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Freedom of Road Riders® unseats Chuck Graham

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Republicans celebrate surprise pickup of Senate seat in Columbia

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By Steve Walsh

One of the big upsets of Tuesday's election in Missouri was Republican Kurt Schaefer's win in the 19th State Senate district in Boone and Randolph Counties. He defeated Senator Chuck Graham (D-Columbia), the Assistant Democratic Floor Leader.

Schaefer acknowledges he has benefited from dissatisfaction on the part of the people of the district. One of the issues brought forward during the campaign was Graham's 2007 drunk driving arrest and allegations that he did not cooperate with authorities.
An advertisement used during the campaign included the phrase:
"You Drink ... You Drive ... You Lose ... Unless You're Chuck Graham."

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Letters to the Editor

After reading November's letters to the editor in my Freedom Press I was left feeling heavyhearted and disappointed! I feel that many have lost sight of the what it is we as bikers have fought and longed for over the years.

After attending a yearly rally up north, I realized that many motorcyclists have lost touch with the bottom line in which FORR is based upon- BROTHERHOOD.

Up north and during others motorcycle functions, I have seen bikers turn against each other, Local 8 members being physically as well as verbally demeaned, blame shoved from one camp to another, and I even witnessed our brothers sleeping out in the rain so that people could park their bikes under a shelter house.

Although I have only been a member for 5 years, I have been a biker all my life! This type of behavior should not be occurring, even if we are just a bunch of "bikers" looking to ride our bikes and have a good time.

The letter I refer to was titled A Warning- Rebuttal. Being a firm believer in the First Amendment, the fact that this particular letter was written is not the issue! The issue is the way Local 8, my local, seemed to be targeted in a negative manner.

I myself felt that this article was someones way of drawing a line in the sand, supporting another organization while shunning a fellow local!

This particular organization everyone speaks of, I have no ties or affiliation to, but I believe in there plight and give props for the work they are involved with.

That being said, I am saddened by the biker community. We as bikers have enough issues to contend with and yet we choose to fight amongst ourselves every chance we get. FORR is a great organization with even better ideals, we have the man power and the ability to make a difference and accomplish great things!

I fear that the BROTHERHOOD and camaraderie that I once felt around bikers has since died away only to be replaced by the need to bicker, fight, point fingers, drink, and see more boobs... Don't get me wrong I like to drink and see some skin as much as the next person, its just sad that those few that use to "embarrass" us bikers are becoming more by the day!

~Laura May Lisby Membership #16003 Local 8

Reading 'Letters to the Editor' I am now, more than ever, convinced the people that belong to "" Biker Organizations"" that are really disguised clubs, haven't got a clue! In fact they couldn't get a clue during clue mating season in a field full of horny clues if they smeared their body with clue musk and did the clue mating dance. They most certainty wouldn't know a 'Scooter Tramp' if one stood in front of them. Oh well, "Ride To Live The Delusion".... IF you can pass the background check and are motorcycle qualified, NOT!

P.S. Pee in a cup!
Crash
Forr Life Member 1558
Scooter Tramp

I just received my latest newsletter and it saddens me to see the 'Naive and Stupid' cant seem to find a home. In response to that I would like to say, "Whine snivel, snivel snivel whine NAME CALL!! Name Call snivel whine. Whine Snivel!!!

Signed
Dr. Tarr
Pedro
Terminator
Scooter Tramp
Snow Dragon
Dream Walker
#'s 1558 & 2037
PS...Eat Bugs

I will try to keep this short and sweet. Freedom of Road Riders is a motorcycle organization that has enjoyed its neutrality from all of the surrounding clubs. So my question is this, why the hell are we writing about MC issues in our newsletter.

You have a problem with a club, take care of it behind doors. I do believe the golden rule is, MC business stays as MC business. I had a major altercation a few years ago with an MC, but it was between me and this MC and did not need to be published in this newsletter, nor did any of the comments that have been in the last couple of issues.

If we open the doors for this we are only opening a can of worms we don't want opened. This newsletter is about FORR operations and needs to remain FORR issues only. If you join another organization or MC or have an altercation, that is then your business.

This newsletter should never be used as a smear campaign or a place to vent about outside entities. Nuff said. ***Taz, Local 28***

Editors note: Now, I know this magazine is called *"The Freedom Press"* but to quote the words of our dear chairman...
"this dead horse is burger now".

If you have more to say on these issues please contact the individuals involved directly.

Thanks for your imput and help!

Rebel

District 4 Toy Run

for the **Sunshine Center** in Independence, MO. Heavy FOG arose... but they just kept coming!











Local News

Local 1 - Lee's Summit

Meetings: 3rd Sun. @ 2 p.m. V.F.W. (3rd & Douglas) Lee's Summit, MO. Contact: President - Larry 816-690-8822 or Rebel 816-850-4511 or Local1@FORR.net

Hey Local 1, Turkey Day is just around the corner. On that glorious day, just one thing before you go for that second helping ... you need to be able to get into those leathers again come spring! All is well with local 1. We have had a good time moving our local meetings around. Last month we were at Ralphs All Season RV - Thanks for the great hospitality!

November meeting will be held at ;Indian' Charlie Rhoades place in Lee's Summit. 610 NE Independence Avenue, Lee's Summit, MO. This promises to be another good one as well. Charlie has offered his place, homemade chili, and PBJ's for all! Again, thanks to all that have sponsored a meeting this past year, it's greatly appreciated.

We are still accepting donations for 'The Beaver Fund". Any questions inquire within...Our garage sale is in the plans. Mark has offered that if anyone has anything for the sale to contact him, and he'll 'get 'er done'. Call him at 816-690-4200.

See pictures on this page and the facing page of District 4's Toy Run.

Former Senior Editor Gordon Becton had a nasty run in with a deer, and didn't win - hopefully he will be alright soon. We're thinking about ya! Well this is running a little long so I'll have to cut it short, and as I always say.... Have a good one, then have another! Happy Holidays - and have a safe one. ***Michelle "Rebel" O'Connor - #7157***

Local 2 - Eastern Jackson County

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. MooChoo BBQ and Mexican Restaurant in Oak Grove, MO. Contact: 816-228-2656

Local 3 - Tri-County

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 741, 200 Concourse Ave., Excelsior Springs, MO. Contact: Doug Edmisten 816-516-5869

Hello Local 3! The holidays are quickly approaching, man where has this year gone? Local 3 will continue the tradition of adopting 1 or 2 families for Christmas and we will also be sending a couple of care packages to our soldiers that are over defending our country. If you would like to help with the donations to either of these causes please contact Doug or Shari.

Not to sound like a broken





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record but, if we want to have events next year we need to get the participation at the meetings up. We have not seen any improvement in attendance at the meeting, in fact if anything the attendance has been down. So please show up and bring some friends. Also, please try to participant in the other local's events to help support them. Until next time ride safe and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Shari

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

Happy Holidays everyone! What a great Halloween weekend it was. Aside from a slight altercation we had a blast partying with The Breeze on All Hallows Eve. The Bon Fire and Hayride at Steve and Glinda's on Saturday evening was also a super time and a great turnout. A little scare brought some of us closer together { hows that bb coming along Bobby?}. Some of us now know what a deer caught in the headlight feels like!!! Some rode and had an interesting ride home that night due to the heaviest fog I have ever seen. Thank God they all made it safely. Thanks Steve and Glinda for hosting a great family get together. Can't wait til next year.

On a sad note one of Local 5's friends and Dan and I's future son-in-law lost his nephew in a tragic accident. The family of 15 year old Jakob Kyle Kirsch would like to extend thier THANKS to all who attended and rode at his funeral. This was a very devastating loss. Jakob was very full of life and had many many friends. He was known to have a heart of gold and could always make you smile. He rode my school bus years ago and I remember him to be a kind kid who was nice to everyone. The family had no insurance so there is a Memorial Fund set up at Blue Ridge Bank and Trust on Raytown Road to help with the expenses. Shawn and Koren thank everyone for thier support.

I didn't make it to the Toy Run but heard there was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the weather and good food that was served. I'm sure all the donations were greatly needed and appreciated. Has everyone noticed how large our Local is growing! We do have great turnouts for the meetings and a good party afterwards. Speaking of partys I am throwing Dan his 50th { oops, I'll pay for that } On the 27th of December at our VFW. Everyone is welcome. So if your in town come on out and celebrate with us.

