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Letter to The Editor

NEW IDEAS

During the May Central Committee meeting two new ideas were presented that could well be the means of achieving at least one of the goals of Freedom of Road Riders. One was an idea presented by John Stouffer of Local 12 and another that came from the southwest area of Local 15. Both ideas have merit and both will be explored during the July CC.

These ideas are based on the desire to allow bikers to choose whether or not they wear a helmet. While both have merit, they also come with the need for full participation by the organization.

In March the idea for a different kind of study was presented. We have all seen how slanted studies can be but the difference in this proposal and all studies of the past is the fact that it would be a "controlled" study. A controlled study draws statistics from only a select group of individuals. In this case, the group would be any rider willing to purchase a permit to ride free for an allotted amount of time.

By providing the study group, we would have the opportunity to demonstrate how removing our helmets have little to no impact on the number of riders becoming a burden to the state. This study also has the potential to provide much needed information on how and why riders are being killed. FORR is more than simply removing our helmets. It is also the driving force behind legislation to address the issues of distracted drivers, failure to yield legislation and driver education being returned to our schools.

The second proposal is a Ballot Initiative. While a ballot initiative could force the helmet legislation to be presented to the voters, it also has the potential to effectively end any future attempts to gain support at the capitol. A failure to pass would be devastating to the proponents of freedom of choice. That is not to say it is impossible but the work involved in gaining enough valid signatures to get this on a ballot is only the first step. We must also be able to sway voters and that will be no easy task.

From these two proposals has come another possibility. This third idea will be discussed during the July CC meeting and could very well be the avenue that could see our work of the past few decades pay off.

Central Committee will no longer be a "spectator" event. It will be a time for input from not only our chosen representatives but our entire membership. Whatever plan is pursued will take the efforts of ALL of us. It is imperative that we educate ourselves to the ballot initiative process and the control study possibilities. The only way we will see success is to get involved.

Melanie Coy, Local 16

BUFR Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Legislative Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Committee Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012 2:30 p.m.

FEW Seminar Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012 4:00 p.m.

Membership Roundtable Discussion
Saturday, July 7, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 8, 2012 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Central Committee Meetings are Smoke-Free.

The following locals have not attended the past two or more Central Committee meetings:
NONE

Truman Hotel & Conference Center
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Notes from Katherine

Hello. Of the dozen or so active pieces of legislation FORR chose to watch this Session, two passed: SB611-uniform yellow light interval timing...passed as did SB564-military exemption from riding skills roadway testing w/successful completion of riding course. To highlight the Session as a whole, "our" Failure to Yield language (SB805 & HB1749 ended on HB1640) was stripped in conference by Senator Will Kraus, because it was new language and he hadn't had time to study it. SB 897 (Schaefer's prohibiting MC only checkpoints) never made it out of committee. Swearingen & Johnson's Helmets bills were all killed in conference: HB2035, 2040, 2052. We were able to carve out Sommer's (HB2085) mandatory MC training courses language from SB 673 and others (THREE different times, thankfully). Speaking of SB673, MC permit Bill, was killed very last day of Session. MC awareness month never even received a hearing (SB824). Our GPS language was stripped from HB 1542 (originally HB1311, sponsor Rep. Bahr) because "they" felt it was controversial language. So, we were not hurt, yet we were not overly successful either. I am, personally, stupefied that a person can get in more trouble with the State of MO for not wearing their helmet than they can by KILLING someone at an intersection. I hope all Locals are discussing their views/opinions/suggestions on FORR's Legislative Agenda, specifically regarding initiative petition(s), proposal(s) for studies, etc. Remember, to be successful next Legislative Session, we must start planning come July CC's meeting and forth. We must stay vigilant on educating the public about FORR and what we truly do as an organization/what we represent and stand for. We must actively seek new members and financially support our cause. FORR will only exist IF members want it so...ALL members. Nissan chose to make a commercial with one of their cars "mowing down" motorcycles; I highly encourage you to look this up. I, personally, found it disgusting. I hope there is more to report next month. A stray, unthought-of five minutes may contain the event of a life, and this all-important moment — who can tell when it will be upon us?

Respectfully Submitted by Katherine Fox—State Legislative Coordinator, FORR, Inc.®

Central Committee Meeting #195

May 6, 2012

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Vice-Chairman, Skyler McWilliams, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Norris, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne and Give-a-Way Manager Jim Scheele.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Chairman King led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local #	Membership	Votes	CC Representative
Lee's Summit	Local 01	65	1 Vote	Larry Scott
South Kansas City	Local 05	55	1 Vote	Steve Hanzek
St. Joseph	Local 06	125	2 Votes	Darrell Coy
Lebanon	Local 07	53	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	135	1 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	170	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	36	1 Vote	Absent
Glasgow	Local 12	44	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	81	1 Vote	Debbie Mullanix
Independence	Local 14	27	1 Vote	Carol Harrison
Branson	Local 15	261	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
Cape Girardeau	Local 16	95	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	129	2 Votes	Melissa Carlyle
Dexter	Local 20	60	1 Vote	Mike Allen
Eldon	Local 21	25	1 Vote	Tom Shauck
Lincoln County	Local 23	15	1 Vote	Absent
St. Louis	Local 24	109	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	72	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	69	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	75	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	216	3 Votes	Phil McCombs
North Kansas City	Local 29	98	1 Vote	Ronda Felts
Nixa	Local 30	69	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	27	1 Vote	Debra John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	111	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	44	1 Vote	Ray Herron
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	34	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 41	112	2 Votes	Keifer York
Greater K.C.	Local 46	11	1 Vote	Absent
Members at Large	Local 00	75	0 Vote	
Total		2498		May 1, 2012
Corporate Sponsors		14	0 Vote	

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

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

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver - Roll call of locals. Chairman King asked any members that are in Local 46's area to please help the local in any way possible as they are struggling. Motion by Local 6, to approve minutes as printed, 2nd Local 26, motion carries by voice vote with one abstain.

Membership Report – Total memberships processed March/April 31 life members, 138 new members, 297 renewal members. Total membership as of May 1, 2012 2,498, increase of 44 members since last report.

TREASURER – Steve Comeau - General fund beginning balance \$15,211.21 ending balance \$16,469.02; Rider Education beginning balance \$11,094.60 ending balance \$21,163.49; PAC beginning balance \$15,340.75 ending balance \$9,448.12; Homecoming beginning balance \$10,024.06 ending balance \$10,444.06; Freedom Park beginning balance \$11,085.05 ending balance \$11,285.05; 2012 Give A Way Project beginning balance \$3,624.56 ending balance \$3,026.38. Donations: Local 42 \$500 FEW, \$500 Ssafety \$1000 PAC.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Skyler McWilliams

Engineer of Freedom awarded to BL McDonnell

Homecoming – Event patches will not be given away, 300 will be available for sale at \$2.00 each. Bill Duncan and Bill Thornhill will be co-vendor coordinators. Need a band coordinator. All bands and sound company have been signed. Event t-shirt design, flyers are done. New rodeo style events, field events, scavenger hunt. T-shirt and trophy sponsorships need to be in no later than July CC meeting. No event/worker t-shirts will be prepared without event sponsors on the shirt. A new release/waiver form will be instituted at Homecoming. From that point forward all locals will be expected to use the new form. Work schedules submitted to all CC Reps. With each local having a minimum of two shifts. If a local knows in advance they will not be able to cover their scheduled work shifts please let an officer or the head security chief, JR DeGraffenreid know as soon as possible. Locals that work shifts over and above their scheduled shifts will receive a \$25 donation in kind credit towards their state donation. Workers will receive a worker's shirt for every 4 hour shift worked and entry into nightly workers drawing.

FEW Seminar – American Legion Hall has been booked. Seminars will include officer training as well as other new seminars.

BUFR Run – Due to inclement weather and safety concerns the event was cancelled this year. Discussion about possibly moving the event later in May, possibly the Saturday before Mother's Day, moving the MAY Rally up a week to put more separation between the two events, rain or shine event,

etc. Thanks to everyone that tried to make it to the rally.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Fox - Capitol Crusaders bus trips were very effective this year. We need to stay vigilant and remain proactive regarding our legislative agenda, campaign work and upcoming election. Several letters have been received concerning MOTM and Mid South MILE. If you are interested in attending either of these events please submit letter before Friday August 3rd.

Floor turned over to Matt Hill, FORR Government Relations Specialist who was contacted recently by a business owner in the Branson area about pursuing an initiative petition on the helmet law issue to get it on the ballot for 2014. Matt introduced Marc Ellinger, Cole County Commissioner, who has experience working on initiative petitions. If we decide to pursue this there will be initial costs involved in writing the petition language. Once language approved by Secretary of State, we will have 16-17 months to collect voter signatures. You need 110-128,000 valid signatures from 6 of the 8 congressional districts. Signatures can be obtained by pay per signature or you can do it on a grass roots basis. Signors must be registered voters. There is a risk for doing this. If the vote fails future modification of the helmet law could be very difficult. Secretary of State's website has information about how the initiative petition process works. We will have to do marketing and advertising to promote the vote once we get the number of signatures necessary to get this issue on the ballot, however that is down the road. It is going to take a lot of manpower hours to gather the necessary signatures. Motion by Local 24 that we take this back to the locals and determine if this is something we want to do and be prepared to vote on this at the July CC meeting, 2nd Local 1, motion carries with one opposed by voice vote.

Floor turned over to John Stouffer to discuss the study proposal presented at the last CC meeting. The idea is to provide a control group of people who for a fee of \$125 per year or \$500 for the entire five years would ride without a helmet. The permit fee would be used to fund the study. Motion by Local 1, 2nd Local 42 that we set up a committee to research this issue further and determine if it is feasible for us to pursue this study proposal. Motion carries by voice vote with two opposed. Melanie Coy, John Stouffer and Lane Shady volunteered to serve on the committee.

AMA Report – Steve Comeau – The youth lead law regarding motorcycles has been overturned thanks to the hard work of the AMA and MRF. Complete access to ride on public roads and trails is a key focus of the AMA. California OEM exhaust law was put into effect a few years back. New Hampshire is now facing the same legislation. This shows what happens in a state can have a positive/negative impact on other states. Also working on promoting legislation designed to stop/limit distracted driving.

