion at Buckhorn and appreciated everyone who pitched in to get it ready for the Freedom Rally. Several members attended the Freedom Rally and some even camped the whole weekend, luckily everyone made it through the storms Saturday.

Next month, we are doing a table at the Route 66 Summerfest in Rolla, to raise awareness and hopefully recruit more members to this great organization. We also have a fun run planned on June 17th and are going to visit some members who have passed, and stop at the Veteran's Home in St. James, Mo. I'm pleased to say that one of our members just passed her written motorcycle test, Congrats April!

We hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and took time to remember our service members that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Everyone be safe and enjoy this beautiful riding season! -Megan

## LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST

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

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

**President - Ricky Sarge Salyer 660-441-0604**

**Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders Local 33**

Sarge wants to thank everyone for their prayers for his mother after her heart attack. He also wants to thank everyone for pulling together and making 33 run like the best local in FORR has always done. Job well done.

We had 33 people sign up for our Local Picnic and Porker Run. First

# Local 33

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July 23, 2017



Sign in 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Endzone Sports Bar, Sedalia, Mo

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**Contact: Rick (Sarge) Salyer 660-441-0604 or LW Chaney 660-422-1250**

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place went to Jeff Laird, second place went to Sandy Jenkins, third Ruth Smith. We had 3 new member sign up. Also want to thank everyone that helped out to make this event a success.

I would like to thank everyone who went to the Freedom Rally over Memorial Day Weekend and worked shifts for our local. We had 32 local members pull 34 shifts during the rally. Kudos to Ed Carper for driving all the way down there, pull his shift and then drove back home the same day. Sheila Bledson for getting cut open and doing shifts with a pump hooked to her. To her mom who took a shift for Local 10. Super Salesmen Dave Parish and Billy Harris. Gene Dierks, when not pulling a shift, took donations for our 3 gun giveaway. Nancy Brown, for stepping up and taking the job as local cook. Karen earned her beads and traumatized the poor man. Allen showed up after a medical episode. Lost who kept everyone laughing for the weekend. Our VP, who got multiple violations for 1st day of the rally.

Don't forget July 16th is our monthly meeting at 1:00 pm at AmVets.

July 23rd is Local 33 \$1000.00 Poker Run. Sign in is Noon to 1:00 pm at End Zone in Sedalia. Also we will be drawing the winners for our 3-Gun Giveaway after the poker run. You don't want to miss this one.

We will be setting up a booth at the State Fair again this year. We have a new location between the Main Gate and the Grandstands next to Yeagers Motorcycle Booth. We are looking for volunteers to work 4 hour shifts. So if anyone wants to work get a hold of one of the officers in the local. This booth benefits every local in our organization.

There was a strange episode at the Freedom Rally this year. While sleeping, our VP said he was awoken by some short tailed, midget mother-f'ers with ears on backwards and the females had one tit on their back. The VP says they were stealing his legs. When asked for more info, the VP just said they were "Turner Lunar's". VP also stated he'd be bringing pictures to prove it.

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# LOCAL 35 SUMMER POKER RUN

**SATURDAY JULY 29, 2017**  
Sign-In: 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Starting at: 1743 E Ohio Clinton (Behind Subway)

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**LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735

Contact : President- David Nelson (660) 678-2034

Facebook - Freedom of Road Riders® Local 35

First thing, I want to thank everyone that came to The Mid-America Freedom Rally. Yes we had rain and as we always say we Guarantee it will rain at Buckhorn.

I also want to thank all the members of Local 35 for standing up and taking care of all our shifts. We do our part to make for sure that everyone that comes to the rally have a good time.

Things to look ahead for local 35 is Fire Cracker Classic in Glasgow in June. Was assured they would have a Poker Run this year. I know several are planning on attending Local 15's Rally in July.

Local 35 will have our delayed Spring Poker Run July 29th. Come and ride our great lake area's back roads. Watch for flyers with the info.

Then in August will be Homecoming almost in our backyards at Caplinger Mills again in the lake country.

Also want to WELCOME Local 35's 3 newest members Kat Brower, April Spear and Shane Spear. Welcome to all three to our little family.

Local 35 has been participating in the monthly cruise night in Clinton. We have a booth to show who we are and what we do to protect motorcyclist.