See ya all real soon. ***Kim***



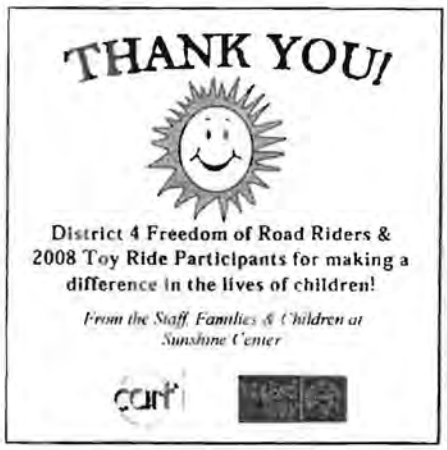














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Local 6 - St. Joseph

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. The Bucket Shop 5225 Lake Avenue, in St. Joseph, Mo.
Contact: 816-617-6316 or 816-387-1095

Howdy Folks, The new meeting place will now be at American Legion Post 359, 4826 Frederick in St. Joseph MO. The Bucket Shop was closed for unknown reasons. We always meet the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

The Christmas Party has been changed because of the closing of the Bikers and Babes. We will have a party so watch for flyers with a new date and location.

We had a Ride in Bike Show on Sept. 13th at Jackson Cycles. Galen Jackson, a member of Local 6, sponsored the show and provided the trophies. The Bike Show started off with clouds and rain was predicted but the sun came out and everyone had a great time. There were 30 bikes in the show and almost everyone who entered got a trophy. Jim Cross and John Vanman were the judges. Thank you Galen! There was music and Dan was the DJ again.

Our Poker Run and Family Day on Sept. 28th was held on a beautiful day. We had warm temperatures with the run being 100 miles long. We had a great turnout. The workers were Harry and Glenda Cline, Jim Cross, Kevin McGinnes, Willie Knadler, Mike Daniels, Bob Herring, Dan Harmon, and Vickie Harmon. Thanks to all who helped. The cooks were Dan and Bob who did a great job and there was a lot of good food. Congratulations to the Poker Run winners:

1st Place Bob Herring Local 6 2nd Place Chip Buffington Local 41 3rd Place Billie Hoover Local 8

The Hogtoberfest was Oct 4th. The hog cooks were Nick Swope, Dan Harmon, Jim Cross, and Kevin McGinnes who started cooking on Friday night. Harry and Glenda got married. Doug Plowman was the minister of the wedding ceremony and also for another couple, Ray and Brenda who renewed their vows. Best of Luck to both couples.

Everyone brought a covered dish and with a 240 pound hog there was plenty of food. The live band, Hot Damn, played on Saturday night. The hay rides were fun too, with some surprise brushes with a tree or two and some acorn throwing. Everyone had a lot of fun. Several folks camped overnight and Sunday morning Galen Jackson and a couple of other people fried bacon and eggs for everyone for breakfast. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Jessie Trump got a little excited when we started to hook the trailer to the pickup. Jessie was in the PP.

Mary and Larry (Stonewall) Jackson just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary 10/17/08. On 10/16/08 Stonewall turned 56. Congratulations Larry and Mary. Happy Trails, til we meet again. Ride safe. ***Dan***

Local 7 - Lebanon

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

Greeting Local 7

Sorry about last month's letter, don't know why it didn't make the Freedom Press.

Hope everyone is getting some riding in and enjoying the change in color of the leaves. I hate to think about winter just around the corner but some of the best riding can be in the fall. If the first weekend of November is any indication of the weather to come this looks to be a good month. This of course was the weekend of F.O.R.R annual Toy Run and what a great day for it. There was plenty of sunshine and smiles. We had over 70 bikes in attendance for the parade thru Lebanon. Special thanks to our cooks for the great refreshments after the ride. The weather was so nice that Don, Guy and I rode part way back with Watermelon Ron, our member from Ozark. We also had another long distance member join us and that was Col. Mark from Salem. He also attended the Local 28's Toy Run on Saturday.

We had folks from Buffalo and the Lake of the Ozarks area. Local #7 would like to thank all of the Clubs and Organizations that support our Toy Run. November 23 is the Buffalo Toy Run and we will be meeting at the Smitty's parking lot at 11am for the ride over. Show your support and come join us. Keep your fingers crossed for later in the month may not be as sunny but if there is no rain it's a great day. The city of Buffalo recently had one of its largest employers close its door so this year toys will be second on the list. All our support is need to insure all of the children receive a toy.

At our next meeting we will be having elections for our officers. If anyone has ideas or wants change now is the time to make a difference. We discussed which charities to support at the meeting following the Toy Run. We are requesting members to bring in ideas to the next meeting. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Until then Ride Safe.

Geezer and his Queen

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Local 8 - Chillicothe

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Diner, 1 p.m. ***(call for info - location varies)***
Contact: 660-646-7296





Local 8 President Gary Bears and Vice President Bryan Meservey with our 2 20 year members for 2008. Meredith Alexander & Dave Fifer.

Happy Thanksgiving Local 8!!

I'm sure as you're reading this you're gearing up for the wonderful Holiday season, and you've dug out the boots and shovels for some snow! I love the snow, just not the cold that comes along with it! Too bad we can't have snow and 80 degree-days, aw that would be a perfect day!

I want you all to take a minute and do a few things for me. First and most importantly I would like you to say a prayer. A prayer for Gordon's speedy full recovery after his run in with a deer after our toy run, and a prayer for the families of two of our members we lost this month. Cendy Hambrick lost her battle with Cancer she was called home on Halloween and Kenny Hall, who was called home after a car accident on November 1st. Our thoughts are with these families.

I would also like you to stop and give yourselves a big pat on the back for the $2200 we raised this year to purchase toys for our toy run. A big THANK YOU to everyone who made it out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to help out those less fortunate than we are. We had an excellent turn out this year, and I know the kids will appreciate it!

I'd like to welcome the newest members to our local 8 family: Diana Lyon, Ken Mata, Gary Garrett, Justin Riley, Randy Badgett, Tish Badgett, Joni Gladbach, Jason Ferguson, Angie Fore & Butch Fore. Thanks to those of you who renewed their membership and joined in craziness for another year: Stan Lazenby, Roger Nivens, John "Superglide" Lisby, Pete Wooden, Kim Barnes, Josh Barnes, Deb Huffstutter, Kris Critten, Mary Switzer, Randall Switzer, Clarence Pennington, Kevin Callihan, Joe Pope, Dale McCollum, Jerry Shafer, Larry Starrett & Carl McBee

We held officer nominations at our meeting in November, our current nominees are: President: Gary Bears; Vice President: Kenny Barnes & Mike Epperson; Secretary: Glenda Ely; Treasurer: Kathi Lake - declined due to work schedule changing, & Laieloni Knouse; Legislative: Layne Shady; CC Rep: Kenny BarnesLayne Shady & Bob Reasoner - agreed to be alternate; Product line: Misty Shady ; Historian: Jeanette McBee; District Reps: (need 2 and Alt): Meredith Alexander, Louise Reasoner, Kris Critten & Mauricia Bears; Safety: Carl Hanes, Alt: Ed Johnston; Srgt at Arms: (need 2): Ralph Thomas, Ron Singer, & Bob Ely; Road Captains (need 2): Pete Wooden & Kevin Epperson.

Remember - nominations remain open until our December meeting, prior to elections.

Onto our December meeting, which will be December 7, at Rumors. This meeting is our officer elections meeting. The officers elected run the local for the year. Many times in the past I've heard complaints about how this was done wrong or this could have been done different. If you aren't present to vote for the officers to run this local, where do you get the right to complain about the ones that are doing it and how they do it. It's 2 maybe 3 hours out of the entire month. I don't want to sound like a *witch but this frustrates me.

As I've said in the past, if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter, on the website or sent out to our members, please let me know. I like to keep our membership informed on what's going on. Be sure to check out our website at www.forr8.net sign the guest book let everyone know how you're doing, and check us out on myspace at myspace.com/forr8.

Hope you have a wonderful month!