MRF – JR DeGraffenreid – The MRF on March 5th moved their office to a larger office, less rent, in the same building, Room 204. On April 13th Michigan's mandatory helmet law was modified for adult choice effective immediately after 37 years of fighting. \$20,000 in medical benefits on motorcycle policy will be required to operate motorcycle without helmet. Many of us wear a patch on our back that says "Freedom Isn't Free". We really need to think about the meaning of this patch because many of us when asked to donate money or time to get something done in this organization are not willing to give of our time or money. The MRF and Abate of Illinois sat down with Ray LaHood US Dept Transportation regarding NHTSA funding of roadside only checkpoints. Georgia was the only state to apply for funding. As of now NHTSA no plans for future funding of checkpoints. Asked about Department of Transportation's position on E-15 fuel. They don't have one. LaHood is stepping down end of the year. Right to Ride – Massachusetts wants to exempt motorcycles from right to repair bill.

2014 MOTM – 99% sure the event will be at Embassy Suites Hotel, Kansas City Country Club Plaza. Net proceeds from the 2012 give-a-way project will go towards the costs for FORR to host event. Any local that donates money towards this event obligation will receive credit as a donation in kind.

The month of April was designated as motorcycle safety month and May is motorcycle awareness month. The Missouri motorcycle safety program put on a one day safety update recently and during this update, Doug Clawson and FORR were recognized for outstanding training program of the year. Doug thanked for all of his years of dedication and hard work on our safety program.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – BRC's 4 classes taught 47 students have taken and completed the program so far this year. ERC's 2 classes scheduled with both cancelled. Rider coach update was held in March. In 2011 there were 28 site teaching 4,652 students. Dirt bike school up and running in at Warrensburg site. Two instructor programs scheduled this year. 160 current rider coaches in Missouri. Sue Yarborough awarded rookie of the year and Donnie Brennan awarded instructor of the year. Trike BRC class and instructor training held in Warrensburg in April. Three instructors with FORR, Doug Clawson, Derek Fowler and Chuc Buck are now 3 wheeled certified instructors. Jeff City site certification for trike class in the works. Due to extensive necessary repairs, Doug traded in the suburban and purchased a 2006 F350 to pull the safety trailer

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Norris - MAY Rally went very well. There were a lot of proclamations. Thanks to all that obtained proclamations. Several individuals contacted the O'Fallon City Council to gain approval for motorcycle awareness signs in yards throughout the month of May to promote Motorcycle Awareness and You month. It was very easy to get them to ing through the City Council. There are cities that have ordinances that prohibit signs in yards or on public right of ways. We are waiting on the new MODOT awareness supplies to come in. MODOT is going to focus the signs in areas where there are more fatalities and accidents. This may mean that some of the more rural areas may not receive as much product as in the past. No t-shirts will be ordered, but there will be more signs and magnets. They are also working on more gas pump signs. General Office is collecting crash report information. There have been a large number of accidents this year already. Statistics show an increase in alcohol and drugs as well as failure to negotiate corners. Please be safe out there and make sure we police ourselves. Still working on driver's education presentation and hopes to have this up and running by next year with appointments scheduled for school assemblies. Allstate Insurance has a motorcycle awareness campaign going on at intersections where fatality accidents have been taking place.

Motorcycle only checkpoints discussed recently at motorcycle council meeting when an attending police officer brought up the fact that Missouri really needs to do the motorcycle only check points. She addressed this issue with the officer and how it is really discriminatory and profiling of motorcyclists. Legislation has been filed to prohibit this type of activity in Missouri.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne – Several new items will be available at Freedom Rally. New coaster available with the winged wheel logo, set of 4 for \$15.00. New FORR Flask for \$25, would make a nice award item. Also working on new triangular shaped custom metal sign. Few calendars available. Motion by Local 6, 2nd Local 26, that we do calendars again next year. Request that these be available by October/November. Need submissions, photographs, events, etc by September 1st to have calendars available at November CC. Locals should submit all of their events, putting the top two events at the top of the list. Will list as many local events as possible depending upon room, but at very least each local will have their two major events in the calendar. Motion by Local 24 to table the number of calendars to purchase, 2nd Local 27, motion to table carries by voice vote. We purchased 1500 last year, made a little money on them and were able to share these with the legislature.

NEWSLETTER – There was a situation recently where some pages were duplicated or missing in some newsletters due to a problem at the printer. Please try to keep article length to ½ page to avoid font size reduction.

WEBMASTER – Larry Scott – FORR is now hosting the Local 33 website. This is the first local to take up hosting offer of unlimited email and unlimited storage for \$5.00 per month. Working on redoing the website. This is having to be done on a page by page basis so it's taking a little bit of time to com-

plete. Seeking pictures for the site. If any local has someone that is interested in learning how to do a website contact webmaster Scott or Mike Allen who is the webmaster for Local 20 (FORRLocal20.com) and administrator for Facebook's Missouri Biker Group and they will be happy to help teach you. Think this is something to consider for a FEW seminar.

MID SOUTH MILE – Jim Scheele – MILE will be held October 26-28 in Fayetteville Arkansas at the Clarion Inn, rooms \$69 a night, buffet breakfast included. No pets allowed in this hotel but there are hotels in the nearby area that do allow pets. Next meeting August 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Clarion Inn. There are two voting positions open. Looking for two individuals to fulfill these positions. Roy Hoard is interested in filling one of the rep positions. Work on the by-laws for the committee continues. Leadership has come to an understanding that no threats or accusations are being made, but that this is something the committee needs to do to ensure the future of the event. Seminar schedule is being worked on with a lot of new programs. AMA, MRF and NCOM will be present. \$100 donation from local or district will allow members from the local/district to attend the conference at no cost, if they want to attend banquet cost will be \$18.00. Seeking donations for the basket as well as ideas for the Missouri basket.

Request that all event flyers include an address and directions for the starting location and a contact number so that people from out of town can find the starting place.

2012 GIVE A WAY PROJECT – Coordinator Jim Scheele - All tickets have been checked out. Over 1,000 tickets have been returned. If you need additional tickets please contact Jim. Please return money and stubs by the July CC meeting. Jim thanked for the awesome job he has done handling the give a way project this year.

CHAIRMAN – Martin King

The following donation in kind policy proposal presented by Chairman King:

Remove language listed under local business, page 12, policies and procedures, describing donations to be counted toward meeting local requirements for supporter pins other than direct monetary donations.

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. *They shall have already met at least 50% of their state obligation monetarily;*
2. *The in kind donation must be presented in a budget format, itemizing associated costs;*
3. *Budget must be presented on the CC floor to the CC Board at least one CC meeting prior to proposed expenditure;*
4. *CC Board will review budget and advise at the following CC meeting as to its decision and amount allowed as an in kind donation.*

Motion by Local 20, 2nd Local 27 to approve policy as presented, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. This will apply to Local 33 on their state fair booth proposal however they have met the time frame and submission of budget requirements.

Event insurance – Some locals have not been submitting the proper amount for event insurance. The cost for insurance is \$109 per event and \$55.00 per additional insured. Locals that have not remitted the proper amount will, for a short time, have the difference deducted from any monies due to the local for memberships, etc. However in the future please remit the proper amount or the event sanctioning will be rejected.

OLD BUSINESS

State Fair Booth - Local 33 is setting up a booth at the State Fair. Any local/member interested in helping work a shift please contact Doug Weiss, President of Local 33. The shifts will be 4 hours from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 10 days.

Freedom Park – Skyler reported he stumbled across some property near Macks Creek, 80 acres for \$190,000.00. We cannot begin to actively look for property until we have at least \$20,000 in the bank for a down payment. 3 years left to get money together. Freedom Park donations do not count towards state obligation. Suggestion that locals have fundraisers specifically for Freedom Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Local 28 presented the following proposed changes to By-Laws

Recommend changing Para 2.6C from:

CURRENT 2.6C: *Suspension of membership in the organization by a 4/5 vote of the Central Committee. This may occur only if a member has received notice and has had an opportunity to be heard before the Central Committee, and is found in noncompliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Central Committee, or has committed acts prejudicial to the purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc.*

PROPOSED 2.6C: *Suspension of membership in the organization by a 4/5 vote of the Central Committee. This may occur only if a member has received either by direct delivery (Hand to Hand) or Certified Mail a 30 day notice and has had an opportunity to be heard before the Central Committee, and is found in noncompliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Central Committee, or has committed acts prejudicial to the future, purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc or other members within the organization.*

Recommend adding a new paragraph to the Bylaws shown below.

2.8 Procedure for acts against FORR, inc by a member that are deemed detrimental or prejudicial to the future, purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc or other members within the organization. *These procedures are for extreme incidents and should only be used when all other possibilities have been exhausted. The Central Committee must understand that any action against any member of FORR may have reverse repercussions that could also be detrimental to the organization.*

2.8a: *An act committed, by a member, that could have adverse repercussions to the main purpose of FORR, may include;*

- a. *misappropriation of FORR, Inc funds, to include any Local funds.*
- b. *misrepresentation of FORR, Inc for personal gain or achievement.*
- c. *misrepresentation of FORR, Inc as a spokesperson for any action or activity for which that person is not designated under any official capacity. This does not fall under any Freedom of Speech of any member, as any member may represent his or herself and not as a FORR representative and still be allowed to express their personal opinion, even if this opinion is not the same as the majority of the organization. This misrepresentation applies to any member who, without any approval of any Central Committee officer, gives, states, writes, or otherwise communicates the occurrence, or opposition of any action that directly influences the main purpose, goals or future expectation of this organization.*
- d. *A member who after a lengthy time (not just a onetime incident, but time frame will be determined by the CC floor) is deemed to be a toxic member. Definition of this falls under that of a member who disrupts any FORR organizational function, from meetings, to events. If any member continually intervenes with actions that are not constructive to the actions of said meetings or events, but are instead destructive, these issues may be brought to the attention of the CC floor.*
- e. *A member who after a lengthy time (not just a onetime incident, but time frame will be determined by the CC floor) is deemed to be a detrimental member. Detrimental here is defined as any continuous action, as a member of FORR, that will cause undue negative issues for this organization, such as causing conflicts with other organizations, MROs, Motorcycle Clubs that may fall back on FORR as a whole*

2.8b *Determination of penalty of membership in the organization will by a 4/5 vote of the Central Committee. This may occur only if a member has received either*

by direct delivery (Hand to Hand) or Certified Mail a 30 day notice and has had an opportunity to be heard before the Central Committee in a fair and unprejudiced manner, and is found in noncompliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Central Committee, or has committed acts prejudicial to the future, purposes or welfare of FORR, Inc or other members within the organization.