Ride safe and someday free;

Bob # 5960 LM

**LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**

Meetings: Dino's Diner, 1st Thursday @ 7 pm

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

Facebook - FORR® Local 41

HELLO FELLOW RIDERS!! What is Mother Nature doing to us? One day it is great, the next two or three suck! Enough said, if you are on the social media you know that our Local Pres has stepped down. With that happening, the VP is there to take the load which is now my responsibility. We called an emergency meeting with the officers to see what we should do with the bike show? Having been informed by the city that we could not have it in the Park like we have for years. That we would have to block off a street to have it there, which doesn't have good shade. Also we were also going to be in just ahead of another car and bike show that would be in two weeks. With that being said and that I had not followed up with my responsibility we voted to call off the bike show. We talked at maybe trying to go in another direction to create another money maker. The Cameron Crossroads Classic Bike Show had a good run, we might try later. The homecoming will be held at Stockton lake on August 11 thru 13 2017. With Mike stepping down we will need to have an election for a new Pres, anyone interested? Spring Fling was held June 9 thru the 11 2017 and Local 41 helped with the gate hope we got to talk at you. Been to busy for my own good so I will sign off. Ride SAFE Later Steve G.

Hi ! Hope you are all well and I have assumed the pres seat and have asked for someone to step up or take my vp seat. Yes ! I don't want to see the local fail either and we will try our best to keep that from

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happening. We do have a good bunch and I might have been a little ahead of the problem when I said that about the local folding. So keep us in your thoughts and I will try to keep you informed as to what is going on. Thank you Stephen M. Gallus acting press /vp /newsletter!! LOL LATER!

**LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 2 p.m.**  
**Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO Contact:**  
**President - M.C. "Tex" Garner 636-744-6609, slow.leak@**  
**yahoo.com**  
**Facebook - Freedom Of Road Riders Local #42**

42 members,  
 Summer is upon us once again. We all need to spread motorcycle awareness. Look twice save a life.

Our kids are going out on summer vacation so you all know what the means - "Lots ofodka". No just kidding. It means school supply collection drive is right around the corner. Spread the word - let's all help.

Congratulations to the workers at our vendor tent, they signed up 5 new members.

T-shirts are on sale, lots of sizes, and in bold colors so you can be seen from a mile away.

Poker Run coming up in July. Let's all join in and bring a fellow biker along.

And now a moment to our good friend and brother = Richard "Chops" Mueller = he passed away from a heart attack and will be sorely missed.

You all be good out there, be, safe, leather up, rubber down.  
 Tarzan

**LOCAL 47 - RAY COUNTY**

**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11 am**  
**Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 3917, 14305 State Hwy Y,**  
**Excelsior Springs, MO**  
**Contact: President Jack Garrison 816-591-2497 or Vice-**  
**President David Voigts 913-634-9557**  
**Facebook - Local 47**

Folks it looks as if the weather is going to finally start changing for some great riding . Our local had two events back to back due to the crazy weather. Had a great time at both events , our turn out was awesome at both. I'd like to thank all the family and friends and of course our brothers and sisters from FORR that made it to one or another or events . Thanks for your support once again .

Our local is beginning to grow just a little more as time passes us by . I'd like to welcome Terry Warren , CR Phillips , Debbie Bethards , Andra Culp . Art Gentry. Guys hang on it will be a ride you won't forget .

So sorry say if you have has the pleasure of reading our spot in the Freedom spot each month it saddens my heart our news letter editor John Reinert has had to step down from both his positions due to health complications within his family . We will miss you brother .

We do have a event coming up in August so stay tuned for more information.

News flash folks Local 47 made it in our local Excelsior Springs news paper , was a very nice gesture .

Well brother and sisters have a awesome summer and ride safe .



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**DISTRICT 1****Meetings: 2nd Thursday****Check with your local rep for location****Steve G 816-449-5037**

With nothing much going on since the MAY RIDES the District is laying low and meeting for supper when they can. Also Later Ride SAFE

**DISTRICT 4****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm****Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011****Contact: 816-665-7243 or 816-690-8557**

The Legislative Session has ended for 2017 and very little was done. Republicans came into the 2017 legislative session with a controlling majority in both the House and Senate and the governor's mansion. It should have been easy to accomplish their legislative goals. But four months later, Republican in-fighting, Democratic stubbornness and a budget showdown between House and Senate leaders mucked up the legislative process — and even killed some noteworthy Republican priorities.

