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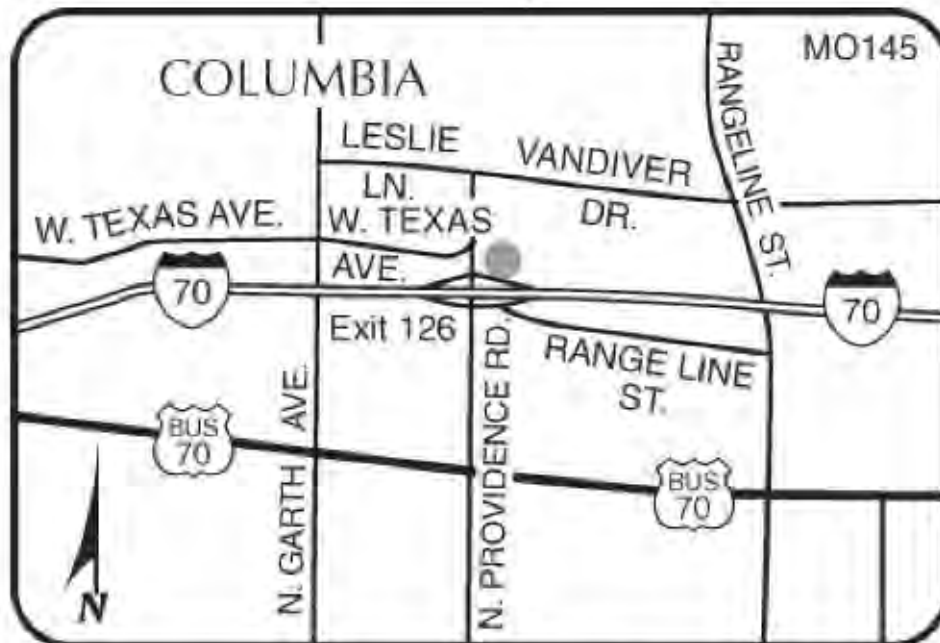
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## Letter to the Editor

### Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

The above is the exact wording of the 10th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I bring this up because there is strong talk of the feds instituting a national helmet law in this country. This would be in direct violation of the wording of our Constitution, which DOES NOT give the federal government the power to enact a national helmet law. This power is strictly reserved to the states or to the people. Yes, I am aware that the feds have been stomping all over our Constitutional rights for at least the last decade but I feel it is time to draw the line on this one. If a national helmet law is introduced, it is our duty to point out to our elected officials that this law would be unconstitutional. If they do pass such a law, we need to challenge it in court. This is one reason why it is so important to support not only our state motorcycle rights organizations but also our national MROs, like the American Motorcyclist's Association and the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation. I know times are tough and money is tight but if you can find the money to join up, you will be helping our main defenses at the national level. I think the American public is getting fed up with the over-regulation that is going on in this country. Let's take advantage of that sentiment and send a strong message to Washington!

Be free (while you still can),  
Smokey member #62 Local 12

## Note from Bill

Hello!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Kempker and I will be your 2014 legislative officer. I am a life member of local 10, have lived around Jefferson City all of my life, and I'm looking forward to the new challenge.

I have already made some contacts in the capitol getting sponsors for the bills. The first issue is the right of way bill. We will be trying to make the punishment for failure to yield stiffer to protect our brothers and sisters on the roads. Next is the helmet bill. We have a couple legislatures that would like to sponsor this bill. Rep. Eric Burlison did this bill last year and will probably sponsor this again this year. Then we would like to raise the fee for MO Motorcycle Trust Fund. This fee has been set for quite some time and isn't sufficient at this time to fully fund the program. There are some reps that are showing some interest in this. Not to mention what else might come up as the year gets started. There is more time involved than any one person can do by himself. So we will need the support of the organization to pull all this together. Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday March 5 are tentative dates for the first of Capitol Crusader Days. There will be a couple of busses coming from both sides of the state. If you could possibly make these dates or just one of these dates that would help the cause. If you have a day off and would like to make a trip to Jefferson City, I could possibly meet with you and walk the halls with you.

Then there will be the M.A.Y. Rally coming up on April 29. This day we will have the ride to the capitol and will be visiting with the reps and senators and talking about motorcycle awareness.

Bill Kempker  
FORR Legislative Officer

## 2014 STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

If you have been involved with this organization to reasonable degree and you have been paying attention over the course of the past year this address will sound like 'old news'. But just in case 2013 went by a little too fast and it all seems like a blur, or, 2013 dragged on and you have chosen to erase it from your memory, here is a summary to properly send you into 2014.

We saw the addition of three new locals in the past year, Local 47- Southern Platte County, Local 3-Truman Lake and Local 9-Kearney. All three came on board with goals in mind and wasted no time getting into mix of the organization.

Early on in 2013 it was decided by the membership that a government relations specialist was no longer needed and that our legislative coordinator would be able to take care of all the legislative responsibilities.

The past year's legislative endeavors ended with mixed results. Bills that we thought should move easily such as 'Failure to Yield'/'Right of Way Violations' fell on deaf ears. Progress with the Helmet Modification surprised a lot of us but wound up running out of time, as many bills seem to do, which is no surprise at all. We were successful with the commonly known 'MC Checkpoint Only' bill making it illegal for Missouri to accept funds to establish checkpoints based on specific vehicle type, which is clear example of discrimination.

Our legislative achievements were recognized by the MRF and we were awarded for our accomplishments. Thank you Katherine for your tireless pursuit. We could not have done it without you.

Right of Way violations and 'education instead of legislation' will be priority for us in 2014 along with attention to Helmet Modification, E-15 fuels, CDC and EPA regulations, noise ordinances, etc.

Our largest PAC fundraiser was renamed the "Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally" and moved to the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. It was formatted to feature rodeo events and dirt drags including ATV's to appeal to the public. The event was a success even with 'mother nature' throwing it a one-two punch. Looking ahead to 2014 the event will undergo some modifications to make it more hospitable to patrons and vendors alike.

The 2013 F.E.W. Seminar felt the need for the officers to brush-up on their departmental skills and 'Officer Training 101' was the theme. It turned out that most of the Locals were in agreement and we had the highest attendance to date despite the ice and snow.