2.8c Penalties for any member will be determined by the FORR Central Committee, and must pass by a 4/5 vote. Penalties will be broken down by their severity, their lasting effect on the organization, and whether the individual acted in a malicious manner toward the organization, or out of ignorance to the bylaws described. The penalties listed below are not all inclusive but may be used by the Central Committee to better guide them when penalizing an individual, so that the penalty is only as severe as the action.

- Removal from the FORR organization (does not allow reinstatement)
- Suspension from FORR Organization, for a specific amount of time to be determined by the CC Floor.
- Suspension from all FORR Organization meetings and events for a specific amount of time to be determined by the CC Floor.
- Removal from official office or position, if individual holds such a position and this position is the cause of said issue.
- Probation. If a member admits wrong doing and this action was not done in a malicious manner, the Central Committee may give a member probation, for a period (to be determined), to ensure that the member understands the severity of the wrong doing and that this action is not acceptable.

Motion by Local 24 to print the proposed by-law change, 2nd Local 13, motion carries by voice vote with one opposed.

Secretary Garver asked that all CC reps please bring lengthy proposed policy/by-law changes to the CC meeting in electronic format or submit via email for inclusion in the CC minutes.

Local 1 presented the following Policy and Procedure change.

Toxic Member Policy

Toxic Member: one who presents himself as a FORR member and shows a propensity to harm the image of the organization, undermine the authority of the officers, either through actions or speech, or in some other manner, as determined by CC to be of intentional harm to FORR or the membership.

If a member is believed to be Toxic/Detrimental to Freedom of Road Riders this is process for the organization to follow:

- Issues and allegations shall be brought to CC and presented to the Cabinet.
- Upon a decision being made by the CC Cabinet to proceed with the process the person being accused is to be sent a certified letter 14 days prior to the CC meeting to their home address notifying them that at the next CC they are to come and tell their side of the issues and allegations.
- At the next CC meeting in the Old Business section of the meeting the accused is brought forward and is given 30 minutes to present their side of the issues/allegations.
- After 30 minutes up the CC Floor votes whether to put this person on probation for a period of 2 month. This vote has to be a majority vote.
- After the 2 months has passed the CC floor votes to either remove the probation or to remove the member from the organization. This should be based solely on what the accused has done to fix the issues/allegations and how they have been as a member of the organization over the 2 month probation. (This would be a majority vote.)
- If they decide to remove the member from the organization another vote is held and this vote is to be a 4/5 vote, such vote MUST be brought back to each local for Local votes to be taken and carried to the floor by the CC rep.

Motion by Local 14, 2nd by Local 24 that this policy change be tabled until locals have had an opportunity to discuss this issue further, motion carries by voice vote.

Local 8 presented the following proposed policy change:

Any item of clothing, vehicle or object displaying the FORR membership logo may not in any way show disrespect for any other motorcycle rights organization.

Concern addressed regarding us issuing a policy that affects what someone puts upon their vest, vehicle, etc., could be considered an infringement upon that individuals rights. We need to respect each other's right to have their own opinion and express that opinion as they desire. Motion by Local 27 that we table this policy proposal to take this back to the locals to discuss their position concerning this issue, 2nd Local 14, motion carries by show of hands 15 in favor, 10 opposed.

Motion by Local 24 that a policy be established in our policy and procedures which requires all roll call votes be printed in the minutes by local vote, 2nd by Local 1, motion carries by voice vote, one opposed.

Rob Jackson submitted written request to be allowed an early transfer back to Local 24 from Local 25. Motion by Local 24, 2nd Local 1 to allow this individual to transfer to Local 24, motion carries unanimously by voice vote, Local 14 abstained from vote.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Steve Gallus recognized for turning in 50 proclamations at the May Rally. The local submitted requests to the surrounding towns in March since many smaller towns do not have city council meetings every month. The more you contact the more people become aware of motorcycle awareness issues.

District 1 May Blacktop Rally May 18-20th.

District 4 – The district is probably going to reduce the number of Capitol Crusaders bus trips next year to one due to the financial cost involved and fundraisers netting in less income.

Mid America Freedom Rally is coming up Memorial Day weekend. Shelly is giving 10% of the net profit from items sold by their business to the Rally in exchange for paying a vendor fee. The Rally will be donating these funds towards Freedom Park.

ABATE for Missouri – Carol Harrison - Helmet bill is currently in conference committee, contains language that is similar to the Michigan Bill.

There is also an anti motorcycle profiling bill that has been filed by Senator Schaeffer.

Local 24 has been offered free vendor spots at several area events and would appreciate help manning these booths.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Local 6, 2nd Local 10, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



LOCAL 1 - LEE'S SUMMIT**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 5 p.m. (Location Varies)****Contact: Melany 816-625-1006 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Hey everybody! This girl is getting back to tip top shape and thankful to regain some independence of her own! On that note Happy Independence Day. I hope your celebration is memorable and safe. At our May meeting Pres. Rick Long suggested Local One having a Dine and Ride once a month. This would include a meeting place, an eating

place and a beautiful ride. I will start posting the info for those here in the future. If you have an idea for one/all of the above give me a call at the number listed and we will run with it. The garage sale was a huge success and we were very thankful the weather held out until the end. The VFW Scholarship Poker run was a beautiful ride, great brotherhood, amazing food, very good turnout and most of all a fantastic cause. The staff that put this all together deserves applause including our own: Darral Clancy, George Danner and Cody Danner. Hats off to you! It was great hanging out with everyone and making some new friends.



Now I would like to wish some birthdays boys and girls a memorable one. July: 19th: Cheryl Brandsma, 21st: CJ Zouck, and the 22nd: Kay Jeffries and Larry Scott. I hope you get everything you wish for and more.

This month's meeting location will be at Rev. Joe and Mary Seward's July 21st at 5 pm. Also this month there are a few events going on including: Firecracker Classic in Glasgow, Local 15 Hootontown Rally, Local 14's 3 ball tournament and Local 33's \$1000 Poker Run. I hope you can get out there and let the good times roll!

Until next time I'll leave you with this: "The crest and crowning of all good, life's final star, is Brotherhood" Edwin Markham
Love ya!

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**

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History

For those of you that have been reading this history lesson you will remember I said in the last article that the organization was going through some serious growing pains. Those growing pains caused some members to do some extensive soul searching about the direction the organization was taking, how to get the membership involved and moving in the same direction and what needed to be done to make this a great motorcycle rights organization.

Rumors were running around in 1983 that the Central Committee wasn't doing this and wasn't doing that. However a reminder was put forth by "Zook" that "the Central Committee is the power in Freedom of Road Riders and some of that power is in each local. If you want that power used, talk to your rep and then follow through to make sure they are doing what you elected them to do. If they won't, they can be replaced. Now before you start any kind of impeachment proceedings, ask yourself a few questions - Am I giving the positive input to help them with a very difficult job, or am I just tearing apart everything they try to do without providing them with alternative ideas? Am I asking them what I can do to help the organization, or am I expecting them to do my work for me?" Very wise words and something as pertinent today as it was in 1983. Zook also reminded us that it takes a good man to build a good barn, but any jackass can kick one down!

Our membership put up a long hard fight during the 1983 legislative session promoting HB21, our helmet modification bill filed by Rep. Richard Beard from Sedalia. A committee was established to work on a state motorcycle awareness week which would involve a Governor's proclamation. For the first time in history we got the helmet bill through the House committee and got a vote on the House floor, even though we lost that vote, we learned a lot about where various legislators stood on our issues. Nine states in 1983 introduced helmet repeal bills with Wyoming the only state to repeal its law. Many members had gloomy attitudes about the defeat of the helmet repeal in the House. They stopped participating in activities, weren't attending meetings and when they did their focus was on grumbling about the setback or trying to lay blame on people within the organization, instead of focusing on what was accomplished, learning from the experience and being prepared to start working now on our legislative issues.

135 people joined the organization this year. New Central Committee officer election procedures were put into place, which are very similar to the procedures that we follow today. Locals were holding bike shows, poker runs, field events, blood drives and 2,500 people attended the First Indoor Motorcycle Classic at the Sedalia fairgrounds. In December of 1983 the following new officers were elected to lead the organization: Chairman Ed Strodman; Vice Chairman Mike Cox; Secretary/Treasurer BL McDonnell; Legislative Coordinator Tom Pauley; Newsletter Steve Zimmer and Safety Coordinator Tony Crowder.

I would like to leave you this month with some more valuable words from the 1983 FORR newsletters.

Just think how much could be accomplished if we didn't have to fight the fears of the black leather jacket image. If we could go into a discussion on an even keel. If legislators could learn to view us as what we are instead of trash to be swept off their highways. Most of the problems that we face are because of misunderstandings. Lack of knowledge about who we are and what we are. Many of you are saying that we will never be able to educate the public to see us as regular people. I'm not going to tell you it's going to be easy .. I'm going to tell you it can be done. Our future is in the hands of you the member - Make it a bright one.

Until next time, I would like to remind all of you, new and old members to take a few minutes, seek out those within the organization or your local and ask them to share a story about their time in the biker rights machine. Then share your stories about your time in the movement.

Until next time - Keep the rubber side down
BB

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.
VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street
Contact: Jim Cross 816-646-9976 or
Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks,

We had our annual Cabin Fever Ride in Bike Show on May 12th at Jackson Cycles. It was cloudy and threatened rain all day. There were 22 bikes entered in the show and 80 bikes on the premises at one time. We had a lot of classes with first, second and third place trophies given out. The trophies were very nice this year. Extra trophies were given for Best of Show and People's Choice. Music was provided by Dan and Chaps who worked to make things happen all afternoon. Jackson Cycles provided all the food and iced tea and there was plenty to eat and drink. We had smoked brisket and assorted salads and chips. People enjoyed looking at the motorcycles and visiting. Several people got to see people they hadn't seen all winter so it is something we look forward to each year. The neighbor across the street 59 Hwy Auto Sales opened up his lot to allow for more parking space for us.