Until next time ~ Keep Smilin ~ ***Glenda***



Local 9 - Hannibal

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 7p.m. Elks Lodge
411 Broadway, in Hannibal, Mo.
Contact: Raymond Nicosia 573-221-3417 or
McArthur 573-231-5540

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Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Pizza Hut near Super Gerbes. Hwy 50 E. at Eastland Dr.
Contact: 573-635-7964

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. Moose Lodge #905, 5056 Douglas Fir Road. Joplin, Mo.
Contact: 417-781-1784 OR www.FORR11.org

Hi from Southwest Mo,

Well here we are the last month of 2008, I can say I think this has been a good year for the local, we attended a few other locals events, riding as far as St. Joe. (438 miles, round trip) 43 degrees outside when we left here, froze our butts off but had a great time anyway. Went to KC for a bike show, Local 18 Leather and Lace, we never miss that. Had our own bike show with good turnout, also attended a few other organization's events, Choppers 4 children, hawgs 4 dogs, Cowskins motorcycle rally, BACA state rally, a few of us attended BACA national rally, we had our appreciation party. And always did our own thing, as a group or an individual. Poker runs, Rallies, a few bike shows .. always something to do. Anyway we kept busy doing what we do, sorry if you missed it, attend a few meetings and say you wanna go, the invites are always open.

As some of you already know I am stepping down as local chairman, I am out to pursue other interest, well briefly I am going to College, Missouri Southern State University, starting in January. I am not going to pull myself away from the local, I will be around to help do what it is we do, I will be around to advise the local on things and keep the local operating within our bylaws, it has been a wonderful opportunity to have this office, I am not sure who as of yet will take on the responsibility of the local, I know we have several members who are qualified to make the choices, whoever it may be, just so you know.. I got your back.

There will be a full report of new officers in the upcoming newsletter, so just keep your nose to the grindstone, and the one thing I always was hard about was brotherhood, keep that alive. We have our brothers and sisters out there who look out for us and what we do, we must do the same for them. Each organization has a function, and all the functions combined, form a purpose, with purpose we are who we are... BIKERS.

So til next time, ride em hard, try to keep warm, and watch out for our brothers, love and live like its all you got, cause baby.. You are all you got. 1 life, enjoy it. ***Mark A Capps - Chairman FORR L11***

Local 12 - Glasgow

Meetings: 4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. Meeting place varies - please call for info.
Contact: 660-784-2231 or Smokey Strodtman - Rt. 1, Box 52, Gilliam, Mo. 65330 - smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com

This month's news begins with an important announcement: THE LOCAL 12 CHRISTMAS BANQUET WILL NOT BE HELD IN ARROW ROCK THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DEC. 6TH AT THE K-BAR RESTAURANT IN EMMA. A SHORT INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE BANQUET, WHICH WILL REPLACE OUR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS. SERVING WILL BEGIN AT 5PM AND YOU NEED TO CALL BUDDY OR WANDA AT 660-463-9818 AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY NOV. 29TH, PLUS TELL THEM WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT.

There will be four main courses offered: a whole catfish, spiced boiled shrimp, 16 oz. ribeye, or crab legs. All come with a choice of potato, salad, and garlic toast. A combination of Karaoke and band will be provided after the banquet and meetings. The cost will be $20 per person. There will be lodging available in Sweet Springs, about 4 miles east of Emma and Buddy will be able to provide transportation to the motels for those not wanting to drive or ride after they've been drinking.
The four motels available are Best Value Inn, 660-463-2114, group rate for FORR 55.00 and 60.00; Days Inn, 660-463-7987, group rate 55.95 and 59.95; Golden Award, 660-463-2135, 39.00 + tax and 42.00 + tax; and Super 8, 660-335-4888, 64.84 and 70.25.

If you have never been to the K-Bar, it is a nice place with a very roomy banquet room and a friendly staff. Buddy and



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Wanda are strong supporters of local 12 and always show their guests a good time. Let's try to have a big turnout to this year's Christmas banquet and make 2008 a year to remember.

The Oct. local 12 meeting was held on the 23rd at the newly remodeled (and VERY nice) Fish Beak and Bert called the meeting to order at 7:35 with 14 members present. The minutes were approved and read with no corrections. Gary's treasury report showed a balance of $4,227.84. Randy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the poker run workers, including Jim and Terri, Gail and Lyndal, Brenda at Dirty Sally's, Mike Kelsey at the R-Bar, our DJs Abraham and Jacob, Betsy and Ernie, Leslie for cooking, and Barry. Our turnout for the Run For The Panties poker run and field meet was not very good but thanks to some donations we ended up in the black. I unfortunately was unable to attend due to severe back problems that weekend that made riding out of the question.

Dave did not have a CC report but did ask for opinions on what to do about next year's state giveaway and the general opinion was to return to a motorcycle giveaway. John reported on the local elections. Joe Aull and Paul Quinn are running unopposed, Therese Sander has an opponent whose opinion on helmet modification is unknown and Bill Stouffer also has an opponent this time around. All our incumbents have been supportive of our efforts and deserve our vote. Bert had a flyer for Trusty's Oct. 26th Toy Run and stated that we should try to attend since Trusty has been a loyal supporter of local 12. Under old business, the annual Christmas banquet was discussed and Dave presented a proposal for the Arrow Rock Station while Buddy had one from the K-Bar Restaurant and Saloon in Emma. We voted to go with the K-Bar this year, partially because they have much more room and the local has grown. In new business, we voted to have the Jan. 22nd meeting at the Hogs and Heifers saloon in Fayette. We then voted to have all meetings from February on at the Fish Beak Saloon. We also voted to take $50 from the incentive drawing and apply it
towards a ferry fund to help pay for ferry fees for members living across the river. A discussion followed on a person that had caused problems at the Firecracker Classic and it was voted on to ban Patrick Cunningham from any future Firecrackers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. Greg Fleming's name was drawn for the incentive drawing but he was not in attendance so it was rolled over. Right now there is about $200 in the incentive drawing and one of these days someone is going to be well paid for attending a meeting.

Coming events:

Dec. 6th- local 12 Christmas party plus two short meetings at the K-Bar in Emma.

Jan. 22nd, 2009- local 12 meeting, Hogs and Heifers Saloon, Fayette, MO.

If you have any news you would like in the newsletter contact me at 660-784-2231 or at smokeystrodtman@hotmail.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month....be free, ***Smokey***

2008 AWARDS

To receive an award from the Chairman:
*Your Local must be represented at all six Central Committee Meetings.

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*Submit all 12 financials on a monthly basis (30 days after the end of each month). This is for the 12 month period of December through November.

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Sincerely,
Mark Chapman,
Chairman, Freedom of Road Riders®,Inc.

Local 13 - Mexico

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ the Moose Lodge in Mexico, Mo. Contact: 573-685-2369 or 573-581-7677

First of all I hate to start this way, but at the time I have to turn this newsletter in, I am just getting back from University

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Hospital, in Columbia. Donnie Garnett (the old man) and "Howdy" went down, later Saturday afternoon some time after our Toy Run, on their bikes. I won't discuss their injuries, but please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

On a better note the 2008 Betty Adam's Memorial Toy Run was a great success. We had so many bikes and people we could not get them all signed in. Thanks to donations from Mid–America Harley Davidson, Country 96/ KXEO Radio and numerous other large donations, we had a huge load to drop off at the Help Center. Tom and Marcia, thank you once again for the bikes, and thank you to all of you members and the community for your continued support of this event. We could not do this without you. I'm sure Betty is very proud!

I hope everyone else has enjoyed the riding season. We have had a lot of fun with all of our runs and the majority of them were a definite success, except when weather interfered. I would like to thank everyone who helped out with all the events, especially setting up the awning which we still need more help with. Your help is greatly appreciated and we cannot say thank you enough.

The Local 13 Christmas party is coming up on Dec. 13 at The Mexico Moose Lodge. Meeting with the election of our 2009 officers will start at 5:30. After the meeting and election results we will have a dinner and gift exchange. Bring a male or female gift, depending on what you are, if you would like to take part in the gift exchange. The Local will furnish the main dish for the meal but if you would like to bring a side dish or dessert feel free to do so. We will have music playing throughout the evening.

I would like to give a special thanks to the 2008 officers; Roger, Sue, Karen, Harold, Dan, Linda, and Stephanie. Thank you for putting up with me and being responsible for such a successful year!