The F.E.W. has been taken in a completely different direction for 2014 by a new cast of characters and a ton of enthusiasm. The theme is "Getting Back To our Roots, Where We Came From and Where We Are Going" with presentations from 'Greybeards' and 'Newbies' plus all the traditional fun stuff.

The membership saw the need to focus on addressing the current issues facing the organization rather than funding a project that may never be, therefore the Freedom Park Fund was closed and the contributing locals were refunded.

As the deadline for the 2014-15 Cabinet submissions came and went it was voted by the Central Committee to extend the deadline. That paved the way to two Cabinets being on the ballot in November, something that has not happened since 1999.

Congratulations to the 2104-2015 Central Committee Cabinet, Chairman-Bill 'Treetop' Duncan, Local 24, Vice Chairman- Ronda Felts, Local 47, Secretary- Cheryl 'Cher' Singleton, Local 3, Treasurer-Lynne Adkins, Local 25.

As stated in last year's address, it was felt that it was vital for this organization to have the knowledge and experience of the 'Greybeards' interacting with the fresh ideas of the energetic 'Newbies'. We have seen a vast increase of involvement from the 'Greybeards'. They are sitting at the CC Reps table, they are sitting in the gallery, they are at the Saturday committee meetings, they are at the events doing whatever needs to be done, they are at the Capitol. They are being asked to share their knowledge and experience and we are becoming stronger because of their involvement.

This organization has been through a lot over the past 33 years, more in the past couple than in recent memory. I would like to think that it is more of the 'growing pains' that come with any group of strong-willed people that have a shared passion but have different ideas on how to achieve the common goal. Teamwork, brotherhood, patience and understanding should be our focus.

I sincerely hope that the incoming Cabinet and the membership can stay focused on the main purpose of this organization and have the strength to overcome any obstacles that may confront them in the future.

With respect to all,  
Martin King  
Chairman  
Freedom of Road Riders Inc.

Central Committee Meeting #204  
November 10, 2013

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center, Jefferson City, MO. Cabinet officers present were Chairman, Martin King, Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, Treasurer Steve Comeau, Legislative Coordinator Katherine Fox, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Deanna Rhodes, Rider Education Coordinator Doug Clawson, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:07 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. Veteran Joe Widmer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Location	Local	Members	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	58	1 Vote	Melany McDermed
Truman Lake	Local 03	59	1 Vote	Cheryl Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	59	1 Vote*	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	122	2 Votes	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	46	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	108	2 Votes	Lane Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	139	2 Votes	Bill Kempker
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	29	1 Vote	Kaime Johnson
Glasgow	Local 12	66	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	87	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	60	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	254	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
SEMO	Local 16	71	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	120	2 Votes	Doug Years
Dexter	Local 20	50	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	18	1 Vote	ABSENT
Lincoln County	Local 23	16	1 Vote	Lynn McKenzie
St. Louis	Local 24	170	2 Votes	Bill Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	79	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	62	1 Vote	Harold Duryea
Sac-Osage	Local 27	73	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	172	2 Votes	Steve Sagi
North Kansas City	Local 29	65	1 Votes	LA Ross
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	56	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	19	1 Vote	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	102	2 Votes	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	29	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	114	2 Votes	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	34	1 Vote	Ronda Felts
Members at Large	Local 00	47	0 Vote	
Kearney	Pending	14	0 Vote	
Total		2,435	as of November 1, 2013	
Corporate Sponsors		10		

\* Vote suspended for financial reports

Proposed new local in the Kearney, Missouri area. Chairman King introduced the members of the proposed local to the Central Committee and they were given an opportunity to speak about why they want to become a new local in FORR. Motion by Local 24, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 8 to allow them to form a new local, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. They will be known as Local 9. Rob Hull seated as the CC Rep for Local 9.

Motion by Local 35 to approve the minutes as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 24, motion carries by voice vote unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

PAC fund advertising – Local 16 stated she has nothing new to report and suggested this issue be dropped at this time and if the new incoming cabinet is able to come up with new ideas it can be added back to the agenda at that time.

Local 33 asked to have the prior by-law and policy change that was previously tabled be removed from the table and voted on. This issue concerns locals meeting their minimum financial obligations. Last year 10 locals did not meet their financial obligation and out of those 8 could have but for one reason or another did not. Discussion held concerning this proposal. Some felt we shouldn't penalize locals that don't meet their financial obligations because some locals simply struggle financially. Concern that we shouldn't pull a local because they are struggling since we work hard to recruit and maintain our locals and membership. Local 33 stated it is not their intention with this proposal to close locals, it is their intention to make sure the state organization remains strong. There are provisions included which will help locals that are placed on financial probation for failing to meet their state obligation two years in a row to become financially sound. If locals are not pulling their weight in supporting the state organization financially then why are they a local of this organization any way. Know that sounds hard and cold but the state organization requires the financial support of every local. Locals that are placed on financial probation who are still unable to meet their financial obligation would then be asked to come before the Central Committee and address the reasons why they are unable to fulfill their financial obligation. Motion by Local 27 that this matter be put back on the table so that Local 33 can have an opportunity to rewrite the proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 1, motion carries by voice vote with several opposed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

AMA proposal – Steven Comeau – Rider Education Support program has been proposed by the AMA. For each member that signs up on line using our organizations membership code we would receive \$5.00 and \$2.50 for any renewals. Motion by Local 27, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 42 that we sign up for this program. Question about whether renewals of current members will this give us the \$2.50 as well, unknown we will have to ask the AMA about that. Motion carries by voice vote unanimously. Motion by Local 1 that the money goes to rider education, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 16, vote by show of hands 13 yes 11 no. Because the vote was close Chairman King asked for a roll call vote. Locals 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 41, and 42 voted yes; Locals 6, 9, 11, 12,

13, 14, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 33, 35 and 47 voted no; 22 yes 17 no motion carries by roll call vote.

Project guidelines – Written proposal presented to all CC reps. for discussion at the next CC meeting.

Guidelines for use of FORR – The following written proposal was presented to all CC reps. for discussion at the next CC meeting.

Guidelines on the use of the acronym “FORR®”

The acronym FORR® is a registered trademark and the proper use of the trademark is crucial to protect it from unauthorized use by third parties. Proper use preserves a mark’s ability to identify the origin of a product, service, organization or business. Proper use minimizes the likelihood that a mark will become or be considered generic. It also strengthens trademark registrations and overcomes defenses raised in trademark litigation. For this reason FORR® needs to ensure that any instances involving the use of the acronym FORR®, is done in a proper manner which will adequately preserve our trademarked name.