May 1st was Mike and Oakie Daniels 4th anniversary. It was also Mike's Birthday. Mike decided when they were going to get married that it would be on his birthday so he wouldn't forget the anniversary. The first 3 years Mike remembered the anniversary but this year when he got up on his birthday he kept thinking there was something else to do but forgot the anniversary. Oakie said he could sleep on the porch with the dog until he remembered what it was. So next year Mike we will try to help you remember so you don't have to sleep on the porch.

Teresa Keveson got married and we wish you many happy years.

Biker Sunday at Grace Evangelical Church was May 3, 2012. There were 80 motorcycles in attendance and they had Blessings of the Bikes too. Had a chance to visit with several people with some people from Colorado, Jefferson City, Bagnall Dam and Buckhorn MO along with some from Bethany, Maryville, Springfield, Cameron and also some from Iowa. The church was completely full with some people standing. The guest speaker spoke for an hour and 15 minutes and he spoke on an interesting topic. Lunch was served on the premises to everyone.

Upcoming event "July 7th Local 6 will have a Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger Hunt will be rain or shine. Sign in from 10 to 11 and will start at Jackson Cycle on 59 Highway and end at Hammerheads on the Belt. The start times are very important and the last bike will be in by 3 pm. Everyone will get the list of articles at 11 that they will need to find.

There have been several birthdays and Happy Birthday to all those who have made it another year along with Anniversaries. Many folks participated in Memorial Day Events and hopefully everyone had a safe weekend and will have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Happy Trails, til we meet again

Ride safe

Dan



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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.
Shoney's, 1475 S Jefferson
Contact: 417-286-3845

Greetings Local 7

Well let's get to it; it's been a busy month. Local 7 started off with a Mother of Fun Run. Guy & Frieda was the lead bike with don, Beaver, Lee, Jerry and Geezer bring up the back end. We rode about 200 miles around the Lake of the Ozarks. Great ride! You know how everyone has been giving Jerry so much sh*t about his tires being bald well he finally got some new ones and only Jerry could have a flat on a new tire after only riding @ 200 miles. What luck! I'm thinking he must have put winter air in rather than summer air. Well that's they way the wind blows sometimes.

Beaver's son Boog returned from a tour in Afghanistan this month. Now the other son Tyler will be shipping off to basic training on June 19th. Beaver is one proud papa, and with good reason. Us old timers in Local 7 have known Boog & Tyler their whole lives and wish them the very best in their new careers.

OK, the Freedom Rally was held this month and Local 7 would like to thank all of those members who stepped-up and worked a shift at the rally. Below are the names I have that worked at the rally:

Robert Y., Jerry H., Nita Y., Lex R., Don B., Richard L., Charlie P., Beaver, Dennis H., Roxie C., Guy D., Carla S., Lee T., Jimmy M.. And we can't forget the Geezer; he did a little work protecting the contestants of the Miss Buckhorn competition. The more members working the rally the fewer shift have to be covered by anyone member. Remember many hands make light work. Again, a big thank you to all the members that donated their time to make this an enjoyable event.

Local 7 started June off with a bang by sponsoring the Kannyn Ball

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Local 6

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Run with S.C.A.N. (Supporters of Children w/ additional needs). Local 7 donated \$200 with around \$1000 raised. A nice turnout for a rainy day. On the run I heard there was a goat that was attracted to Lee T. I'm thinking Lee's wife might want to keep a close eye on him.

Next month's ride:

July 1, Noon at Capt. D's.

That's all folks...Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

(call for info - location varies)

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

Greetings from Local 8,

Hope everyone is taking advantage of the weather. We attempted to have our Rider Tune Up at the May meeting but Mother Nature interfered. Some riders had to turn back due to wind and hail. One of our new BRC graduates rode from Manhattan Kansas to the meeting.

We have several new members. Theresa Snider, Randy Keiffer, Tanya Null, Judi Hein, Roy McNew and Rick Hull.

By the time you read this 26th Annual Spring Fling will be history. We are hoping the new location and Mother Nature will be in our favor.

We gave away three scholarships this year. Ashiah St. Ong, daughter of Glenda Ely, Natalie Beers, daughter of Wade and Lisa Beers and Josh Goedeke, son of Julie Goedeke were the winners.

Carl and Kendra Hanes won the ticket drawing the last two meetings and donated it to the toy fund. I won the attendance drawing for May. I won \$101.00. Tugger miller wasn't present this month and missed out on \$61.00. It does pay to come to meetings.

Our next meeting will be at Crowder State Park at Trenton. Carry in meal at noon. Meeting at 1

Ride safe

Foxy Gama

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 6:45 p.m.

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC

(This is a temporary location & is subject to change)

Contact: Bill Kempker 573-690-5281 or

Denise Taylor 573-353-4127



I had an absolute blast at The Mid-America Freedom Rally and hope you all did too! It was a little warm but no rain! Had lots of good friends show up this time and the new Pavilion is awesome! KUDOS to all that helped in building it!

Our event "A Christmas in July" is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th, starting at Moose Bros in Jefferson City and ending at Twin Bridges in Jefferson City.

For all of you Facebook people, keep checking Local 10's FB page for upcoming events and just news in general. I hope you are finding it useful. If you have any suggestions, I am open and please feel free to post events or things of interest out there on the Timeline.

Still trying to get a bike show together for sometime this fall, we still need volunteers; so if you are interested, get with either Bill or myself for more information. We are working on a Swap meet at the JC Fairgrounds for sometime in September. Also would really like to get some ideas together for some "Fun Runs", e-mail or call me if you have any suggestions.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor

taylord34@embarqmail.com

Maintenance

Some of us work on our rides during the winter months when inclement weather forces us out of the use of two-wheeled transportation, or the short days and long evenings give us a bit of cabin fever and we would rather be out in the garage than in the house. Lucky for us garages and shops are not effected by cabin fever, a wood stove, the smell of oil, fresh paint, conditioned leather, some good music and a few friends stopping in from time to time won't allow it to happen. Regardless of the reason it's always a good time to give your ride a thorough going over to check for wear and damage. I guess it would be safe to say that motorcyclists are more attentive to the up-keep and general condition of their vehicles than most automobile owners are, we have to be, our lives are riding on two wheels.

Some of us work on our rides year-round, because to some there is no 'riding season' and we maintain and repair when scheduled or necessary because of wear, breakage or parts failure. Sometimes it comes down to time and money. Unfortunately, and everyone knows, most of the time it seems having both at the same time can be a challenge. I personally fall into the year-round category. I have a couple of bikes, my primary one is nearly twenty years old and gets a lot of miles over the course of a year. After replacing all of the parts that have just plain worn out, it's almost 'new' again. It still wears the original paint though. When I look at it I don't see the rock chips, I see badges, from the places it has taken me. The other one I will call a 'running work in progress'. Other than the general maintenance and repairs that are inherent in a 60 year old motorcycle, it hasn't required any major work in the twenty years that I have had it. I describe it as a 'running work in progress' because even though it look's and runs good, I 'pick' at it once in a while, find the original carb, exhaust, trim, things like that.

As I was working on the '53, pulling wheels and replacing brake shoes, my mind kept running to FORR, the past few months and the history of FORR as well as the months ahead and the future of FORR. I couldn't help seeing the similarities of motorcycle maintenance and the maintenance of the organization.

When they were new it took a while to get the feel of it, and break it in slowly. You were proud of it, it was yours and it was brand new, it needed a lot of attention to insure it was going to continue to run for a long time. After the initial break-in and it was determined that it was going to be the vehicle to suit your needs, pieces were added from time to time to make it more appealing, some equipment was changed for better performance. As the years went by very few repairs were needed, it seems like it could almost run by itself, nothing in the mechanics of it to worry about, fresh rubber and fuel was all that it took to keep moving.

Then you had ideas that you would try a different route, maybe take it farther, to a place you hadn't previously thought about. For that, you would need more equipment and better planning. As a result of the proper preparation, everything went fairly well, with just a few minor problems. Building on that successful adventure, you begin thinking of the possibilities in the future. New adventures and different ways to take you there.

At this time, a lot of years have gone by, you've seen and done so many things you can't recount them all. You've taken it places that you never would have imagined when it was new. All that would not have been possible if the proper care and attention had not been maintained over the years. And because of the care and maintenance things have 'cycled' around to where it's almost 'new' again, (except for the paint, remember?, those aren't rock chips, they're badges)..., ready to go on FORRever.

With respect to all,

Martin King

Chairman

Freedom of Road Riders Inc.

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

There's no doubt what the big story is this month: **IT'S FIRECRACKER CLASSIC TIME FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 6TH AND 7TH.** Please note that our regular meeting will not be held on the first Sunday of the month but will instead be held at Stump Island at 7 pm Thursday, July 5th. We will need all the help we can get that Thursday to prepare Stump Island for the rally so if there's any way you can make it, PLEASE COME. Even if you have to work, we can still get a lot done after you get off work. This is our major fundraiser for the year so we need to make it a success.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the next item of news. My good friend of 30 years and friend of local 12, B.L. McDonnell has won the Engineer of Freedom, the highest award FORR presents. B.L. has traveled tens of thousands of miles starting many new locals for FORR and he can truly be credited with making this a statewide organization. I was fortunate to be able to travel many of those miles with him and can report that we had a ton of fun along the way. Next time you see him, ask him about the time he came by our house in Kansas City on the way to the Truett and Osborne drags and I hornswaggled him into going to Springfield that day instead to start local 18. When FORR started their rider education program, B.L. was one of our first instructors and won Instructor of the Year for his work one year. He trained hundreds of students and we were all proud to work with him. This one's for you, old friend.

The next item of news is unfortunately very sad. Local 12 member

Robin Knox is in the Fitzgibbon Hospital Living Center and is afflicted with a very serious illness that is threatening her life. I would ask all members who believe in the power of prayer (and I do) to pray for Robin's recovery. I would also like to ask our members for a card shower for her. Local 12 has already sent a card but I know she would be thrilled to get other cards from her friends. We have donated \$200 to Mike for travel expenses in the traditional local 12 care for a downed brother or sister. Robin has been an outstanding member of this local and done way more than her share of work at previous Firecracker Classics running the gate for numerous shifts. She has always had a sunny outlook on life, even after the loss of her leg due to a careless driver.