Please call Scott Fennewald at 573-473-8017, Roger Gaston at 573-685-2369 if any questions about the Local or events, or for membership information contact Sue Gaston or Scott. ***Scott Fennewald. Local 13 President***

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

Local 15 - Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m. Downing Station, Hollister, MO. Contact: 417-334-0775

We are knee deep in the holiday season here in at Local 15. Our annual holiday party will be at the Midnite Rose in Branson West, Missouri December 6th starting at 6:00 with food served at 7:00 PM. The meal is catered with the Local picking up half of the cost for the food. Each person will owe $7.00 for their meal. Les and Cindy at the Midnite Rose have stocked the bar and scheduled a band for dancing. There will also be a silent auction. Nice donation items are needed for the auction. The silent auction was huge success last year and ended up making enough to fund the Local's half of the meal. We will also do the hilarious gag gift-exchange game. If you want to participate in the gag gift exchange, bring a wrapped present that is funny, crazy or biker friendly.

Christmas in Taney County will be better for a LOT of needy kids this year - Thanks to you all. The weather cooperated and the motorcycles showed up in the numbers. A huge pile of toys and coats was donated for distribution to kids in our area. The motorcycle I trailed behind to the Forsyth VFW was loaded down with several coats and several toys. Even though financial times are rougher right now, people dug deep into their hearts and gave abundantly. The VFW said they feed a

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1000 people and they counted around 700 bikes. The VFW also provided riders with a 2008 Toy Run patch this year. The Five-0 Motorcycle Club (law enforcement club) aided in traffic control for a smooth grouped ride.

2009 officers have been elected. They are looking forward to an active new year with lots of group participation in events, rides, shows, meetings and just lots of fun. A big "THANKS!!" to the officers that served last year!!
No meetings in December. Stay home and stay warm. Get ready for the New Year's day ride. Later...***Rose***

Local 16 - Cape Girardeau

Meetings: (Call for meeting info) Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Doug 573-547-1265

Local 18 - Springfield

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Los Portales.
1036 W. Sunshine. Contact: 417-863-9577 or 417-443-9002

In one of the bigger upsets in recent local political history, Kurt Schaefer ousted state Sen. Chuck Graham by 2 percentage points. The hypocrite is gone. It will now be safer to walk the halls of the Capitol.

Plans for Leather and Lace are coming together. We have the place, Summers at the River, we have the date, February 14th (Valentine's Day), we have a starting time, Doors at 6pm, a live Band for your dancing pleasure and you get all this for only $8. We need help gathering items for the Giveaway Drawings and the Silent Auction, also will need volunteers to take tickets, decorate and setup auction items. The Springfield Toy Run is December 7th. I am unable to find the time or starting point. Last I heard they were still talking to Springfield about traffic control and if that failed the Toy Run would be moved to Strafford again. ***MERRY CHRISTMAS - ZZ***

Local 19 -Kirksville

Meetings: 1st Saturday @ 6:30p.m. Shrine Club
Contact: President, Chuck Parks 660-766-2374 or Secy./Treas., Sally 660-665-2083

Hello all, First and foremost let me welcome the new members: Larry Lewis, Brian Lundstrom and Donald Mitten. Welcome, hope to see you all at future meetings.

Our Toy Run was a success. We had around 108 bikes in the ride to the Salvation Army. Thanks to all those who participated.

Our Auction is coming on Jan. 24th at the Shrine Club. Come out and show your support and most of all have fun.

Dec. 6th is the election of new officers.

Here are the nominations so far:
President: Darek Fowler; Vice President: Jon Rader, Matt Ledford; Secretary-Treasurer: Kay Sanders, Sally Schwaner; Legislative Rep: Bob Sewell; Road Captain: Bert Randall, Dan Larsen; Sergeant at Arms: Casey Snider, Jon Rader, Dan Larsen; District Rep: Gary Trueblood; Newsletter: Steve King; CC Rep: Susie King; Safety Coordinator: Sheila Pruett and Sharon Snider; State Line Rep: Fred Schwaner (with Matt Ledford helping). Anyone interested in an office needs to show up to the meeting and attend the meetings there after. ***Kelly***

Local 20 - Dexter

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m. Eagle's Club on Hwy 25. Contact: 573-293-4754

Local 21 - Eldon

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post below Bagnell Dam. 573-365-5118
Contact: Lane at 573-392-5636



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Local 25 - St. Peters

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. American Legion Post 313 at 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-1032

Local 26 - Maryville

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7p.m. *(Call for info location varies)* Contact: 660-582-4599

Hi N.W. Missouri!

My last write-up got cut by my computer messing up and the ending not making it to press. My abrupt ending was not what I meant it to be. So as Paul Harvey says "now for the rest of the story". Keosaugua Rally continued: In spite of the rain, all us "duckies" had a good time. I "wined" a lot and our haunted quarters and some card games kept us entertained. Thanks to Milt, our road captain, we made it there and back in great time and shape. Thanks Milt! We made $1500 from the Rally.

The Oct. meeting was in Maryville at Napolis. 17 members attended and 2 guests. The Holiday Party to be held on Jan 10th 2009 was discussed. R.S.V.P. by Dec. 31. Local 26 members will get in free if you respond before Dec. 31 and membership is paid by Nov. 30. After Dec 31 cost will be $20 per person and nonmembers cost is $20 or $25 after Dec. 31st. It will be at the Eagles on Hwy 71 south of Maryville. Social Hour at 6pm, serving meal at 7pm and Dance at 8-midnight. The Committee for the party will meet on Nov. 11 for planning. Anyone wanting to help, please drop by Movie Magic on the 11th. It was agreed that Rob Wilsons nephew (Rick Wilson) D.J. for the party for a price of $200. After a discussion about having door prizes for the party it was suggested that the door prize money be donated to Toys for Tots instead. It was approved for $200 to be split between the toys and food funds.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Hy-Vee donated $50 and Wal-Mart donated $25. Local 26 donated $150. Rod Shain (organizer for Toys for Tots) suggested we give him the money and gift cards so he can shop for the food items needed. Lewis Rice made a motion for that and Roy seconded it, after a discussion, it was approved.

Pres. Kathy Rice announced that the FEW registration was extended till the 22nd of Oct.

A need to update phone list was also a concern needing addressed.

The door prize was won by Jay Steeby...again...and...again...Jay donated it back to Local 26. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Toys for Tots was a great turn out. It was a beautiful day and about 40 people showed up. $175 was raised by Local 26 for Toys for Tots and $270+ for the food pantry as well as lots of toys and food items! After the meeting and eating, several rides went out from there.

The current 2008 officers were reinstated for 2009. Feb. meeting will be a pot luck and safety agenda at Movie Magic @ 6:30 on the 17th. I'm not even going to talk about the elections. I am speechless!

Looking forward to FEW and hoping a few more nice riding days left. Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy your loved ones. Always riding with Him. ***Jeanine Montgomery***

Local 27 - Sac-Osage

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 1 p.m. Buzz Suzy Q's 1315 SW Pence Avenue Roscoe, MO 417-646-2079
Contact: Pres. Ray Burns 417-327-5596 or V.P. Jim Poe 417-276-6370

A big fat howdy to all of my brothers and sisters! Can you believe this weather? It certainly was a Godsend for our Toy Ride, which was an AMAZING turnout. I am SO proud of my Local; our event was literally picture perfect of team effort. Our little ol' Local raised over $870, not including over $600 in toys for our tots!!! And guys, I think I'm in love...Rachel, Lee Ann, you've stolen my heart. Darla Burns ROCKED THE HOUSE, and my very own son was gratefully bossed around by these three WONDERFUL women while the rest of us 67 guests and members enjoyed a scenic route through Cedar and ST. Clair Co.s. My heart and hat goes out and off to ya'll.

I'm telling you, folks, this is an AWESOME time to be a part of Local 27. Please note the new meeting place, as we will be having our Christmas party at Buzz's, Sat. Dec 20th. We will be voting on which family, or families, we will be supporting

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in these tough times, in addition to planning some kick-butt events for next year, such as a Spring Fling over at Caplinger Mills, Poker Runs, and some straight out PAR-TAYS!!! (I love my Local...?)

Quick catch-up on officers: Ray Burns-bestest President EVER; Jim (Mad Dog) Poe-if you're not a member of FORR, you'll soon be a member with Local 27 if he gets around you Vice-President; our very own LOVELY Darla Burns-Treasurer; thanks for hanging in there Julie Witt-Member Secretary; thanks for coming aboard when we needed you Cheryl Ross-Secretary; and, my hubby (need I say more?) Ty Cashell-C.C. Representative.