With this in mind were hereby adopt the following guidelines on the use of the acronym “FORR”:

The acronym FORR® is a registered trademark and therefore should not be modified in any way. To go along with this, the acronym FORR should not be used to replace a letter or letters inside of a word such as inFORRMation. This seems to be a grey area concerning modification of FORR and is probably a path we should stay away from.

The acronym FORR® or FORR, Inc. shall not be used to reflect a number designation as in Local FORR, District FORR in place of the number 4. Usage in this manner could be confusing because it seems to reflect the organization as a whole instead of just one local or district.

You may however use FORR in place of an entire word such as FORR more information contact .... where FORR is used to replace the word For.

While we realize this guideline may not address every situation that locals may come up with on creative ways to use our name, we hope it will serve as a guideline for the future and will be updated as new ideas are brought forth.

Local 16 advised the CC they are changing their local designation to SEMO.

Local 33 has had an information booth the past two years at the Missouri State Fair where we try to educate the general public about FORR. Local 33 asked if the state organization would like to fund this project since the local has carried the ball for the past two years. The event cost was \$1,105 this year, with income of \$561.85. Unfortunately this did result in a net loss, but we were able to get a lot of information out about the organization during this event. There is no way to track whether any members were obtained from the large number of tri-folds that were distributed or if anyone signed up on line. Local 33 will still take the lead on coordinating the event and will need help from other locals like they have received in the past. Motion by Local 8 that the state help Local 33 to fund this event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 24. Discussion held - Local 33 received an in kind donation towards this project so they did receive a financial benefit from the event; concern about whether the organization has the money to do this; locals should be willing to step up and make a donation of \$50-100 to help do this event which helps the entire organization as a whole; there is \$1000 in the PAC budget for marketing. Roll call vote on motion, Locals 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 42 voted yes; Locals 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 41, 42 and 47 voted no; motion fails 12 yes 26 no. Motion by Local 16 requested the body to take it back to all locals to help support a sister local in funding this event which helps us all. 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 15, motion carries by voice vote. Treasurer Comeau stated if every local just donated \$40 the cost to do this event would be covered, plus you could deduct the contribution as a donation in kind towards your state obligation. Several locals made donations or commitments to help fund this event. Local 33 will have to write a check in March to cover the costs for this project shortly after the first of the year. Because of the fire and Local 33 losing their product, equipment, etc the local is not in a financial position to fund this event, therefore the local needs to know by the next CC meeting if the money is going to be there to fund this event. Please come back to the January CC meeting with money in hand if your local is going to support the state fair project. Local 12 contributed \$150 towards the event last year which was repaid by Local 33 and this money has now been donated to the PAC fund. Deanna reminded everyone that in addition to the financial support, Local 33 will also need help manning the booth during the event.

Election of 2014-15 cabinet – written ballots were distributed to each local CC rep. Each proposed cabinet chairman selected an individual who was not part of their proposed cabinet to serve as an election judge along with the current state secretary. Local 16 requested the state treasurer also be an election judge. Ballots were counted twice by the four election officials. Chairman King was also present during the ballot counting process.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

TREASURER – Steve Comeau - Welcomed Local 9 and presented them with a treasurer’s handbook. Financial Report: General Fund beginning balance \$9,100.21 ending balance \$11,653.70; Rider Education beginning balance \$22,625.66 ending balance \$18,517.44, Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally balance beginning balance \$894.08 ending balance \$7,955.37; PAC beginning balance \$7,858.61 ending balance \$8,624.11. Freedom Park beginning balance \$12,185.05 ending balance \$8,110.00. We voted last year to close the Freedom Park account and return the money to those that made donations to this account. Give a way project beginning balance \$9,090.66 ending balance \$9,800.66. Local 27 requested that on future reports all miscellaneous expenses be itemized so everyone knows what those expenses are for.

Donations – Local 31 \$500 PAC; Local 3 \$264.00 PAC; Local 26 \$125 PAC; Local 12 \$1,500 general fund. District 4 Octoberfest donation: Local 1 \$243.19; Local 5 \$343.19, Local 14 \$243.19, Local 29 \$143.19, Local 33 \$243.19, Local 5 \$243.19 and Local 47 \$243.19. Local 16 asked to move their Freedom Park money to the PAC fund. Local 15 previously donated \$500 to PAC.

Secretary Garver addressed the MMMR income/expense report and stated the initial figures provided at the September CC meeting regarding the number of attendees were incorrect. Part of this was because some difficulty with how the front gate accounting was done using the cash registers. Now that we have had time to review everything, the best figures we can come up with were 169 members, 95 non members, 419 day trippers in the gate. We apologize for the incorrect figures but as we indicated previously those were rough figures with less than a week since the event.

#### VICE CHAIRMAN – Martin King

Engineer of Freedom awarded to Les and Cindy Morris of Local 15.

Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally - We had a good committee meeting yesterday. Layne Shady will be the chairman of the rally committee next year. We are moving forward with next year’s rally at the same venue. There is an email list being started. If you want to get on the rally committee please let Layne know and he will get you included. Layne will be talking with the State Fair board to get a contract worked out and signed as soon as possible. We are also going to coordinate with the ATV group that has expressed an interest in helping us with the rodeo and drag racing events. We won’t have a tent over the pavilion area next year. Considering moving drags and rodeo events to evening and doing motorcycle games during the day in camping area. Move vendor row closer to pavilion. The committee will try to fix some of the concerns and complaints that were addressed following last year’s event. Try to reduce costs of bands since this is really not what is drawing people to the event. Maybe reduce the bands to one per night if we move the rodeo/drag to later. Sharpen skills on accounting and shift changes. Maybe have a shift supervisor to help address what each position needs to do. Try to clarify some contract things with the state fair grounds. We need to decide whether we are going to donate the money made at this year’s rally to the PAC fund or maintain it in the account as seed money for next year’s event. Motion by Local 24 that we move the profit from the 2013 MMMR to the PAC fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 15. Discussion about the fact that we need to have seed money next year. Motion was amended to transfer \$1,712.80 to the PAC fund and leave the balance as seed money for next year’s event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 27, vote on amendment carries by voice vote with several opposed. Amended motion will be that we move \$1,712.80 of the profits from the 2013 MMMR to the PAC fund and leave balance as seed money for next year’s event, motion

carries by voice vote. We really need to seek out sponsorships for the event next year because this can mean the difference between making a profit and not making a profit. Thanked everyone that worked so hard to get sponsors last year.