We had another great meeting at Poodle's and Janet's II Palms in Boonsboro on the 6th of May. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't cooperate and the rain was falling hard when I left the house so I took the Escape instead of my bike. Kudos to Dave Kateman and his boy for riding up on Dave's nice bagger. There were 18 members and 4 guests in attendance. Pork Chop called the meeting to order at 3:13 and the minutes were read with one correction. It was reported that a bill in the legislature would levy a \$1,000 fine for failure to yield. Socko thanked everyone who came on the proclamation ride and helped out with Steve McQueen Days. Pork Chop reported we made a profit of \$155 on the Steve McQueen Bike Show and a motion was passed to donate all of it to the Slater Senior Center.

Boz reported that a poker run would be held for Dave and Becka, two local riders who had been seriously injured in an accident. The date was Saturday, May 12th. Tami reported that the Full Moon Band will play Friday night at the Firecracker. Saturday night's band will be Lines of Atrophy. The Apollo Port-A-Potties will cost us \$510. It was reported that Mo-DOT is putting up motorcycle awareness signs along some of the major highways in the state. Beckett's will take care of the beer at the Firecracker again this year. There will be first place trophies only on the bike show. Derek Arms will handle security. In two person events, both the rider and passenger will get a trophy. Sponsors MUST be in by the

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next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 3 pm at Stump Island. There was a mixup on the newsletter by the printer and ten of the members present got bad letters. In Old Business, we thanked John for the great job he has done for Local 12. There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, July 5th, 7 pm, Stump Island Park-Special local 12 Firecracker Classic preparation meeting.
 Friday, July 6th & Saturday, July 7th- Firecracker Classic Poker Run, Field Meet, Bike Show, and Party.
 Sunday, July 8th- Clean-up from Firecracker Classic party.
 Sunday, August 5th, time and place to be determined- local 12 meeting.
 If you have news you would like in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at sstrodman@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.
 Until next month.....be free, Smokey

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Stacy's Place, Hwy 54, Mexico, MO

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

Hello 13

Guess this is a surprise, but I like surprises. The Freedom Rally was a good time I enjoyed the company and the old friends I got too see. Thanks to Rock, BL and others the pavilion did not look too bad. Thanks guys!! Got too talk to a lot of people and remember why I go to these rallies. For me it is not the beer or the bands it's to see and talk to people I have not seen in a while. Hoped to see more but they did not show, hope everything is OK with them.

Since we moved the time and place of our meetings attendance has risen and there is a lot more participation on our events and fund raisers. Thank you Diana and Marsha for your work on the yard sale, it would not have happened without you. On the subject of funds, we are doing much better than we expected. We almost have the money to put on the Anniversary/ Wonder Run (Local 13's 25th year in FORR) cannot believe we made it this far. Some people remember the rocky start we had and it took a while to come together and act like a local of FORR. Thanks to the keeper of our history BL, and a lot of good members that gave a lot to the local we made it. If you ever get a chance to set down with BL ask him about the early days, he tells it better than I do. By the way we got another member who earned the Engineer of Freedom Award and really deserved it many times over BL. With and others we owe a lot!!!

While I was at the rally I got reminded about how Local 00 got started and the intention of it. During my education on 00 I wondered why we went away from the original. We have people that are in 00 in our local meetings and help in many ways at our functions and I even count their votes when we have one. These are the same people I turn too when I need something and they will take the challenge. Over the last 23 years I have come to rely on many people and I do not care what local they are in, they are my friends. In Local 13 they are honorary members whether

they like it or not. As you can tell I had to get that off my chest. Please don't put them all down for a few bad apples, there is good and bad in every local, do we put the whole local down.

If we put our words to the test that is FORR (our preamble) before we put them in print a lot of things would not get said. Now do not think that I come up with that on my own, I had a lot of very good people help me through those 23 years.

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

Greetings, from Local 14.

We have a 3-Ball Tournament coming up July 21, 2012 at the VFW Post in Sugar Creek. 3-Ball Tourney, attendance prize and other prizes, cash payout. Finger foods and, reasonably priced adult beverages. \$5 donation at the door. We hope to see you there.

We are now collecting your old junk for our Christmas Party Giveaway. More details to follow as we get closer.

We had a great local meeting in May. We talked about our tournament, legislation, local treasury balance, and oh yeah, Central Committee report.

This was my first CC meeting in many years and so I went in with an open mind and with the intention of doing Local 14 business only. We were there representin', as it were. Due to a side trip to the emergency room we missed the first 1-1/2 hours but what I heard after we arrived was a serious wake up call. I participated in vote after vote. I listened and considered Local 14's position (because that's what you pay me for) and voted "NO" on everything. I watched local after local vote "YES" on everything. I even had to tell the secretary during one vote that L14 was abstaining. No one dissented except Local 14.

We are the organization. Officers at the state level do what they are told to their best ability. But the problem is, I didn't see locals telling them what they wanted. It appears that power is shifting and we are going many different directions due to different agendas that are being allowed to infiltrate our once-proud FORR. I think you should all go to a Central Committee meeting with us and see what I mean. I hope it's just me and I won't feel so alone at the next meeting, but I am worried that not enough people care.

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Local 14



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

Hey everyone,

This Spring/Summer is in full swing with everyone on their bikes! We have been involved with so many events so far this season it's hard to know where to start!

Our Local had a blast at The Freedom Rally, the weather was wonderful and I heard that the bands were awesome! Many from my local had other rides that weekend, or had to work, but the ones that came were not disappointed. Thank you to the ones that donated time or talent, it doesn't go unnoticed.

The Branson Rally was the very next weekend. I did get to hang out at that one! Friday was laid back because of the rain. Which meant that I got to shop at all the vendors without much wait! Boy were there a lot of vendors. It was held at The Outback this year on Hwy 76. I couldn't figure where they were going to put everybody, but I've got to say I think this was the best Rally I have seen in recent years. Sat. it was sunny and warm/hot. The Bike show was a success with very happy winners of trophies. The Poker ride was wonderful. I was glad to get on the road and out of the heat. The breeze was amazing. I do have to shout out at Katherine Fox, whom I finally met. We had some really cool chats about everything you could think of. When she says that she is "fired up" in her news letter, boy does she mean it! You are an amazing woman and I hope that I get to see you again soon!

Our Annual Rally is just around the corner. HOOOOOOOOOten Town here we come! I love this rally the most, because, well it's put on by my FORR Family. Just to refresh your brains, we have Rocken music all weekend long, many vendors to choose from (food and biker stuff), a Tattoo contest, bike games galore, a Poker Run, and of course a Wet T contest. We also have the river, it runs around the campground so there is plenty of time to play in the water. I'm sure there will be a flyer in this news letter to tell you how to get there. Hope to see you there.

We will be having a Family Campout Aug. 3rd. It's at Jellystone Campground just above Bull Shoals Lake. We had it there last year and had a blast. The campground does tons of family oriented games, so we just have fun! We will have more info on our Facebook page.

We will be staying at Tequila's Mexican Restaurant for our business meetings. It seems to be centrally located and not over run by tourist.

Our next BS meeting is July 3rd and it will be at The Junction Bar and Grill. That is a new bar owned by Mike, he is a Local 15 member. He just opened up in April. I have been there several times and it has everything. Pool tables, Bandstand, cold beer, liquor and delicious food. His burgers are heavenly!

Well I think I have rambled on enough. Remember to attend as many events as you can, and help out when possible. Everyone in this letter

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That's it for now. You guys take care and I really hope to see you soon!

Lou

LOCAL 16 - CAPE

GIRARDEAU

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or

Doug 573-768-2424

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com



First I'd like to thank Bill and Linda of the Bayou Bar & Grill for their hospitality during the May events. You always go way

above and beyond.

By the time this submission comes out, we will have completed the Fun Run from Bill's Place in Biehle and we'll be anticipating the July 28th meeting at the Heartland Social Club in Uniontown. This meeting is scheduled for 7:00. You'll want to call Whitey or Chico for directions. The best I can do is 1 mile off state highway 61 on the left side of A. There, are you lost yet?!

The month of August promises to be a busy one starting off with the Bayou Run on August 4th. By August we are hoping to have many of the Locals traveling around the state to attend each other's functions and this would be a great time for Local 16 to showcase our amazing countryside and why we so love to ride our hills and curves.

Until next time, enjoy the open road!

That chick who's name starts with M

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LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.****Eagles Club on Hwy 25****Contact: Robert Reif 573-421-7480**

Hello Everyone



This letter will have a slightly different tone this month. I will start with a quote provided by Kathy Garver in the Freedom Press on page 4 in the history article she wrote. "Membership is a sensitive thing. It goes where it is invited, stays where it is cared for, and grows where it is cultivated." Kathy was not sure who the original author was of these words but they ring true and should be given some thought.

All of us have a responsibility as members of the organization to ensure that we continue to grow and with that in mind we will experience some growing pains just as the founding members of this organization did. As officers it is our responsibility to see that our local runs smoothly and that the rules are observed and that each member is treated as fairly as possible whether at meetings or events. As a member of the local it is each person's responsibility to ensure that meetings and events are attended and that the officers don't become complacent.

Every organization has three types of people Leaders, followers and warm bodies. It is important to realize that just having large numbers is not enough and that when we sign up a new member we would like for them to be involved in everything we do or as much as they possibly can given work schedules and other family duties. We appreciate each and every member of our local and look forward to growing but in order to do this the members must speak up during the meetings. If necessary make a list of questions you may have this is your local and for it to continue to run smoothly issues need to be addressed and each member has a right to speak their minds.

Members this is me calling out to you.....Please speak your mind don't remain silent it is time that we begin to recultivate at Local 20. We have great members with great ideas let's hear them along with anything that may be troubling you.

Until next time.....Keep it between the lines
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20

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

YeeHaw,

Hope y'all enjoyed the "Freedom Rally". We had a pretty good turn out this year. The weather couldn't have been much better even if it was a little warm. There were a few of our Local 21 folks who couldn't make it this year and we want you all to know you were sorely missed!!!

For the July 21st meeting we would like all our members to try and

attend so we could take a picture of all our Local 21 Family for the FORR calendar 2013. If you can't make it at least try to send a "cardboard" cutout of yourself cuz if ya' don't we'll just haf to grab someone off the street to stand in your place and then you may end up lookin' like an 85 year old woman with a skin disorder and a shoppin cart!! So if you don't want to look like an old woman with a skin disorder ya' best be there!!