Speaking of turnouts, do you realize we had a historical turnout for our Presidential Election, biggest turnout in over 100 years! I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Doug Darnell, as well as Dean (our very own Sergeant-in-Arms) in making our Hog Roast this summer happen. Trust me on this one folks, very hard to have a hog roast without the hog? I wish everyone great times, festive holidays, and as someone told me, have a good one, then have another! *(See Toy Run Pictures to the right)*











Local 28 - Waynesville

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m. Pulaski Shriners Club.
Contact: 573-528-6409 or 573-774-3596

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with another successful Halloween Bash. Well over 1,400 people passed through the gates to have a frightful time and appreciate all our hard work. Let's hope next year is even more successful. This event is another reason why people join Local 28, to help serve our community.

Members need to make plans to attend the December 5th meeting. This is the night we elect officers for 2009. Every vote counts and makes a difference in who is steering Local 28. As many of you may well know from the November 4th elections, getting out to vote makes a difference.

Safety officer Scott would like to remind all riders to watch for animals, especially deer. The deer are on the move and crossing roadways. Also since the weather is changing to winter, many will garage their bikes, don't forget to do winter maintenance: oil changes, fluid checks, tire checks, and gas additives. If you continue to ride make sure to check the tire pressure.

Shena would like to get the word out for those interested in the long sleeve shirts, they are now in and ready to purchase.

Thanks again for a successful Halloween Bash and keep working to make Local 28 the best it can be. Until next month - ***Connie***

Upcoming events for Local 28 include:
December 5 – Officer Elections
December 6 – Toy Drop
December 7 – Christmas Parade /Chili Cook-off
January 1 – Polar Bear Run

Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m. at VFW Post 4050, 1419 Swift.
Contact: Jim Duyck 816-454-6574 or Brent DeFord 816-3659615
or Website: www.forrlocal29.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PAST: We have 116 members according to the most current

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roster. There were 20 members present at the Meeting. Thank you all for attending! MEETING HILIGHTS: LeRoy Coe, Brent DeFord, Ken DeMoss, Jim Duyck, Ronda Felts, Bob Neal, Steve & Janet Williams, and NeQuelle Wolfgeher are still eligible for getting their 2009 dues paid for by L29; they have attended every meeting for the year! The planning for the 2009 Kearney Bike Show is underway. If there are any businesses you would like to receive Trophy/Event/Vender Forms please let us know. Members briefly discussed Octoberfest (positives and negatives of location). Phil Speiser memory patches are now available from L29 Product Line for $4. Elections for L29 Office will occur during the December meeting. If you would like to run for an office or have a voice in who will be in office for the 2009 year be sure to be at the meeting. Planning for the 2009 Bowl-A-Rama is underway and there should be more information about this at the next meeting.A membership incentive of $60 would have went to Boyd McCutchen had he been present to win (December's incentive will be $70). Janet Williams won the attendance incentive of $20.

PRESENT: I'd like to remind the following members that their membership is due to expire in December: Nancy Martin, LA Ross and NeQuelle Wolfgeher. I'd like to acknowledge all the December Birthday bikers and bikerettes, too...Happy Birthday!

FUTURE: Not much is happening in December! The 2009 Kearney Bike Show Meeting is on 12/5 at 7pm in Kearney. 12/6 is Local 14's Christmas Dinner and Auction in Sugar Creek. Doors open at 6pm, the Auction begins at 7pm. Bring an Auction item and covered dish! This is a great time and the money raised goes to a great cause. December 21st is our Local Business Meeting/Christmas Luncheon. Bring a covered dish, run/vote for next year's officers, socialize, and have an all-around good time. This is YOUR organization...Get Involved! Our Dinner Run for December is on the 23rd. We will be dining at the Olive Garden in Liberty at 7pm.

NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS: Call me, NeQuelle Wolfgeher, at 816.645.4274, e-mail me at newsletter@forrlocal29.com, or see me in person at our Local 29 meetings & happenings, where the Rides Rule and the Riders Reign!

"Talk to ya" next month, ***NeQuelle***

Local 30 - Nixa

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Locations varies - call for more info)
Contact: Pops at moore1031@sbcglobal.net or call 417-881-2795

Local 31 - Rolla

Meetings: Last Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
Phelps Co. Choppers 210 E 6th Street Rolla, MO
Contact: Brian Swift 573-263-1216 or Debra John 573-762-3808

Hey Guys & Gals,

Cold weather & our rides are limited. Not only is it cold but, daylight is shorter. This is a good time to give them bikes a little extra attention. Some of us add a few more chrome pieces, some choose to tear them down & repaint them, some may choose to give them a really good detailing & then there are some who just park them & wait for a good day to ride. Just remember when servicing also check those tires & keep good rubber on that ole bike.

Our last meeting was a little shorter than usual but, we discussed several things. The Halloween Bash for one. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to all of you who helped. There are a lot more of you showing your support & we really appreciate it. Also talked about the upcoming F.E.W. Seminar & who planned to attend. Hope you all made it there.

We're getting ready to elect new officers & I would like to say ALL of the '08 officers have done a great job! They work really well together & they ride well together also. That is one reason we're planning several Fun Rides next year, 6 to be exact. I will have more details later. I hope some of you can join us.

Hope you HAVE or HAD a Happy Thanksgiving! (Depending on when you get your Freedom Press) This is a time of the year when families come together. Speaking of together this is also a time when our Local family comes together. Our annual CHRISTMAS DINNER will be Tuesday Dec. 9th, 6:30p.m. at AUSSIE JACK'S in St. Roberts. This will also be our Dec. meeting. Please come & bring your appetite.

We made a Christmas donation of $200.00 to the Tri-County Animal Shelter.



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DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!!!!! Christmas Party Dec. 9th (Details above)
Hope you all have A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!
Till next year this is ***"Kickstand"*** saying "Be free, be safe & be alive!" See Ya!!!

Local 32 - Bootheel

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. The Vikings I, 1104 Independence Ave., Kennett, Mo. Contact: 573-695-1785

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Local 32 had a well attended November meeting with an election of officers who have the collective will and wit to lead the local forward during this next year. The officers are as follows: Butch Butcher, president; Jerry Fowler, vice-president; Jeana, secretary; Jan, treasurer; Corey, CC rep. & membership; Cliff, products; Roy, safety; Ace, newsletter. With more than 65 members the upcoming year looks to be a good one.

Halloween was two days before our election, and a strange event occurred that night after I had turned off the porch light and bid the last of the little trick-or-treaters farewell. I had settled in my recliner with a cold beer and the long version of "in-a-gadda-da-vida" on the CD player when I head the unmistakable thump-thump, thump-thump, of an old straight piped Harley in my drive. I went to the door and there on the porch was an old, gray biker with long hair and beard. His tattered cut was faded from the years and his colors were dingy from many, many runs and overnight parties. He was bent, old and didn't seem intimidating, so I (with a loaded concealed hammer 38 in my pocket) opened the door, stepped onto the porch, and ask him why he was there. He said he was riding past the house and heard the strains of the 40-year-old song that he had so often partied to when both the song, and he, were young. He said he knew I rode and that he had a message for me and for those I rode with.

He said that he once rode with a club back in those glory days of the 1960's, but that apathy and selfishness had destroyed the brotherhood that club had been built on. He told of the loss of the clubhouse, the folding of the chapter, and the dissipation of the members. He was the last one left, the only one to still wear the cut and colors. He warned me that any club, be it M/C or rights advocacy, can fall victim to the same fate. He told me that an individual inside of a group has much more political power than any individual alone. He told me that any individual in a group to which they have truly given would never have to ride through life alone. He told me that when the Dark Rider comes for that final ride no one ever wants to be alone.

I turned back to the door, somewhat shaken by these remarks. When I turned back to face the old man I was alone, the biker was gone. Iron Butterfly was still on the Cd. A single honking goose flew across the full yellow moon. Far in the distance I heard the labored thump-thump of an old Harley.

Ride on my brothers and sister, ride on.

May our officers and members make this our best year ever.