FEW Seminar – Melanie Coy – New flyer is out which includes a registration form. Wish list and reminder list distributed to all CC reps. First speaker will be Helen Wesson, life member. This will be in honor of the women of this organization. Asking for each local to consider the women of your local and nominate a woman in your local for the powerhouse award. These are individuals that keep the back wheels turning in the local. Several members of our organization have stepped up and will be presenting seminars on everything from Roberts Rules of Order, Running Effective Meetings, 3-R's program from the MRF, Where Do We Come From, etc. There will also be games and activities throughout the event. New award to recognize young members. This will be called the Jr Engineer Award. Looking for old pictures, etc to show what locals have been up to over the years.

RIDER EDUCATION – Doug Clawson – BRC 22 classes scheduled, with 20 being held; 205 students with 187 completing. ERC scheduled 2 classes and cancelled both due to lack of participation. We are going to try to host an advanced riders course in Jeff City next year, these classes are open to anyone but are more geared towards sport bike riders. We are also working on a trike class in Jefferson City. Still have a 2001 Honda Rebel for sale. Question has arisen regarding what to do about deer situation. The deer are really moving during the rutting season and also when there is a full moon. Be aware of your surroundings and watch for them. A couple of months ago he was asked to join the Missouri Joining Community Forces Council for region 4. This council was formed to help provide information and services to military families about what services are available in their region. This will help us get our rider class information out there to our military personnel and families. This past Wednesday the MMSP had their advisory committee meeting in Warrensburg. They have material now for the three wheeled classes to be established in this state. They would like for us to look into increasing the fees that go into the motorcycle safety trust fund. They are researching some possible new training sites in West Plains and other locations. The motorcycle safety advocacy group wants to focus on rider education. There are going to be significant decreases in the MMSP budget next year. MMSP helmet survey review – from 4/15/13 through 6/30/13 they went out to several intersections in various Missouri counties and performed a summary of the 3,207 motorcyclists observed during this study in 17 counties. 99.2% of motorcyclists were wearing some type of helmet. 77.2% were wearing compliant helmets, 22% were wearing noncompliant helmets. .8% (26) not wearing a helmet of any kind. 54.3% of scooter operators were not wearing a helmet of any kind. Looking at changes in state licensing knowledge test. Highway Patrol officers are being given a training card to help them determine whether a helmet is compliant or not. Guardrails, roadway engineering, alcohol, speed, buzzed riding, distracted riding are all issues that have been discussed.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS COORDINATOR – Deanna Rhodes– Attended MOTM and Mid South MILE and was able to share our information with other states. We are very blessed to have the relationship we have with MODOT because many states do not have good relationships with their state transportation departments. She has submitted information again to the individuals handling the driver's license testing materials. We need to come up with additional questions related to motorcycling. If you have an ideas please submit those to Deanna as soon as possible. We need to raise the money going into the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund from \$1.00 to \$3.00 from court costs on traffic cases. An increase might enable us to reduce the cost to riders so that we can get more people taking a rider education program. She would still like to see locals work up their own awareness items, t-shirts, bumper stickers, etc. There are more entities asking for awareness promotional items available through MODOT so each slice of the pie will be smaller. They are going to determine how much product is distributed in each area based upon the number of accidents around the state so some areas will receive more than others.

MAY Rally April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014– Local 16 will be covering the insurance cost for locals to hold an awareness event the weekend prior to the MAY Rally, April 26-27. For the statewide insurance to cover your event it must take place on one of those two days, keep focus of event on awareness. Locals must still submit a sanction form and flyer to the general office.

Life PACT – Cal Langford Local 24 – Cal presented information to the CC meeting regarding his recent experience in the local and also what he learned while attending the MRF's 3-R's program. After MOTM he started work on a Life PACT to help address the issue of riding impaired. Local 24 has emergency contact cards printed up to give to their members so that in the event of a situation where you are not able to ride home you have access to phone numbers of someone you can call for help. If you have any questions call 314-604-7910, E-Mail: [ocal71@ymail.com](mailto:ocal71@ymail.com). He hopes that FORR will consider adopting this as a policy and put it out under FORR's letterhead. Something very similar was brought up several years ago and some locals have been using a similar program with great success. The wording in this proposal has been changed to encompass things other than just drinking and riding, such as riding when angry, fatigued etc. Even if the organization does not adopt this proposal it does not stop locals from adopting this within the local.

LEGISLATIVE – Katherine Fox – There is really nothing new to report. The MRF recognized FORR for our legislative successes this past session. Even though we did not get the helmet bill through this year we did have an historic session by obtaining 32 bi-partisan co-sponsors. We also had an individual who was a firm no vote stand with us in support. Very few countries in this world have the opportunities that we have to address a grievance against our government yet very few individuals actually take the time to participate in that right. Katherine stated it has been an incredible ride and a distinct privilege to represent such a fine group. Coordinator Fox presented a brief overview of our legislative agenda for 2014.

AMA - nothing further

MRF – Amy Allmon – Amy presented the award given to FORR by the MRF. Our current state rep, JR DeGraffenreid, was also recognized by the MRF for membership recruitment. She reminded everyone that everything we do at the state level would be for naught if it was not for the MRF protecting our rights at the federal level. The AMA put out an alert recently that the federal government is looking at a way to put in a universal helmet law by focusing on health insurance, risky behaviors and that the economic benefits to society as a whole will outweigh the rights of individuals. There is a letter to the CDC by Senator Petri requesting the CDC to focus on illnesses and not accidents. You can support the MRF through individual membership, local sustaining members and direct donations. FORR will also be hosting the 2014 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, Missouri.

PRODUCT LINE – Shelly Payne - New pocket calendars will be ready in the next couple of weeks and mailed out to those locals that pre-ordered. Cost to locals will be \$2.00 each. Can be personalized with Local #. New product ideas – beanie, basket ball goal, black with silver ink t-shirt. Mid Mo Rally patches are available for \$2.00. Long sleeve denim shirts are back in stock.