Hey everyone, don't forget the Geezer Gathering July 14 & 15 at the KOA campground in Oak Grove, MO, anyone and everyone is invited. Just contact the campground for reservations call Rebecca or Donna for more info. We are planning a short ride into Lexington for some photos, group and individual. Shelly will make available for sale at some future point.

Octoberfest plans are moving along. Calling on artists to submit a t-shirt design. Be creative!

So who made it Freedom Rally? Not many, I was able to attend Saturday but had to head home on Sunday but I did make an appearance. I had a fun time hunkered down in the bathroom while the tornado warning screamed. Life in Missouri is always unpredictable and adventurous. Summer is upon us, plans for Homecoming at Caplinger Mills are moving fast and furious. Make your plans to attend. Also, visit other Local events capture a flag.

Amy

## CONNECTIONS



### **Blender pump confusion may lead to inadvertent misfueling with E15 fuel**

Contact the AMA with information!

There is a serious push by pro-ethanol lobbyists to confuse consumers at fuel retail stations this summer in an effort to increase sales of E15 fuel.

What are they saying?

According to a recent news article, "federal regulators say E15 must be labeled as a 'Flex Fuel' in most areas of the country." And, "it's the same fuel that gas stations have called E15, and that regulators said was approved to use in any vehicle 2001 and newer."

The article also stated "the E15 label change is only for the summer and doesn't apply to some areas of the country."

What is the truth?

There is no federal regulation to mandate a new "Flex Fuel" label for the summer. Retailers are attempting to sell E15 fuel in the summer months (June 1 - Sept. 15) as a "Flex Fuel" to circumvent the Reid Vapor Pressure restrictions. RVP is a measure of gasoline's propensity to evaporate. As part of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments, Congress enacted a provision allowing conventional gasoline to exceed the RVP limit by up to 1 psi provided it contained up to 10 percent ethanol. The 1 psi waiver is not available to ethanol blends greater than 10 percent (e.g., E15). The ethanol industry has asked Congress to extend the 1 psi waiver from E10 to E15, contending that it is needed to allow E15 sales during the summer driving season.

Why does this matter to motorcyclists?

The American Motorcyclist Association opposes E15 fuel because using E15 in motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles may cause engine and fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in use in the United States is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency to use E15 or higher ethanol blends. Using E15 in motorcycles and ATVs violates federal law.

Yet the rush to force more E15 fuel into the marketplace by the ethanol industry greatly increases the chances of inadvertent misfueling by motorcyclists and ATV owners -- as well as owners of boats, small engines and other machines that aren't warrantied for E15 use -- due to blender pumps, confusing pump labeling and the lack of any significant consumer education by the ethanol industry or the federal government.

AMA's response

The AMA reached out to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding this new so-called "mandated label."

Their reply stated:

- There is no new rule effective this week.
- E15 is not a flex fuel. It is gasoline. Simply changing the label doesn't make it a legal flex fuel.
- The agency made this clear in a proposed rule issued last year, the Regulatory Enhancement Support Growth Rule (REGS Rule). This rule provides the details of what is and isn't legal.
- E15 is gasoline and as such needs to comply with all gasoline standards during all times of the year. This includes volatility standards in the summer.
- E15 also has specific labeling requirements that need to be met and maintained under the E15 misfueling and mitigation plans.

What you should do if you see an E15 "Flex Fuel" label on a blender pump?

Please take a photo and note the retailer and address. Send the photo and information to the AMA at [grassroots@ama-cycle.org](mailto:grassroots@ama-cycle.org).