ACE

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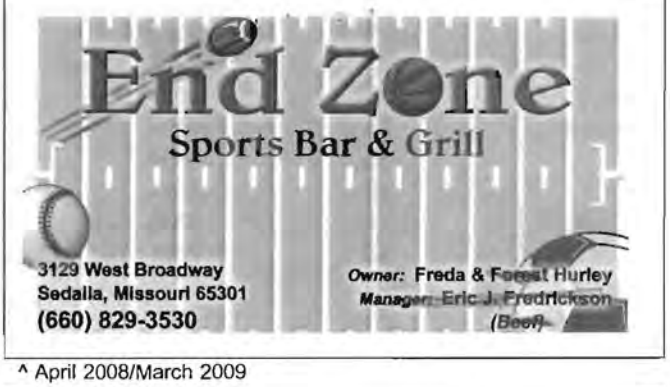
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Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West

Meetings: 3rd Sunday Noon @ AM Vets on Hwy. 50 West. Knob Noster.
Contact: President - Dennis Guy 660-909-3848
For newsletter input Contact: John Cohen at j_cohen@charter.net

Our OCT meeting took place on the 19th being called to order by President Dennis Guy at 12:13. Currently I do not know how many guest or members were present.

The local is in the process of purchasing some sweatshirts for the winter months which has a design for motorcycle rights and the spring will be T shirts with a design for safety.

The poker run held in OCT was a lot of fun and a great ride I was told. 1st place went to Elaine Guy, 2nd to Audrey Best, 3rd Elaine Guy and 4th Leslie Haas. Most if not all the winnings were given back to the Adopt a Family. Congratulations to all the winners.

It has been proposed that the local set up a phone tree so that when something important arises or there are members who want to take a ride they are able to call others and then they may contact more. If you do not want your name and number on this list then please contact Ellie, the membership secretary.

Nominees for upcoming elections are as follows. President, Dennis Guy, Doug Weiss, Vice President Craig Scroggins, Sam King, Treasure, Elaine Guy, Secretary, Deb Farris, Membership Secretary, Ellie Omenski, Road Captain & Safety, Mike Walbom, Newsletter, Nina Scroggins, Marty Walbom, District 4, Hans Hoffman. CC REP. Allen Miller, Sam King, Product, Doug Weiss, Randy Farris, Sergeant @ Arms, Eric Wolfe.

There was a motion by Nina Scroggins to have a Recruiting Officer and is also running for it.

Gunny Lee won the George Washington drawing and Steven (Bull) Gray would have won the $366 incentive drawing if he had been present.

Do not forget to bring a covered dish or some kind of snacks for the pot lunch after the November meeting.

This is my last newsletter, so you all may be grateful for that. ***John (Dirt) Cohen***

Local 34 - Poplar Bluff

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6 p.m. Leathers By Fish 1413 Walnut St. Doniphan, MO
Contact: 573-996-2229 *(Day)* or 573-85-2406 *(Night)* e-mail: *leatherbyfish@windstream.net*

Greetings all!!

Did you miss me, or did you even notice that I haven't been writing recently.?

Not much has been going on with our local. We are losing members left and right. Our "meetings" are a joke. We did have one meeting that 14 people attend. But for the most part there are usually 4 or 5 of us here.

Guys, it's election time in our locals. Fish, Ron and I do not want to hold office any more. But, it looks as if we are stuck with it. If we step down, this local ceases to exist. Do any of you care? Will any of you please show up and take up the reins of leadership?

We are totally bummed out here. We need your input and your participation. This is not a social club, or a popularity thing. FORR is serious business. If you don't care enough about your rights why the heck should we????

Your comments, and participation would be greatly appreciated.

Duck-K
leathersbyfish@windstream.net
573-996-2229 days
573-857-2406 evenings

Local 35 - Golden Valley

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m. Tebo Lodge & Bar on PP Hwy in Leesville, Mo.
Contact: Bob 660-694-3589 or Travis 660-492-0910



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Local 40 - Bethany

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 3 p.m. (*Location varies)*
Contact: 660-425-8340 Mike or Mary Sims

Well I guess I get to write one last newsletter. Hope everyone had a good time at our carry in supper. By the time you read this we will have made a decision on what we are going to do. I will also have attended the FEW seminar and my last cc meeting. I have really enjoyed going to these meetings.

I have really enjoyed writing the newsletter most of all. I also have enjoyed all the people I have come into contact with.

This is what makes FORR a good organization to belong to. I hope that whatever happens to our local that you will find it in your hearts to remain a member. Local 40 would like to let Gordon Becton's family know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We hope you get better real soon. Gordon hit a deer and they life flighted him to heartland I think in serious condition. Let's pray for the best. PEACE and LOVE. ***STEMS***

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. Breadeax Pizza in Cameron, Mo.
(Meeting Place in summer varies, call for information) **Contact: Steve @ 816-449-5037**

Hello All, hope everyone is all ready for Turkey Day! I really enjoy it. It is a time to actually be Thankful for what we have, spend time with those who mean so much to us and not spend a lot of money on all the commercial stuff. Also the day after elections so maybe our mail and phones can go back to Pre election style now!! Hopefully we have chosen or gotten some folks who will help FORR out. They can say anything, actions speak much louder! Guess we will have to wait and see how it goes!

Toy Run went very well, I was told about 25 bikes! Way to go. Lori Hendee did call Steve and thanked him for the wonderful turn out and apologized again for not being able to attend!

Thanks everyone for doing such a wonderful job!!

Thanks to Aaron and Chip and all who helped, for all their hard work for the Benefit for Travis Watson. For those who were not aware He did pass away, Our condolences to his mother, Becki and the rest of the family! We are truly sorry for your loss!

We were also told of a bike wreck for a local # 8 member Gordon Becton. The way I have been told is Bike VS deer, he was or is in serious condition! Our thoughts and Prayers go out to Gordon, Lisa and their families!

Well guys this is going to be short but sweet.

We are still working on nominations for officers. If your interested or know someone who is bring it to the meeting! Meetings 1st Thursdays 7pm at Breadeaux Pizza! Next meeting Dec 4th See you there! ***Angie***

Local 42 - Franklin County

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. Roadhouse 100 in Gray Summit, Mo.Contact: Pres. - Bill Lynn 636-451-2171

Happy Thanksgiving to Local 42 members. Hopefully, everyone got out to see the amazing array of fall colors. Our October meeting was held on October 26, 2008 and was called to order at 11:50 am. We had at least 20 members in attendance with one guest. Greg Overton won the attendance prize.

Officer nominations were held during the meeting. The following nominations were made:

President:	Rick Gish	Vice-President:	Gene Femmer
			Dan Whitt
Secretary:	Rhonda Whitt	Treasurer:	Alma Halbert
Safety:	Perry Sneed	Historian/Newsletter:	Alma Halbert
Legislative:	Team of Cindy & Keifer York	Central Committee Rep:	Georgia Haley
	Keifer York	Sergeant of Arms:	Matt Leeker
			Phil Eaton

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Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Our Toy Run was held on Sunday, November 2. We had a great crowd for the day – there were 116 people signed in for the Toy Run. We left the Roadhouse at 12:30 pm with Santa in the lead and approximately 90 bikes and 2 cars following. Since it was such a beautiful day, we followed a scenic route through Labadie on Hwy T to Hwy V to E. Independence. We delivered a trunk load of toys and cash to the workers and kids at the Division of Family Services in Union, MO. All proceeds will go to give approximately 125 children a better Christmas. Thanks to everyone who participated – we have extended our thanks to both the Franklin County Sheriffs Office and Union Police Department for helping us through two major intersections.

CMA will be holding their annual Turkey Run to benefit Loving Hearts in Washington. They will be meeting at the Mobil in Washington, MO at 12:00 pm on Sunday, November 22nd. Cash donations or nonperishable food items are requested.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, November 30, 2008 at 11:30 am. Hope to see more members in attendance.

Happy Holidays!! Pictures included are from Toy Run.

Take care, ***Alma***

(See Toy Run pictures below...)





Local 44 - California

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 2 p.m. @ Dairy Queen, Hwy 50 in California, Mo.
Contact: Karl 573-796-0245 or David 573-642-1002

Local 46 - Greater Kansas City

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m. Location Varies Contact: Deb 816-868-9369 or Tina 816-289-6408

ATTENTION LOCAL 46 MEMBERS!!!!
DECEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008. MEETING STARTS AT 4:00 PM,



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CALL FOR LOCATION TO TINA-816-289-6408 or DEB-816-8868-9369. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING WE WILL HAVE A POT LUCK HOLIDAY PARTY. EVERYONE IS SUPPOSED TO BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT ($10.00 or LESS). GIFT SHOULD BE FOR MALE OR FEMALE.