We will also be voting on whether or not our old friend Jack Daniels will be allowed to come to Homecoming because some of our members git just to darn amorous when Jack comes around! Sorry Jack, you know we all love ya'

See ya at the 'Saddle'
Dan

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

Happy July 4th Everyone! Independence Day, it has a beautiful sound to it doesn't it? It's the birth of our nation, the day we celebrate the Freedom our forefathers dreamed of and fought for. Let's take time to remember that this month and be thankful for the Freedom we have. Let's use it to work towards the goals Freedom of Road Riders stands for, The Rights of Bikers. Together let's do all we can to move legislation forward, promote Brotherhood and get the word out about our great

organization! Let Freedom Ring!

I'd like to give a BIG THANKS to Martin King and Melanie Coy for visiting us at our May Meeting. As always a pleasure to have you both.

We have several New Members again this month and are proud to welcome Kim Dahley, Andy Echele, Paul Rickles, Chelsea Colagrassi, Jim Grindstaff and welcome back to Rob Jackson, we missed you Brother. Also our 16 year member Scooter Shelton signed up 5 new members last year! His dues have been paid by the local this year and you too can have yours paid, just sign up 5 new members! We have the first of our members this year with 5 members signed up, Shannon Schallert Mandry. Thanks for such a great job guys. She has quite a few others right behind her so hurry and be the next one with 5! We love paying your dues and welcoming new members!

July should be an exciting adventure for Local 24 this year, we are
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We also have Redneck Golf coming up on August 26. If anyone was there the past few years you know what a great time this is, so mark your calendars and see you all there!

Everyone have a fun and safe holiday! See you all back here next month and remember "When life throws you a curve, lean into it."

Love and Peace, Sherry "HiPpleChlck" Schallert

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Hope all the "moms" had a good mothers day! Happy Fathers Day to all the "dads" and Happy 4th of July! Enjoy your independence...it wasn't free.

The turn out for the Black Top Rally was a disappointment. We can't blame the weather this year...it was beautiful.

If anyone has any suggestions, please let Steve, Roy or myself know. I myself don't see much reason to continue if we can't get more to attend.

Upcoming Eat N' Rides:

June 19--Meeting at San Jose Steak House in St. Joseph
June 26--Camaros in Bethany
July 3----Quackers in Mound City
July 10----St. Joe Frontier Casino in St. Joe
July 17----Meeting at The Depot in Shenandoah, IA
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July 31----Rib Crib in St. Joe
Aug. 7-----Toot Toots in Bethany

Upcoming Events:

July 28---Freedom Rock Run (Greenfield, Iowa)
Aug 2,3,4---Across the Border Raid Rally (Bedford, Iowa)

Happy Birthday to:

July Birthdays--Gay Frampton, Mike Gregory, Rod Shain and (me) Jeanine Montgomery
Aug. Birthdays--Don Wyne, Lewis Rice, Jason Auffort and Brian Estes

I hope you all have a safe and pleasant summer/riding season.

Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one.
Benjamin Franklin

The real democratic idea is, not that every man shall be on a level with every other, but that every one shall have liberty, without hindrance, to be what God made him.
Henry Ward Beecher

Be all the God has made you to be....great!

God Bless,
Jeanine Montgomery

MEMBER PROFILE



Bob Hull, 80, has been a member of Local 26 FORR for 7 years. He is married to LaVonne who is also a Local 26 member.

They have two children, Sheila and Steve, 6 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren and 1 spoiled rotten cat.

Bob is a retired farmer

and farm equipment dealer. He spends some of his retirement riding with us on Eat N' Rides and flying his Cessna Airplane. He's been flying solo since 1950.

A few years after taking to the skies, he started riding a 1948 Harley in 1952-53, then joined the Air Force for two years.

After raising a family, he started riding again in 1983 but added a sidecar (and a wife). After 10 years of the sidecar, he became "detached" and is now riding a 1997 1500 Honda converted to a Trike (Voyager kit).

His longest ride was to the Indianapolis 500 race in 1952. His most memorable was to Scottsbluff, Neb. and Colorado. Bob had one major spill when he hit pea gravel on a curve and suffered a broken collar bone and some ribs in 1991.

So of course, one of his advice to new riders is to be aware of road conditions. Some other advice to new riders (and old) is to also watch out for deer (those flying animals that come out of nowhere) and other drivers!

A favorite saying of his is: As you slide down the bannister of life--may all the splinters be pointing in the right direction.

(Ya, I agree, that would be a good scenario).

Bob and LaVonne are some really good people. We enjoy having them in our group and enjoy riding with them.

We hope their splinters in life are smooth ones and going the right direction....and may all the deer, people and pea gravel, stay out of their way, or at least avoid contact with their motorcycle



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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm****River's Edge Bar & Grill, 315 SW Pence Ave****Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079****Contact: Pres. Bill Thornhill 417-955-0941****V.P. Donny Martin 417-876-5058**

Well fellow bikers, summertime is here! With that come the blue skies, dry roads, and beautiful riding weather we've been looking for. Now is the time to get those bikes out, find a new road, and really enjoy the wind in your face. Of course, along with those miles in the saddle come the ever present dangers we need to look out for. Once again I have to report a member down this month. David Arduser had an unpleasant meeting with a deer recently. Although he suffered no life threatening injuries, there were broken bones and other injuries. Reports are that he's doing well, and we're thankful for that. But please watch out for wildlife, cagers, loose gravel, and all those hazards that can ruin a ride in a hurry.

Of course another Freedom Rally is now in the books, and by all accounts I've heard was a great success. Warm DRY weather was the big news, as it seems like an event at Buckhorn is always accompanied by rain. But this year the attendees enjoyed clear skies to go along with the great company and great times. There's another event at Buckhorn coming on June 30, the Buckhorn Blast and it sounds like it will be just that...a blast! Check out the state's website or Facebook page for more info.

We have only one Local 27 event on the calendar for the month of July, that being our spot in the El Dorado Springs city wide yard sale. I don't have a definite date or address for that yet, but will work on that and let everyone know as soon as possible. Last year was our first attempt at this, and it turned out to be a real money maker for us. We can make it again this year, with only a couple of requirements. First of all, we need donations from members to get in the sale. It really doesn't matter much what it is folks, take a look around and start getting together all those items you don't really need, can't think of a use for, or just want to get it out of the way. If you need transportation for your items give somebody a call and I'm sure it can be arranged. The second requirement for a great event is participation. While sitting around in the sun all day can sure be a drag, it's a heck of a lot more fun when you've got brothers and sisters there to share the time. Even if you can only make it out for a couple of hours, every little bit helps.

Once again I've used up my allotment of words (plus) really quickly. I'll end this month as always, by saying enjoy the ride and be safe!

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President 573-433-0047 - Vice President 573-433-0402 - Shrine Club 573-774-5454.**

Hello to everyone!!!! Hope you were able to make it to the Mid America Freedom Rally and stayed cool in the process this year!!! We got a few

sprinkles reported by some but all in all, was a sunny, hot rally this year which sure made up for last years cold and rain. We did not hit a record in attendance this year but was better than last years showing with having 2451 not including vendors. There was something for everyone but the main complaint was the HEAT this year with no one remembering one like it before. Mother Nature sure was good to us in that area! LOL



We had the roadside cleanup on May 19 and I was able to attend 20 minutes of it before the Freedom Rally Committee met with work detail to get semi-set up for the rally. We had 20 people show up for this and took less than an hour to get the job done. We had an earlier one in March which a lot more to p-up from ones that

attended both said. The winner was: Larry Wheeler with a Petrified Bone???? think he's still looking for the rest of it? LOL Included some pictures of the May Clean up for everyone.

The Incentive Winner in May was BJ and my fault for not getting with him to share about his experience's in FORR but he's been a member for some time. He also does some cooking for everyone on meeting nights. Sorry didn't get a E-mail to you before this had to get in and sure hope he forgives me? LOL

Our birthdays I'll list but did miss May's so will start with those: Ivan Hudgens, 3rd/ Richard Jensen, 2nd/ Jimmi Drennan, 14th/ Jennifer Washburn, 18th/ & Gerald Alexander, 27th. JUNE - Debbie Parson, 3rd/ Phil McComb, 12th/ Mike Bennett 16th/ Reva Gartin, 17th/ Dwayne Hicks, 17th/ Benny Alvarez/20, Merel Johnson, 22nd/ Ken Naderman, 23rd. JULY's - Wes Ellzey, 1st/ Danny Gartin, 4th/ Julie Paramore, 7th/ Marie Eberhart, 16th/ Retha Bennett, 26th/ and Kathy Worley, 24th. HAPPY 'B' DAY TO YOU ALL an hope you had a fantastic day to celebrate! (Excuse me if misspelled your name)

We had a new member join in May, Greg Olsen!!! Welcome to the local and look forward to the fun stuff the local has going! Everyone say a big HI an get to know him.

In past things that have come an gone are: BUFF Run to the Capital was rained out with a few people attending. Believe they are looking into a rain date as Mother Nature has not cooperated for this event in the future.

Michigan did pass "choice" on helmet wearing but will have to have \$20,000 in Health Insurance

The booth that Taz set up in Waynesville did get some new members signed up so hope to see them in the near future at the meetings. Be sure to welcome them.

There are still some tickets available for the Homecoming Rally give away of a Henry Rifle. Check with the officers on this.