Webmaster – Martin King as Tex McGarner was not able to attend the meeting. At the last meeting the CC gave Tex permission to tear down the website and start over if necessary. Martin reported he has talked Mike Allen and he said he would contact Tex. Local 35 reported they have been paying for two years to get on the website but their webmaster has not received the necessary passwords from Mike/Tex to be able to make changes. They would like to see this issue addressed.

NEWSLETTER – No issues addressed.

SECRETARY – Kathy Garver – Total membership processed September/October 18 life members, 96 new members, 201 renewals for a total of 370 mem-

berships. Total membership as of November 1, 2013 2,435, decrease of 36 members since the last report. Remember to send in a legible membership application or white renewal card for all memberships new or renewal. Please timely send in memberships. Local checks must contain two signatures. Members can only renew memberships 3 months prior to expiration, only exception is out of country service personnel.

Our CC meetings will be moving to the Quality Inn in Columbia, Missouri beginning with the January, 2014 CC meeting. In January the FEW Seminar will be in Jefferson City, but the CC meeting will be held at the Quality Inn in Columbia, Missouri. The FEW committee has spoken with the Truman Hotel and they have indicated they cannot give us our current rate but they will give us a reasonable rate for those that want to stay in Jefferson City that evening and travel to Columbia the following morning. If anyone has problems scheduling a room, or getting the FORR rate at Quality Inn please contact the General Office for assistance.

The Truman Hotel sold recently and as a result their prices for 2014 have increased substantially. When we became aware of this significant increase in cost, we had our office manager perform an extensive search for a new location that could accommodate our meeting needs and dates at a reasonable price. Local 16 asked how the information was made available to the Central Committee Reps so they could make a decision regarding us moving to Columbia. Chairman King stated an email was sent out to all CC reps and Presidents, that we had email addresses for, regarding our potential meeting options, the email set a deadline to respond, and a decision was made based upon the information the cabinet received back from the CC reps and Presidents. When the September CC meeting took place we had not yet received pricing information from the Truman's new management for 2014 so we had nothing to report at that time regarding what their cost would be for us to stay put. It became apparent as the search for a new location progressed that we could not wait until the November CC meeting to make a decision if we wanted to secure a location which had all of our meeting dates available.

Local officer sheets were distributed to all CC reps. Please take these back to your local, fill them out and send them to the General Office so our membership roster can be updated with current local officers.

**MID SOUTH MILE** – Roy Hoard - 180 attendees, down from the year before when there was 220. Baskets – The baskets the first couple of years of the MILE were actual baskets. Until the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year when Arkansas brought an outhouse. That started the "basket". Jim Scheele and Roy went shopping before the MILE and bought stuff for the Missouri basket. FORR purchased the Arkansas and Texas baskets. These items will be auctioned off at the FEW Seminar. 2014 MILE will be held in Kansas, 2015 will be in Texas and 2016 will be in Missouri. 2016 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MILE. First committee meeting was held Sunday morning following the event. Tip Tipton will be serving as the MILE Vice Chair. We need basket ideas and products for the 2014 basket. We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in attendance and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in basket. Kansas won first with attendance. Roy was thanked for all of his hard work on the MILE.

Motion by Local 35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 1 to extend meeting, motion carries by voice vote.

**GENERAL OFFICE** – Martin King - Concern addressed by the floor regarding the CC hotel contract being handled by an employee when it should have been done by the officers and not by the general office. Secretary Garver stated that the cabinet instructed the general office to look into this matter on our behalf because she is available 8-5 to talk with these businesses when the rest of us are at work. As far as contract execution the only time Dallas is authorized to execute anything on behalf of the organization is when she has the express approval of the officers to do so. Local 24 feels the hospitality room should be covered by the state and should have been included in the contract that was signed by this cabinet. We should have included this in our negotiations with the hotel so it could have been included in our agreement at no charge.

Event sanctioning/insurance – There have been some questions/issues lately regarding events and insurance. If your local is having a get together that is limited to local members, not open to the general public, is not advertised and has no admission cost you can have these types of events without purchasing insurance. But you cannot advertise the event (ie no flyers of any nature), it cannot be open to the general public, you cannot charge an admission cost of any type. An example of this would be a chili dinner and social hour following your local meeting. You can do something like that without purchasing insurance. However if you open it to attendance by the public, charge an admission fee of any type or advertise the event in any way, then you must purchase insurance for the event. Be smart about what you're doing and consider the potential for a claim of any nature against FORR. Remember even if we didn't do anything wrong we still have to defend any claims brought against FORR and that defense costs money. If in doubt contact Bob Hawkins, the General Office or any of the corporate officers for assistance.

Bank accounts – We have recently run into several situations where a bank has requested documentation from FORR before they would allow a local to open or change a local bank account. As a result a letter, corporate resolution, tax id information package has been put together. Contact the corporate secretary if your local needs this information.

**2014 MOTM** – We are in a transition period following conclusion of the 2013 MOTM. We will need individuals to volunteer to help during the event. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Meeting of the Minds. Our event theme will be western. We are working on costumes, tour of area attractions, decorations, etc. The hotel is very receptive of what we want to do. We will have an agenda set up for the next committee meeting in March so we can start filling in the blanks. We are currently trying to raise funds to host this event through a give a way project for a Taurus Circuit Judge. Estimated cost will be \$12-15,000. We have about \$6,600.00 right now so we're about half way. We need to make this project a success. The drawing will be held at the January, 2014 FEW Seminar. Meeting of the Minds will be held September 25-28, 2014 at Embassy Suites Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Layne Shady had previously discussed doing another give a way project immediately following this project. Discussion regarding why it was decided that tickets could only be checked out to CC reps and local presidents. Because locals are ultimately responsible for the tickets and this way locals will think before handing out tickets to a local member who may not be responsible.

Motion by Local 6 to approve Amy Allmon as the new MRF state rep, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 31, motion carries by voice vote unanimously. JR thanked for his dedication to this position for the past two years during which he has been recognized by the MRF for his efforts.

#### **CONNECTIONS** –

**District Chairman** – District 4 is looking for a new activities chairman and legislative chairman. Deanna asked how many districts we have (we follow the MODOT map so we have 10 districts) and how many are active (Districts 1 and 4). Martin indicated he is hoping to get District 10 active once again. Deanna challenged all locals to get together with other locals in their area to try to get their district active. Reminder that districts need to have the same officers as a local or the state.