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

# CONNECTIONS



## Riders Keep Close Eye on Infrastructure Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC – Though modernizing the nation's infrastructure has been a looming issue for the federal government for decades, there has been increased emphasis since the 2016 presidential elections when then-candidate Donald Trump pledged a significant investment to the issue. He came one step closer to his promise when the White House released its principles for an infrastructure package along with the president's FY18 budget request. The principles outline \$200 billion in infrastructure investments. For motorcyclists, the area of infrastructure is one of interest. Roads, highways, bridges are all well utilized by motorcyclists, yet many of these are considered structurally deficient. More importantly, because the concept of infrastructure is so broad, some policymakers will offer proposals that they have championed for years that they hope to include in an infrastructure vehicle. Many of these could very well include seemingly unrelated efforts in the name of safety. Often, large legislative packages are viewed as opportunities to slip in provisions related to highway safety. These "riders" (no pun intended) are easy to miss in a large legislative package, but the effects are far-reaching. In addition to maintaining a vigilant eye on what gets "stuck" into an infrastructure package, there is also concern that President Trump will pursue a proposal to lift a federal ban that prevents tolling on existing lanes of interstate highways: "Tolling is generally restricted on interstate highways. This restriction prevents public and private investment in such facilities," the White House fact sheet says. "We should reduce this restriction and allow the states to assess their transportation needs and weigh the relative merits of tolling assets." Supporters say it's a way to charge motorists directly for the roads that they use. Alternatively, others fear that if they don't pay for the infrastructure through toll roads, they will pay at the pump via a gas tax. While an infrastructure plan is easy to talk and campaign about, it doesn't mean it is easy to write, pass through Congress, or sign into law. Although Republicans currently control the House, Senate, and presidency, several factors stand as roadblocks to any major piece of legislation becoming law. Despite a polarized Congress and busy legislative schedule, however, there is a real appetite for considering a major overhaul to the nation's infrastructure, and plenty of room for negotiation to help make it possible.

## BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY BRINGS HUNDREDS TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, DC – Last week, over 100 motorcyclists made the trek to Washington, DC to connect with elected officials from across the country in support of motorcyclists' rights. Participants included Members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs) and representatives from NCOM, as well as motorcycle clubs all across the country. More than 300 meetings with Members of Congress and their staff took place on May 23. Dozens of motorcycles lined third Street in front of the U.S. Capitol as rights advocates prepared to discuss issues critical to the 2017 legislative agenda. Among these included supporting the RPM Act, ensuring motorcyclists had a voice within the emerging area of autonomous vehicles, and the reestablished Motorcycle Advisory Council, as well as recommendations concerning the definition of a motorcycle. Notably, participants asked their legislators to support and co-sponsor recently introduced legislative measures citing concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists (H.Res.318 and S.Res154).

Every meeting marked another critical step forward in building and maintaining relationships with congressional offices, and each meeting provided the opportunity to communicate directly with a wide array of lawmakers who are currently considering legislation that would affect the rights of motorcyclists. The event also helped to educate and raise awareness among elected officials about the challenges many motorcyclists face on our nation's highways. This was demonstrated in an event held in Cannon House Office Building, which allowed Members of Congress and their staff to experience these challenges first hand by using a SMARTrainer which simulates some of the situations riders experience. The SMARTrainer event, sponsored by MRF Awareness & Education, was hosted by Congressman Dave Loebsack of Iowa and was widely-attended.

President of the Board of Directors for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard said, "This mobilization of riders from across our nation delivered crucial messages ensuring our voice is heard in Washington. With every Member of Congress representing hundreds of thousands of constituents, this event allows riders to deliver our message in person and hold our lawmakers accountable for protecting our right to ride."

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July 15-16

August 5-6  
August 12-13

September 9-10  
September 16-17

October 7-8  
October 14-15

### Jefferson City – Experienced Riders Course

### Jefferson City – Advanced Riders Course

### Jefferson City - 3-Wheel Course

September 22-24

### Kirksville – Basic Riders Course

TBA

### Kirksville – Experienced Riders Course

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### Trenton – Basic Riders Course

July 22-23

September 9-10

### Trenton – Experienced Riders Course

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JULY

- 1 Local 28-Waynesville Buckhorn Blast 573-512-0265
- 9 Local 42-Franklin County School Supply Poker Run 314-578-6006
- 14-16 Local 15-Branson Hootontown Motorcycle Rally 417-739-3592
- 23 Local 33-Hwy 50 West \$1,000 Poker Run 660-441-0604
- 28 Local 35-Golden Valley Summer Poker Run 660-233-9944
- 29 Local 42-Franklin County Spring Poker Run 636-744-6609

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