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10 PM-2 AM	L-10 (2)	L-30 (2) L-15 (2) L-13 (2)	
Saturday		L-25 (2) L-26 (2) L-46 (2)	
SATURDAY			
2 AM-6 AM	L-7 (2)	L-33 (2)	
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10 AM-2 PM	L-23 (2)	L-21 (2) L-26 (2) L-15 (2)	L-5 (2)
2 PM-6 PM	L-8 (2)	L-19 (2) L-41 (2) L-6 (2)	L-15 (2)
6 PM-10 PM	L-13 (2)	L-1 (2) L-8 (2) L-24 (2)	L-16 (2)
		L-10 (2) L-20 (2) L-14 (2)	
10 PM-2 AM	L-19 (2)	L-16 (2) L-26 (2) L-19 (2)	
Sunday		L-12 (2) L-28 (2) L-5 (2)	
SUNDAY			
2 AM-6 AM	L-30 (2)	L-10 (2) L-42 (2) L-28 (2)	
6 AM-10 AM	L-35 (2)	L-29 (2) L-16 (2) L-19 (2)	
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2 PM-6 PM	L-28 (2)	L-14 (2) L-33 (2) L-29 (2)	L-6 (2)
6 PM-10 PM	L-21 (2)	L-30 (2) L-6 (2) L-42 (2)	L-10 (2)
		L-28 (2) L-8 (2) L-10 (2)	
10 PM-2 AM	CLOSED	L-29 (2) L-15 (2) L-27 (2)	
Monday		L-1 (2) L-11 (2) L-6 (2)	
MONDAY			
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TOTAL	30	134	18

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Saturday

Poker Run	L-28 (4)
Scavenger Hunt	L-24 (2)
Field Event	CMA
Field Event	Skyler
Sportster T	L-15 (2)
Queen	L-28 (2)

Sunday

Bike Show	L-15 (8)
Big Twin T	L-15 (2)
King	L-28 (2)

There was a vote taken by the local at the May meeting on whether to have a DJ or band for the Buckhorn Blast. By a show a vote, will be having a band.

UP & COMING EVENTS - June 30 - Buckhorn Blast with poker run-cost is \$5.00 person with local furnishing main meat/drinks, etc so bring a side dish if you'd like. This is a Family Orientated event and little ones are expected as games/events for them in mind along with fireworks display at dark so bring chairs or blankets to enjoy or just spend the (continued on Page 25)

night! August 4 - Memorial Ride for our fallen Brothers/Sisters of the Local - Aug 31 - Sept 3 - Homecoming Rally and the last is Oct 20 Pre-Build for the Halloween Bash for the Shrine's Children's Hospital. I'm sure there will be other events at the meeting I do not know of as yet.

Come one and all the monthly meetings which are held at the Shrine Club, the 1st Friday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. See you there an in meantime, be safe out there as cagers are still not seeing us and there have been some horrendous accidents in the area/nation if traveling out of state. See ya in the wind!!!

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

VFW Post 4043, 1100 H Hwy, Liberty, MO

Contact: Ronda Felts 816-214-5096 or

Ken DeMoss 913-449-1533

Website: www.forrlocal29.com

As usual, the riding season is flying by. For the most part, we have had some excellent riding weather this year so I hope you have been able to take advantage of it. Nancy Martin is a little under the weather at the time of this submission, so I am filling in for her this month. Feel better soon Nancy, this isn't as easy as you make it seem.

We have been a busy bunch at Local 29. Russell Felts and Ken DeMoss worked the Kansas stop for BWAM in the pouring rain. Many of the riders stayed back at the City Union Mission because of the horrible weather, but I want to thank Russell and Ken for being there for the riders who were brave enough to make the run. Connie Kephart, Barb Wiederholt, Don & Sharon Jackson and Ursula & Ken DeMoss worked the Run for the Wall stop in Concordia. (I'm sorry if I missed anyone.) This run is so

important and honors those who have served our country.

I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed reading Kathy Garver's history lessons. I know we have had a lot of dedicated members over the years and it's nice to read about their passion and learn what their vision for FORR was back in the day. If you haven't taken advantage of reading some of the old newsletters that are available online at forr.net I encourage you to do so. It's a good place to dust off some old ideas and make them new again.

Despite Katherine Fox's hard work and dedication, the legislative session sucked. A couple of bills that we were watching managed to squeak through, but I find it insulting to the biker community that SB824 Motorcycle Awareness Month never even received a hearing. Make sure your legislators know where you stand. Many are running for re-election this year, let your vote speak for you!

Until I see you again, ride safe and don't forget to drink lots of water while riding in this heat.

Ronda Felts - Local 29

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1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50,
Just East of Knob
Noster.****President - Doug****Weiss 660-233-3949****Editor: Ed Carper 660-
422-7353**

May will shortly end with our Memorial Day Rally in Buckhorn and we will be well on our way through June when you receive this news letter.

First of all the members of local 33 would like to thank Local 35 and especially Ms. Jennifer Nelson for finding and returning Ms. Tami Church's wallet, which she had lost while in a life and death struggle with Martians in the ladies facilities. Well, I think they were Martians anyway or maybe that's just the kind of people that hang out at Biker Rallies. Ms. Nelson found the wallet in the ladies facilities and returned it to Ms. Church without delay. Thank you for your concern and honesty for one of Local 33's members. This kind of honesty and concern for other members is what we mean when we talk about brothers and sisters. Thank you again Local 35 and Ms. Nelson, of the Horatio Nelson Family of Trafalgar G.B.

May's monthly meeting was held on the 20th as we combined a rolling meeting with a picnic in Windsor's City Park. The reports given by all the officers were short, sweet and to the point. There were several things mentioned about changes to the by-laws, reported by Roy, that were in

reference to the removal of toxic members. We will be discussing these changes in detail at our June meeting and how we want to vote on these changes. Roy also mentioned that a very influential business owner from the Branson area would like to assist the FORR financially in getting our helmet modification bill passed by putting it on the ballot for 2013. This sounds like a good idea on the surface, but many of us feel this individual doesn't fully understand what it's going to take to make that happen and that putting this on a ballot may kill our bill forever. We will be discussing this at our June meeting as well. Sarge reported that the Oktoberfest is right on track and we will be discussing this event in June too.

On May the 21st several of us met the "Run for the Wall" riders up in Concordia to show support by local 33. As many of you know I am usually one of those riders but for the past couple of years I haven't made it. I

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was saddened to hear that one of the long time riders I knew was one of the riders, who went down in Kansas, was hurt and returned home. This year 40% of the riders were FNG's and the riders I started out with 6 years ago are not riding anymore due to age or the dangers of riding in a large group with inexperienced young riders. However, 2013 will be the Run for the Walls 25th anniversary and they are expecting 800+ riders next year and I'll be one.

July

Weekend of July 7th & 8th, Committee Meeting and CC Meeting, Jeff City.

July 15th, Local 33 Meeting @ Am-Vets. 12:00 noon.

July 19th thru 22nd, BMW rally @ Sedalia State Fair Grounds.

July 29th, Local 33's \$1000.00 Dollar Poker Run. Registration 12:00 Stands up 1:00 pm.

Granny came into Am-Vets with a paper bag in her hand and as she approached the bar her boyfriend asked; what's in the bag? Some hamburgers, she replied. Her boyfriend asked; if I guess how many you have in the bag will you give one? Granny answered; damn, if you can do that, I'll give you both of them! Her friend guessed two and Granny cried; lucky guess! What a Gal! Little slow on the up take.

Hi-Ho Silver

The Ed-itor

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.

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**Contact: Bob Hawkins (Hm) 660-694-3589
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I want to thank all who attended our spring poker run. While it was cool and damp in places we had a good turnout and we appreciate that!!!!!!

For July we hope everyone has a safe and fun Independence Day!! With that in mind I hope everyone takes the time to reread the Declaration of Independence and ponder it's meaning. Here's one of the most important parts (and I quote:) "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

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This 4th of July, Independence Day, take the time to reflect on our heritage and remember why these words were written. I'll close with one of my favorite lines from the Declaration of Independence for my July quote: "He (referring to the King - their government at the time) has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance." Thomas Jefferson

(Sound familiar?)

Enjoy Riding in the Summer Sun!

Elaine Herron

Local 35

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeaux Pizza

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707

ATTENTION!!!!!! LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JULY 28th. RAIN DATE JULY 29th. All year long I have put in newsletter July 21st. Well I was told that they double booked the park. They booked a Hemp Fest and forgot to tell us. They couldn't change there date because no one would remember. I'm not going because everyday is a hemp fest for me if you know what I mean. We will still be taking a GROUP PICTURE at the BIKE SHOW. REMEMBER----hemp fest July 21st---- BIKE SHOW----JULY 28th McCORKLE PARK in CAMERON, SIGN IN 10-12. WE have 19 classes to be in. If you show up and you have no class no problem we have a no class class.

Don't forget about our incentive drawing at each meeting. We will draw a members name and if you are present at the meeting the local will pay your membership for the year.

For the last several years I have blamed the weather for low attendance at the District 1 Motorcycle awareness Blacktop Rally. This year I guess the weather was too nice. I rode home at 2 a.m. and it was perfect for early morning riding. I only had 50 miles to the house, but another 100 miles would have been better. Not saying any more about the District Rally. I was told not to say any thing unless it was positive so Ride Safe and enjoy the other Rallies.

DON'T FORGET LOCAL 41 BIKE SHOW IS JULY 28th with RAIN DATE JULY 29th. Knowing me like I know me I am pretty sure you have not heard the last about the rally. Some times it is very hard to stay positive when no one gives a shit. Thank You everyone who helped out it was greatly appreciated. If we have as many bikes at the bike show as we had at the rally we are screwed. I better quit now I feel the negative side coming out.

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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 - Rick Gish 314-578-6006**

Hello folks, Not a lot to report this month, I do wish to welcome all the new members to the local, I promise you won't be bored by joining us. Also thanks to all you members that showed up for our annual School Supply collections, We could not do these without ya's help n support. You really don't have a clue HOW much these kids need our aid...So that said, please help get the word out about our 13th Annual School Supply Benefit Poker Run on July 15th. Bill n Ben always set up awesome routes. Our next meeting will be June 24th at 3 pm, bring a friend r two,

Big things are taken place in the Local and the Freedom Train is movin forward. Later ya...

Rick "g-man" Gish

President Local 42

DISTRICT 1**Meetings: 1st Wednesday****Check with your local rep for location****DISTRICT 4****Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm****Iron Skillet Restaurant (Petro Truck Stop), Oak Grove****Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147**

Hello once again to all my riding and non-riding brothers and sisters OMG....this weather is absolutely amazing and events are plentiful. Mid America Freedom Rally was one heck of a good hot time...and NO RAIN, can you believe THAT?

As I drove thru Branson, the Branson Biker Camp must have been another huge success, because Branson was FULL of bikes and trikes. It is with certainty that all rides/events, with this kind of beautiful weather, reap a great turnout.