WOW! What a year Local 46 has had!

We made several meeting changes and they seem to be for the best. We have had two months of outstanding attendance and are seeing our membership grow once again. Welcome back to all of our returning members, and welcome to all of our new members. We have completed our Election process and have many new faces taking office. It will be so nice to only have to hold one office instead of two, three and four.

We even have some of our youngest members holding key offices. Tasha Allen and Megan Maddox, our high schoolers, have taken offices that will require dedication and responsibility. I commend them for accepting the challenge. I know you two will do a great job!!

Congratulations to all of our new officers!! The following are the list of officers for the 2009 year:

President - Rodney "Bulldog" Allen
Vice President – Deb Callicoat
Secretary-Tasha Allen
Treasurer-Tina Allen
Membership Secretary-Crystal King
Sargent at Arms – Doris Gumminger
Central Committee – Gary Maddox Backup - Dennis "Big D" Stevenson
District/Legislative – Susan Morrison Backup – Kevin Olver
Webmistress – Margaret Forbis
Newsletter – Megan Maddox
Safety – David Forbis
Historian – David Forbis and Gary Maddox

I would like to take a minute to applaud our outgoing President- Kevin Olver and CC Rep-Dennis "Big D" Stevenson for hanging in through all the rough times we have had and sharing your knowledge of FORR with our new members. This local has seen more than its share of adversity, but we continue to prevail!! I just want to say THANK YOU for all that you have done to keep this local afloat, you deserve a break.

Hope we see everyone at Local 14's last Holiday Auction in December. I'm sure a good time will be had by all, as usual.

Local 46 is looking forward to a great NEW YEAR and have many great ideas on fundraising and activities. As we prepare for the New Year, like the United States as a whole, I am looking forward to new leadership in government as well as our Local. Hopefully, we can achieve the long standing goals that Freedom of Road Riders has been fighting for all these years.

Please be sure that when you are riding that you do so safely. This is the time of year that we have wet, slippery leaves on the ground and soon we will see the fluffy white stuff that all motorcycle riders love so much (NOT! lol).

I hope that everyone has the greatest of Holiday Seasons and an especially Happy New Year!!

Deb Callicoat, Local 46

Mid South MILE Heard from....







Mid-South M.I.L.E.

Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE LOCALS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO MISSOURI'S BASKET.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CHAIRMAN MARK CHAPMAN FOR CRAFTING SUCH A FINE BASKET THIS YEAR.

Again, another M.I.L.E. has come and gone, it was an absolute success. The Missouri basket brought in $1,000.00 and was purchased by Arkansas.

This year ABATE FOR MISSOURI contributed several items to the MILE basket, which I am extremely proud that ABATE, and FORR worked together as a team this year to make the Missouri basket the success that it was.

We should not be giving all the credit to ABATE and FORR as Mark Chapman is the person that constructed this awesome piece of machinery:

Campaign Promise Dispersal Unit



Several awards were given out this year. Ann Dodson, Product Line Manger for the MILE presented appreciation awards to Tish Martin; ABATE of Kansas, Jim Duyck and Nancy Martin Local 29. Without the help of these three I would not be able to do my job as Product Line Manager for the MILE.

Dave Mann presented to Pat and Patty Todd of Arkansas the Extra MILE award. These two people are past due on receiving this award. They cook the best fish and hushpuppies around. If you don't believe just attend the MILE next year, as on the Thursday of the MILE we will be having another fish fry. Even Theo, Bart and Good Good Bart attended from Belgium.

There will be more news in the January FREEDOM PRESS regarding the M.I.L.E.

Ann Dodson
Product Line Manager
Mid South M.I.L.E.
CC rep Local 29

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FORR District 1 Report

Whats Up District 1

Well it's been a while since we've had a meeting so our next meeting will be DECEMBER 5th at Cameron at 7:30 at Breadeaux Pizza. We will be electing new officers at this time. We will also start planning for our district rally. As far as I know we have a date, a place to have it and a band. Looks like we're all ready off to a good start. So who ever gets elected their job is all ready half done. So come to the meeting and help make this the best Apple Pie Festival ever.

We may be losing one of our Locals, but more on that at the meeting. Until then, ***STEMS***

FORR District 4 Report

Hey all you Freedom Lovers,

On behalf of District 4 I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. I gotta tell ya, after watching the election results last night, it is obvious that the majority of the citizens of this great country of ours have decided to move down a different path. I just hope and pray that it will be a good path. God bless the United States of America.

WOW, how about O'fest '08??? Were you there? We had a little over 400 in the gate, which is lower than we expected, but about 100 more than last year. Got lots of good ideas on how to make it bigger and better for next year. If you would like to be involved in the planning of Octoberfest '09 then talk to your district rep and let them know. Maybe it's time to start an O'fest committee?? We had a total of 26 members sign in to help with the set-up and tear down for a total payout of $150.00. I didn't get the names of the Miss Octoberfest or the Mr Buns contest winners but congratulations to both. The peoples choice bike show 1st place went to "Joker" L-29 and second place was a tie between Doug Hilburn and Mac McGinnis. We flipped a coin to see who took the 2nd place trophy and who took the 3rd place trophy. In the dirt drags, I'm still not sure if this was for the under 750cc class or the 750cc to 1000cc class, but 1st place went to "Joker" and 2nd place went to Craig (sorry didn't get last name). The 1000cc and up class 1st place went to Darrel Clancy and 2nd went to Rob Kasmerchek. In the open class Tim Gates, who we need to give a BIG thank you to for helping run the drags, took 1st place. 2nd place went to Brandon Green. These were some fine looking drag bikes and a lot of fun to watch. A BIG thank you goes out to Linda L-2 for stepping up and running the show. For the field events put on by L-14; Slow Ride 1st was Tim Gates and 2nd was Doug (sorry no last name). Dress Run 1st went to "Joker" and 2nd went to Rob Kasmerchek. I promise we will have some dresses in larger sizes next year guys!!! The Weenie Bite 1st place was Kendall & Christina and 2nd place was Tim & Kelly. The Boot Toss 1st place was John Burch and 2nd was Kendall. The Potato in the Hay 1st place was Kendall & Barb and 2nd place was Doug & Christina. That was a very fine effort by "Lizzy", you keep at it girl !!!

On a personal note, I would like to let you all know how very proud I am for being selected as this years winner of the "Misfit Award". I'm very happy and sad to have been part of creating this annual award in honor of one of the hardest working members of District 4, Missy Widmer. She was a great friend and teacher. When we started this award we had a plaque made with 12 brass plates in the hope that it would carry on at least long enough to fill each plate. Now we have had to add a "hanger" to the bottom of the plaque with 18 more plates and I get to be the first name on the 13th year plate. I have been taking the plaque to all the meetings and events to let the membership see it. Rebel tells me that I've shown it off enough now. I'll have to find a place to hang it in our office at home. Maybe it will be you that gets to show it off next year.

I am asking the members of District 4 for help. We need someone to step up and take the Legislative Chairman position. I feel that I have let the legislative side of our business slide because I can't give it the time it deserves. There is so much more that we could be doing. District meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Pizza Shoppe in Lee's summit at 6:30pm. If you are interested or would like more info PLEASE call me at the number listed below. We are also looking for someone to fill the secretary position as well.

We had 57 sign in at this years Toy Run. Started out in some thick fog but it turned out to be a beautiful day. The Sunshine Center was very thankful for all they received. Thank you all for contributing. There are some pictures in this issue so be sure to check them out.

Keep pushin on, with a smile

Tim "Dragon" O'Connor
District 4 Chairman, FORR
member #7156
816-850-4511

Mid South MILE

October 17-19 saw the gathering of over 125 bikers in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 17th annual Mid-South M.I.L.E. This years event was hosted by ABATE of Oklahoma and they did an excellent job. Event opened with registration and sign in on Friday evening and the hospitality room was opened and a lot of new and old friends shared stories in the room and at the pool area. A hearty thanks to Pat and Patti Dodd, ABATE of Arkansas, cooked up some excellent grub for all to partake. ABATE of Tulsa also provided snacks and liquid refreshment. Attendees came from the 5 member states of: Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, and Arkansas as well as guest from Iowa

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and Pennsylvania. The Europeans were here again as both participants and observers.