**Election Results** – The 2014-15 cabinet officers will be Chairman Bill "Treetop" Duncan; Vice Chairman Ronda Felts, Secretary Cheryl Singleton, Treasurer Lynne Adkins. Thanked everyone who stepped up to run for office. This organization hasn't had a contested election since 1999. Congratulations to the incoming cabinet.

Motion Local 8 to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Local 35, motion carries.



**LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Hey my brothers and sisters,

This newsletter will likely not be very informative as I am passing the torch back to Rebel. I am stepping down from a few positions so I can better focus on other things and give the roles to someone who can better serve you. My experiences over the past few years have brought me such joy and love. Your friendships have meant the world to me and the memories will last forever. I wish you all the best and hope to see you soon. By the way I am remaining on as your CC rep and will make every meeting. Til then, safe travels with your knees in the breeze, smile to the sun, and as Crash would say, "Eat Bugs!"

Much love and respect,  
Melany "toothpick" McDermed

**LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or****Vice-President: Myron Duskin 417-309-0423**

Greetings L3 members,

First let's welcome our newest member Freddie Feo. We have our new officers in place, they are as follows: President – Dean Singleton, VP – Ray Burns, Secretary – Cindy Nunnery and Treasurer – Darla Burns.

Local 3 had a very respectable first year, we came together and accomplished everything we set out to do. We had some fun along the way and our members took part in several rides and rallies throughout the year past, looking forward to 2014. We are already compiling a list of events for the upcoming year. If you have something to add, bring it up at the next meeting. We will be putting together an event calendar to be sent out to all the members after the first of the year.

As we move into the New Year we face several changes in FORR. New people in positions all up and down the organization, good luck to everyone.

Remember to thank your veterans, and show them the respect they have earned.

Thanks, Dean #29076





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**LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-454-9470 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222**

Greetings,

It has happened Rebecca and I will most likely be your Dist 4 Co-Chairs. There will be an election but since no one else volunteered looks like we are it. Shelly from Local 33 and Dale from Local 47 reluctantly agreed to complete the cabinet. We are going to rely on the Dist 4 reps to help pull off Octoberfest. We need EVERYONE to come out to the Crock-Pot Cook-off. We will not plan on renting a bus unless 25 or more people commit to ride and then the only excuse for not showing would be death. If 10-15 commit then we can rent a van, less than that will fit in my vehicle.

I hope to have a better idea of what the Motorcycle Riders Foundation State Rep does later this month. So if you are currently an Assistant Rep and wish to remain or would like to become an Assistant send me an e-mail we will get it figured out together.

Check out events happening around the State so check out your calendar of events and plan to support other Local events. I guess I can sleep when I'm dead since I will have very little "spare" time, if there is such a thing.

The Happy Birthday list is limited to my memory since I have misplaced my list. I remember Cindy Cornett, January 14 and Kandie North, January 29.

Go meet our local go to: [forrlocal5@shutterfly.com](mailto:forrlocal5@shutterfly.com). It includes a calendar of coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by e-mailing him: [Sbfifer1@yahoo.com](mailto:Sbfifer1@yahoo.com).

This is my last submission for Local 5 but don't think you can be rid of me that easy. I am writing the submissions the MRF Reports Missouri and you will hear about Dist 4 events from me as well. If you have any info to include or suggestions for the newsletter just drop me a line [aallmon@kc.rr.com](mailto:aallmon@kc.rr.com) or 816-536-1647.

Abide!

**LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****American Tavern, 1001 N 3rd St, North End of St Joe****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

This should reach everyone by Christmas. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It's been a brutal season so far where Mother Nature is concerned. It wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't 65° one day and 19° the next. Oh well, it is December in Missouri. Gotta love it.

We need to welcome new members Linda Elliot and Danny Purcell to Local 6, and a new Local 9 in Kearney. Quite a few renewals this month also: Ray Reynolds, Ira Skirlock, Nick Swope Sr, Bud Rials, and Dotty Polland. Sorry if I missed anyone.

This is to the printers 2 days before a Christmas Party, hopefully all went well and everyone that went had a great time. There haven't been any members taking two-wheeled rides that I know of. Anyone going to brave the elements for a New Years Day Tradition Ride?? Make sure you let me know how it went.

Our officer nominations were at the November meeting, and the election papers turned in at the December meeting. I'll post our new officers in the next newsletter.

Up Coming Events/Meetings

January 11th – FEW Seminar in Jefferson City

January 19th – Local 6 Meeting

February Indoor Bike Show – TBA

February 16th – Local 6 Meeting

As always, keep safe and have fun. See you next year!

Contact me if you want something in the newsletter.

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**LOCAL 7 - LEBANON**

**Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.**  
**Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536**  
**Contact: Robert 417-426-5627**

## Greetings Local 7

Tis the season for Toy Runs. Local 7 members attended a few in the month of November. We had our Toy Run the first weekend of Nov. Next up was the Midwest Drifters Toy Run held in Sunrise Beach. Lee, Don, Beaver, Guy, Bruce, Buck, Robert & Anita and the time keeper all rode this ride. The weather was great, dry and in the sixties. Then came the Buffalo Toy Run and the weather wasn't quite as pleasant. High in the low 20's... The weather kept a lot of riders away. Attendance went from 300 riders past years to 72 this year. The cold didn't stop the time-keeper, his son Andy, Charlie, C.A. or me from riding. At our December meeting we voted to add another \$100 to the \$300 we donated to the Share Your Christmas organization. We also welcomed 2 new members at our meeting. Ray & Anthony join even after meeting all of us. Well the year is almost gone and I'm already looking forward to spring. Here's hoping for some nice weather for riding. Merry Christmas Everybody...

Ride on  
Gizzard

**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:

As I kicked back with a glass of wine I looked at my calendar and realized the news letter was due. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At this time of year we want to be close to our families and remember those we have lost. It is a joyous time and a time of sadness. Many members of our FORR family are dealing with many ill family members and the loss of some. We need to be strong together as we have in the past. I guess it is the wine talking.

We will have our meeting on the 8th due to the holiday. We will have our election and decide where we will have spring fling. I hope it will be in Carrollton. A great location with lots of shade. Look for the results of the election in the next news letter. I looking forward to the Auction at Kirksville. I have celebrated my birthday with this bunch for many years. They make it special.