Currently we are in discussion to reduce the legislative bus trip to Jefferson City to only one, and coordinate that trip with the one coming out of the east side of the State..

Planning of the District Octoberfest is in full force at this time, and Locals in District 4 should start thinking about their nominations for the MISFIT Award.

My goal is still to visit all locals in District 4, and hopefully others at least once this year.

So, to make sure YOU DON'T MISS anything....keep your eyes peeled on the FORR calendar and plan to enjoy as many events as your time allows.

Every Local and all members are invited, as well as challenged to find sponsors for the Octoberfest, contact me if you need forms.

We are all family!! Therefore I am asking my brothers and sisters: PLEASE mark your calendars for JULY 12th, 2012, and let's support Local 14 in their 3 Ball Tournament.

I am keeping this short, there are way to many rides/events.....and I want to feel the wind.

My brothers and sisters all over the State have the required enthusiasm, zest and positive attitudes to get things done, somehow, somewhere, sometime.

Ride hard, but be safe.

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

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“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 at the officer's meeting the night before each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting the day following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

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

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

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For a total of 100 new members recruited you earn:	A leather jacket or gift certificate for \$250.00

A new member is someone that has never been a member of FORR®
or an individual that has been out of FORR® for at least one (1) year.

WHO AM I?

In June's issue we saw an "old" picture of Crash Harrison, Local 14.



If you have a guess on this month's picture please e-mail it to go@forr.net

I will let you know in the next issue who this is.

Please submit your photos for future publications. If you don't have a scanner, snail mail them to me. I will return them to you.

You will have to let ME know who they are.



News From Around the Globe

Prius driver knocks off bikers, gets tiny fine

From the land of the (getting off scot) free

Posted: 25 May 2012

by Visordown News

A CALIFORNIAN Toyota Prius driver has been fined \$20 for knocking off a biker while using his smartphone to record video.

The 19-year old Prius driver got his phone out to film some bikers who were passing him in the outside lane. Distracted by the phone, he veered into the other lane, hitting one of the bikers

His car then crashed into a dividing wall and another motorcyclist before coming to a stop. Some bikers in the group went over to the crashed car and started beating up the driver, witnesses have said.

The result? The Prius driver will be cited for distracted driving under California's prohibition on using handheld phones while driving, which comes with a \$20 fine for a first violation and a \$50 fine for subsequent convictions.

As for the Prius driver's beating, the bikers responsible could be charged with battery -- the intentional use of force against another person. If convicted, battery is punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine in California.

Read more: <http://www.visordown.com/motorcycle-news-bizarre/prius-driver-knocks-off-bikers-gets-tiny-fine/20717.html#ixzz1wwx5u6z>

Minnesota

Congresswoman Bachmann (MN-6) has co-authored HR904, the bill to prohibit funding for motorcycle checkpoints. This will take a few days to show up on the list of authors, but rest assured she is very much in support. Congresswoman Bachmann has shown unwavering support for freedom minded motorcyclists for many years, going back to her days in the Minnesota state legislature

Indiana

During the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month kickoff event on Monument Circle, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Scott Waddell announced a change in the licensing of motorcyclists. Starting July 1st, 2012 person successfully completing an approved motorcycle rider course will no longer be required to obtain a motorcycle learners permit prior to being issued an endorsement.

NOTICE To All Locals

As of **6/5/12**

This is The Standing On Financial Statements

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35	4/12
41	4/12
42	5/12
Dist 1	4/11
Dist 4	4/12
MAFR	4/12
RFTW	4/12

Don't forget - District & Special Events Are
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Regarding Financials

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Statewide 2012

Training Sites & Dates

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July 14-15	September 29-30
August 4-5	October 6-7
August 11-12	October 13-14

Jefferson City – 3 Wheel Course

TBA

Jefferson City - Advanced Riders Course

TBA

Kirksville

Experienced Riders Course

TBA

Trenton – Beginner Riders Course

July 7-8	August 18-19	September 15-16
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Trenton – Experienced Riders Course

July 29

Call or email for course availability

800-309-7433 - go@forr.net



Group Riding: Lane Positions

Single-File or Stagger?

When riding in a group, the group's formation should be dynamic, but should follow a few basic guidelines.

If the road is straight and there are no unusual traffic or surface conditions, the staggered riding formation allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards, while keeping the group compact. The leader should ride in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. (See diagram.) If the group is using this pattern, the leader should remain in the left position, even after the group changes lanes, so the other riders aren't continually changing their positions in response.

However, if the leader feels that the center third or right third of the lane is the best position for the conditions, then the leader can signal the group to adjust to a single-file formation, with a 2-second following distance throughout. MSF recommends that a single-file formation be used on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

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Connections



Bikers Inside the Beltway 2012

Thursday, May 17th, 2012 was the 4th annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington, DC. The event is a national lobby day, sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, for motorcyclists to come to Capitol Hill to meet with their elected officials and brief them on all issues affecting motorcyclists at the federal level.

This year's event drew hundreds of motorcyclists from 17 States and met with almost 250 elected officials.

One of the top issues the attendees were lobbying for was asking their members of Congress to work the HR 904 language into the now conferenced highway legislations. HR 904 is the bill to prohibit federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

During the Congressional Panel portion of the day, the group of riders gathered in a Ways and Means Committee room to hear from a select group of Members of Congress. Addressing the group was Congressman Burgess, the Motorcycle Safety Caucus co-chair, along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives: Alan West-FL, Scott Rigell-VA, Jon Runyan-NJ, Bob Dold-IL, Todd Young-IN, Richard Hanna-NY, Erik Paulsen-MN, and Adam Kinsinger-IL. The MRF thanks all of the Members of Congress who attended the event.

Coinciding with Bikers Inside the Beltway week, Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner ran an op-ed in the daily paper, "Roll Call" urging conferees on the highway bill to include language from HR 904.

Sensenbrenner said "May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and we welcome motorcyclists from across the country to Washington for 'Bikers Inside the Beltway' week. During this week, Congress should be reminded that effective motorcycle safety can help keep all of us safer on the road, but efforts to expand a government program that arbitrarily roadblocks law-abiding motorcyclists are a misguided, ineffective use of taxpayer funds."

This year's event received media attention in both the print and online editions of "Politico", a Washington, DC daily paper and website.

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped support those who attended. This year was a tremendous success.

Motorcycle-Only Roadside Checkpoint Letter Sent to Highway Bill Conference Leadership

You did it! Thanks to the motorcyclists of America for contacting their Members of Congress to ask them to sign onto the the letter. In total, 31 Members backed the letter that instructed the highway bill conference committee to include language to prohibit any federal funding of mandatory motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

Special thanks to Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner and his staff for originating the letter and to Congressman Tom Petri for his early and often dedication.

The Members of Congress who signed onto the letter are: Bob Filner-CA, Randy Hultgren-IL, Ron Paul-KY, Lee Terry-NE, Sandy Adams-FL, Tim Walberg-MI, Tim Griffin-AR, Joe Wilson-SC, Joe Walsh-IL, Jeff Denham-CA, Corey Gardner-CO, Erik Paulsen-MN, Sean Duffy-WI, Walter Jones-NC, Bill Huizenga-MI, Candice Miller-MI, Mark Critz-PA, Bobby Schilling-IL, Allen West-FL, Roscoe Bartlett-MD, Adam Kinzinger-IL, Joe Donnelly-IN, Mike Rogers-MI, Donald Manzullo-IL, Gary Peters-MI, John Line-MN, Aaron Schock-IL, Dan Benishech-MI, and Kathleen Hochul-NY. Should you see your Representative's name on this bipartisan list, be sure to thank them for their support.

Its unclear at this point if the language to prohibit mandatory motorcycle-only checkpoints will be included in the final legislation. There are a lot of devils in the details of the entire bill. The compromise process is in the early stages. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you updated on this issue.



UPDATE: Amendment Ordering Johnson Valley Report Passed

The amendment offered by U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) regarding a report on the proposed expansion of the Twenty-Nine Palms military base in Johnson Valley, Calif., was approved by the U.S. House in a voice vote at 1 a.m. Eastern Time today. The amendment was incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (H.R. 4310) that subsequently passed by a vote of 299 - 120.

As the American Motorcyclist Association noted in an earlier alert, the report would cover the impact on off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in the Johnson Valley region along with alternatives for achieving the goals of the military and OHV recreation communities. This report will allow for more time in the process to achieve a partnership that meets the goals of both the military and the motorized recreation community.

Upon passage from the House, H.R. 4310 now moves to the Senate for consideration. It is unknown at this time whether the Senate will take up the House bill or draft its own defense appropriations measure. This sudden speedy approval of the defense spending measure demonstrates an interest by the House to achieve certain legislative goals before elections get into full swing.

The AMA thanks you and everyone who took swift action to urge support for the Bartlett amendment. Your immediate response no doubt had an influence on the ease of passage for this language. The AMA will continue to update you and the OHV recreation community on the Johnson Valley issue.

The AMA reminds you that, regardless of whether you are a member of the AMA, we are interested in your views on the issue of OHV access in Johnson Valley. Please send us your thoughts and feedback to grassroots@ama-cycle.org.

If you are not an AMA member and care about what is affecting riders today, please join the AMA to help us protect the rights of motorcyclists. More members means more clout against interests looking to end motorcycling, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack and in the halls of government. To join, go to AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.



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JULY 2012



Calendar of Events



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6-7 Local 12 Glasgow Firecracker Classic 660-815-0444

7 Local 6 St Joseph Scavenger Hunt 816-387-1095

13-15 Local 15 Branson Hootontown Rally 417-739-3592

14 Local 10 Jefferson City Christmas in July 573-353-4127

15 Local 42 Franklin County School Supply Poker Run
314-578-6006

21 Local 14 Independence 3 Ball Tournament 816-252-7322

21 Local 41 Cameron Crossroads Ride-In Bike Show
816-449-5037

29 Local 33 50 Hwy W \$1,000 Poker Run 660-233-3949

AUGUST

4 Local 28 Waynesville Memorial Ride 573-433-0722

31 Central Committee 2012 Homecoming 800-309-7433

SEPTEMBER

1-3 Central Committee 2012 Homecoming 800-309-7433

8 Local 33 50 Hwy W Back to School Poker Run 660-233-3949

23 Local 15 Branson Swap Meet 417-334-0775

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