Sessions kicked off early Saturday morning with US Senator Jim Enlow providing thanks and his view of motorcycling on the national level. The 1st time the MILE had ever been addressed by a US Senator and we thank him for his time out of his very busy schedule. Next up were representatives from the 5 member states and the national organizations: NCOM, MRF, AMA, and MAG Europe. I would like to thank FORR's Kathy Garver for presenting the Missouri portion of the program.

The noon meal was hosted by ABATE of Tulsa and the local Bandidios MC. Bandido Chef and Bandido Lee provided and excellent grilled hamburger with all the trimmings and did I mention it was a beautiful day in the local park.

The afternoon seminars provided a mass of confusion of trying to figure out which ones to attend. The AMA seminars were presented by Imre Szauter, Legislative Affairs Specialist. The AMA has gotten out of Pro Racing and intends to place more of an emphasis on the government relations aspect of the business by adding two more full time staffers in DC. They will remain involved in amateur racing as reorganization concludes.

Terry Cook, formerly of the AMA, FORR Lifetime Member, former FORR Chairman, and a MILE founder presented two seminars; 1) Legislative Lobbying and 2) Leadership. Wayne Wierson, ABATE of Iowa, presented a Share the Road Seminar. Wayne was with a group of 6 riders that was plowed into by a van and he was the only one that walked away. Since that time Wayne has dedicated himself to bringing this program to all that care to see it. He is a part of Slider Gilmore's two or three presenters for 1st responders. Tiger Mike, President ABATE of OK and NCOM board of directors presented legal issues of concern to bikers contained in the Patriot Act and the RICO Act. John Pierce, MRF Membership Director brought us Lies, Damn Lies & Politics an insight to how Washington really works. Ed Martin, ABATE of Kansas told of the consequences of impaired riding and how that is going to affect bikers in the eyes of government from national to local. We are our own worst enemy. History of Women in Motorcycling was presented by Connie Thompson, ABATE of Texas. Last but not least was Globalization Issues by Theo Beeldens, Executive Director of MAG (Motorcycle Action Group) Belgium. This was Theo's 10th consecutive year at the MILE. So much of what happens in Europe ends up on our land from restrictions to the type of bike being built. One bike for the world market is coming and we ain't gonna like what it looks like. More bikes are sold in Europe than in any other market so the rules and regs will be established by the European bureaucrats. Zero vision: started in Sweden and gaining momentum.

A side bar: Rose and I have been fortunate for the past three years to have Theo, Bart and Glenn to come early and spend time in our home. What a wealth of knowledge and some amazing as well as amusing stories we hear. Last year several were partakers of a meal fixed Belgium style in our home. We are going to do it again next year. I had also informed this trio of misfits on their 1st visit that 1st time in my home you are a guest, 2nd time you are company (might have to get your own beer) and the third time and there after they would be nothing more than a nuisance. This was the 3rd visit and now he can MAKE his own damn coffee and his bed too.

Saturday night the banquet was great and the Hotel staff did an excellent job with the food served buffet style. The auction was the highlight of the evening both silent and special items. The baskets were a big hit and I wish to thank Mark Chapman for making this years basket for FORR. To those who did not see it; a wooden, operating, horse drawn manure spreader. How appropriate with all the political BS . Thanks Mark and to all who made contributions. It now resides in Kansas. FORR purchased the Oklahoma and Kansas baskets and the contents of those were auctioned at the FEW Seminar Nov 8th. Ask around to see what they were.

I am happy to say that enough money was raised that we go to Kansas next year with enough funds to pay for the 18th MILE. We use to borrow money from the states to do this event and then paid it back after the event. The MILE is not nor was it ever intended to be a fund raiser by merely a means to educate the bikers in attendance. A trip to DC is in the near future and the MILE will be getting it together (not another bus trip?) Be watching these pages to see how you might get chosen to go and meet the established requirements. Next years MILE will be held somewhere in Kansas yet to be determined but I heard strong rumblings about Topeka. The year 2011 the MILE will be back in Missouri to celebrate 20 years. Help will be needed in several areas so get ready and let's make it something special. Thank you members of Freedom of Road Riders for your support of 17 years and may you continue to do so with enthusiasm. Please contribute to the Missouri basket and if you have a unique idea and are creative and want to make a basket let me or Ann Dodson know. Any questions or discussion? I will listen.

Wayne "Tip" Tipton
Vice Chairman
Missouri Representative
Mid-South M.I.L.E. (Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Awareness)
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MRF Letter

My name is James Duyck and I am the MRF State Rep for Missouri, Member # 8744.

I feel so strongly about the MRF and would like to help gain more members for the MRF. This is not about you or me but about our freedom. The reason I am doing this is, the MRF like all other small businesses, is in a financial bind. It takes $1,000 a day to run the Washington D.C. office for our national and global connection.

The MRF is tightening their belts to enable them to keep the DC office open and staffed. One of the budget cuts that is being considered is the MRF Reports. I believe that this is a very important communication tool between the MRF and the membership and would hate to see this publication cut.

I am proposing the following to keep the MRF strong and avoid drastic budget cuts like losing the MRF Reports:

1. Any active member that signs up a new member, I will pay $10 of the $30 new membership fee; therefore the new member would receive their membership for $20 instead of the normal $30 fee.
2. Any inactive member that has been inactive for a year or more, can renew for $20 and I will kick in the other $10.
3. Anyone who signs up a new sustaining member, I will kick in $20 of the $100 sustaining membership; thus a new sustaining member will pay $80.

This offer runs from the September Meeting of the Minds 2008 to September Meeting of the Minds September 2009. All memberships and renewals should be sent directly to me to obtain the special reimbursement. Send to:James Duyck
PO Box 761
Kearney, MO 64060

Please call me with any questions at 816-454-6574. I will return any day time calls as early in the evening as possible.

We want to give our youth, the up and coming, the opportunity we have had to enjoy the road by continuing to fight for our freedom and help keep America and the MRF strong!

Sincerely,
James Duyck
MRF State Rep of Missouri

AMA notes

AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman called for the U.S. Department of Transportation to expedite a long-overdue federal study into the causes of motorcycle crashes in a meeting with the agency's head, Secretary Mary Peters, on Friday, October 3. Acting Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) David Kelly, and AMA Vice President of Government Relations Ed Moreland also attended the meeting.

"There are an estimated 10 million motorcyclists on the road today, more than at any time in America's history," said Dingman. "As a direct result of this growth and increased usage, we are experiencing more crashes, injuries and fatalities. Our meeting with Secretary Peters–a motorcyclist herself–was cordial yet frank. We believe she understands the sense of urgency to get this crash research underway."

According to NHTSA statistics released by Peter's office in September, the number of motorcycle riders or passengers killed on U.S. roads in 2007 increased 6.6 percent over 2006, while the overall number of traffic fatalities fell to the lowest number since 1994.

"Some time ago, Congress and the motorcycling community committed the necessary funds for this study," said Dingman. "For too long, NHTSA has simply focused on a strategy of advocating mandatory helmet use, while doing little to prevent crashes from occurring in the first place. With a new administration set to take office on January 20, we can't afford any more delays while motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities continue to mount. The time to begin the study is now."

Dingman stressed that while the AMA strongly supports voluntary helmet use as one element of a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety, a higher priority must be given by NHTSA to crash prevention, which must include greater emphasis on motorist awareness programs to educate road users about motorcycles.

The crash study is being undertaken by the Oklahoma Transportation Center, an independent and well-respected research facility at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. The last major motorcycle crash study was completed in 1980, and it provided a wealth of data that has been used to develop training and strategies to help keep riders safer on the road. In the decades since, the traffic environment has changed enormously, prompting the AMA to begin campaigning for a new study several years ago.

"The idea behind the motorcycle crash causation study is to help us understand the causes of crashes so that effective countermeasures can be developed," said Dingman. "Absent this study, countermeasures will continue to be developed in a vacuum, with no way to know which measures will be effective."

In their meeting Friday, Dingman also urged Secretary Peters to reject New York City's request to ban motorcycles from high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Federal law stipulates that HOV lanes must allow motorcycles to use the lanes unless proven to pose a safety hazard.

"Secretary Peters was supportive of our desire to end New York City's illegal ticketing of motorcyclists in HOV lanes," said Dingman.



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573-547-1265

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11 **L-33 Hwy. 50 West** -
Adopt-A-Family
660-909-3848

6 **L-14 Independence** -
Annual Charity Auction
816-252-7322

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