This is short since we haven't had a meeting since the last one. Check the newsletter next month to see the out come of the election and the location of the 28th Annual Spring Fling.

Be safe,  
Foxy Gama

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**LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY**

**Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm**  
**Meeting locations vary - call for info**  
**Contact: Rob Hull 816-550-8162**

The holidays are coming up on us fast. Let's make our first FORR Holiday season a good one for each other and for our community.

On November 24th, Local 9 representatives delivered food to a local Youth Center for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to Vinetta Loyd-Garnett for coordinating this operation with the other Locals. In addition to Vinetta, Rob, Leah, Micki, and Suzie assisted in this effort. After the event, Vinetta updated the members with the following statement: "When they finished eating and we were wrapping up everything they were like can we keep a little more of this and a little more of that and we said you are keeping it all you can have as much as you want". The teens were excited to have the dinner and thoroughly enjoyed it.

December 21st will be our drop-off day for the Cameron Veterans Home. Cameron's volunteer coordinator has said there are approximately 200 Veterans in their home. They have dietary restrictions, so she has asked that we provide a diabetic option, avoid peanut products, and avoid small candies (peppermints, etc.) due to choking hazards. Suzie Morris is contacting Warrensburg to setup a similar delivery to their Veterans home as well.

Local 9 agreed to adopt a local Christmas Family. Kathi Brundage is coordinating this activity and will brief us when she receives the information about our family.

We are still working to determine what our emblem should be. Votes were made online on our Facebook page as well as in the November membership meeting. Leah McDonald has volunteered to price the patches in order to assist us with our decision. The ideas can be viewed on the FORR Local 9 Kearney MO Facebook page.

Nominations and votes for next year's officers and representatives were conducted at the last meeting. Say hello to the new officers and reps of Local 9.

President – Hawk Fitzgerald  
 Vice President – Rob Hull  
 Secretary – Leah McDonald  
 Treasurer – Micki Cole  
 Sgt. of Arms – Jeff Morales  
 CC Representative – Tina Hall  
 Legislative Representative – Cheryl King  
 District Representative – Jeff Morris  
 Webmaster – Rob Hull and Bob Wiese  
 Safety Rep – Rob Hull  
 PR Representative – Bill Windle and Todd Williams  
 Newsletter – Suzie Morris

## Upcoming Events:

December 10: District Meeting, Bates City  
 December 21: Cameron Cookie Drop-Off, Cameron Veteran's Home  
 December: Christmas Adopt-a-Family  
 December: Warrensburg Cookie Drop-Off, Warrensburg Veteran's Home  
 January 11-12: F.E.W. Meeting/CC Meeting  
 Jefferson City, MO (11th)/Columbia, MO (12th)  
 February: Pool Tournament (date TBD), FatBoyz, Kearney  
 April 29: Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally  
 September 25-28: Meeting of the Minds  
 Leah McDonald, Rob Hull, Hawk Fitzgerald, and Micki Cole attended the FORR Central Committee Meeting November 9 and 10th in Jefferson City. Highlights from the minutes included discussions on the following: Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally in Sedalia (Labor Day 2014), Mid-South Mile 2014 Event in Kansas

## Important note from the Officers Meeting

There are several Locals putting on events without sanction and insurance from FORR. It was suggested that we read up on Sanction Processes. Insurance and approval by FORR needs to be completed

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30 days in advance of any event.

We are allowed to have fund raising events amongst ourselves without opening to the public without the sanction/insurance, etc. Examples of these types of events are membership drawings at our Local meetings, giveaways at our Local meetings, fun run (just our people with no fees for the event), etc.

We can also have an information booth at Local events without insurance. There must be no exchange of money at this event in order to be non-sanctioned.

FORR patches must be on the front of the vest/jackets, etc. Review bylaws regarding patches.

Can't make it to a meeting? No worries! Our Webmaster(s) will be setting up a Skype account! Information to follow!

## **LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY**

**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127**

Here is wishing you and yours a very Happy & Prosperous New Year!

## **LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**

**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.**

**Carthage Family Restaurant, 125 N Garrison Ave, Carthage**

**Contact: 417-793-4899**

Happy New Year FORR Family and Friends,

The local had great wrap up for 2012, we had some fun runs, some charity drives, and a great election. The local did a toy rum for the Salvation Army with one of the biggest turnouts in the history of all of our toy runs. Awesome, so many other groups want to continue building this tradition with us. and plans are already in the works for next year's Toy Run.



Also on our Charity drives, we had a Colorbooks 4 Kids run for Bright Futures. Bright Futures pass out snack bags to children in the community who may not have enough to eat on the weekends. This was a very successful run. and we have several people to thank for their

support in the community. Thanks to the people of Shirley's Tavern in Carterville, MO who raised over \$200 for the run, the Employees of the Dollar Store who donated from their own pockets, when the company couldn't do it. and many others who pulled together to make such a great impact on the community. Special thanks to Kaime Johnson. who organized and empowered everyone to help a charity that is just getting their feet off the ground and even more the children in our community who can now enjoy the coloring books and foods while they are away from the hot meals the school offers.

Our November meeting took place at a New members home, Diane Johnson, thank you for opening your home to the Local. We are happy and excited to have you as a member of this local. You really stepped-up to the plate when all else failed. Now we expect great things from you. I know you won't let us down. We had great Pot-Luck Thanksgiving meal provided by the local members. Also we had our November elections.

And now a word from the Local President...

Here are the results for the elections for L11

President. FamousMike Carter  
Vice Joseph Bogle  
Sargent Bill Kollmeyer  
Secretary. Kaime Johnson...  
Treasurer and Membership Ella McCoy  
Legislative. Donald Maki  
CC Rep. Mark Anthony Capps  
Product. Janese Johnson  
Editor. Leslie Sanders  
Historian Kimberly Grunden

I would like to thank everyone for all the help throughout the 2013 year. I plan on helpin L11 start growing to great heights. We got a lot of good ideas any I'm sure many more to come so 2014 look out we r on the hunt for lots of good stuff planed (had another word for stuff but thought I'd edit just abit) So I will end this with one more thanks to Sparky I feel that's all I need to say. ~Famous Mike Carter

I can sit here and Thank Local member after local member. Because every member is a treasure to Local 11. Without the dedication of its members, Local 11 would not be where we are today. I am excited to be a 12 year member, I love this organization and all my Brothers and Sisters all across the state. Thank you FORR for being a wonderful part of my life.

Thank you Local 11 and Friends Thereof, for your dedication and commitment to protecting the Rights and preserving the Brotherhood that is Motorcyclists.

A word to the wise, Read this quote and remember this is where we need to be when we walk up those capitol step in Jeff City.

*Nothing is as frustrating as arguing with someone who knows what he's talking about. ~Sam Ewing*

On that note, I bid you safe travels and may the wind be at your back and the sunshine on your shoulders.

Mark "Sparky" Capps

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**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW****Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Fish Beak Saloon, 1st St., Glasgow****Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com**

Greetings to all of our friends out in FORR-land from your brothers and sisters in Local 12, Glasgow. Before I go any further, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here in Local 12! We are anticipating a great year in 2014 and would like to send best wishes to Bill (Treetop) Duncan and all the other new C.C. officers. We would also like to send a big "thank you" to Martin King and all the members of his outgoing cabinet.

Speaking of Treetop, many thanks from all of us here at Local 12 for setting up our new Freedom of Road Riders Local 12 Facebook page. Also, thanks to Valerie Taylor, Local 13 member and newsletter editor, for her help. I hope all our members with a computer will take the time to check out our page. You can find it by running a Facebook search on Freedom of Road Riders Local 12. I always post meeting dates, event notices, and other items of interest to our members and to all motorcyclists. You don't have to be a Local 12 member to join, we encourage all other FORR members and motorcyclists to become members and check out what's going on in the world of motorcycling.

Missing items dept.: Last month I neglected to mention the very nice profile of Local 12 members Barry and Susan McDaniel in an issue of the Moto Guzzi Owner's Club newsletter. Barry and Susan are charter members of Local 12 and two of the nicest people you will ever meet. They have been outstanding members of the local and great friends to Gloria and I. They'll also talk you into riding a Moto Guzzi if you're not careful! Barry and Susan, here's a salute of the Local 12 FORR cap to you! We had a great meeting on Dec. 1st at the Fish Beak Saloon in Glasgow, which we recently voted as our new permanent meeting place. Boz called the meeting to order at 3:08, the minutes and treasurer's report were approved, then John gave his C.C. report. We have a new approach to the helmet modification bill this year. To regain freedom of choice in regards to helmets, a rider must be at least 25 years of age, must have an "M" in the motorcycle endorsement box on his or her driver's license and may have to pass a motorcycle safety course. I say "may" because this will be a bargaining chip we might use if it is needed to get the helmet law modification through the legislature and signed by the governor. Whether or not it is included, I would HIGHLY encourage all of our riding members to take a safety course, you will learn skills that are invaluable on the street. I taught motorcycle rider education for ten years and can tell you that it just flat works! Being an instructor also made me a much better rider because I learned from every class I taught. I plan to take an experienced rider course myself this coming spring as a tune-up for the coming riding season.

John also encouraged us to attend the upcoming F.E.W. Seminar in Jefferson City on Saturday, Jan. 11th, the day before the C.C. meeting. It will be held at the American Legion Post #5 building and begin with sign-in at 9 am. Melanie Coy has very graciously invited me to be one of the hosts of the Greybeards seminar; Where We Came From. I am really looking forward to this because I will be re-united with my great friends and Brothers B.L., Halfbreed, Tip Tipton, and Pompeii. There are a lot of great subjects that will be covered and it will be worth your time and money to attend.

Boz gave us all best wishes for the coming holidays and reminded us to be thinking about the coming discussion at the January meeting about what local charities we would like to donate to. Socko gave his report and told us that Doug Hammack, a Local 12 member from Marshall, has throat cancer. We voted to donate \$200 to Doug and all of us at Local 12 wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Every time Local 12 does another donation like this, it makes me that much prouder to be a member. We have donated many thousands of dollars to down Sisters and Brothers, as well as to local charities.

In old business, we discussed the upcoming Christmas Party on Dec. 7th and a complete report on it will be in the next Freedom Press. In new business, we nominated our officer candidates for 2014. All the present officers were again nominated with no opposition and we voted to elect each one by acclamation. Our 2014 officers will be: president-Boz Lanning; vice-president- Johnny "Socko" Adcock; secretary and newsletter editor-Smokey Strodman; treasurer-Laura Adcock; legislative officer and C.C. rep.- John Stouffer; district rep.- Lyndal Gerlt; and events coordinator- Tami Adcock. Congratulations and many thanks for a job well done to all of our officers and good luck in 2014!

Smokey announced our new Facebook page for Local 12. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm and Butch Johnson won the membership pot. Congratulations, Butch!

Coming soon in the FORR Local 12 news: a complete history of the Firecracker Classic, from its' beginnings in 1984.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 5th- regular Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow  
Feb. 2nd- regular Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow

If you have news you would like to see in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at my new e-mail address; smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com, or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free, Smokey,

**LOCAL 13 - MEXICO****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Call for information****Contact: 573-881-7410 or 573-291-1465**

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters,

Well another year is upon us with many possibilities ahead to look forward too. This years nominee's for Local 13 officers are: BL McDonnell for President, Jeff Cupp for Vice President, Valerie Taylor for Secretary and Memberships, Laura Williams for Treasure, Raymond Palmer for Legist. and C.C. Rep., Greg "Half Breed" Mullanix for Alternate C.C. Rep., Rock Palmer for Sgt. of Arms, Bill Weldon for Chaplin, and a new and much needed office of Event Coordinator with nominee, Kim Archer has been added. Safety officer will be voted on in January. This year is sure to be a fun one, we are looking at new ways to spread the word about FORR by hopefully adding more events to our calendar and increasing membership. A big welcome to our newest members Maria Michael and Gary Holt, from California, yes while I was out there taking care of things I did a couple recruits, couldn't help myself. Our Local has also started a Face Book page with the help of Bill "Treetop" Duncan, who was very supportive in this move and I must say I couldn't have done it without him, so a big thank you goes out to him and his crew. Not everyone agreed with this move, but I have met some awesome folks, I would have never met otherwise. I must say it has been a pleasure getting to know each of them.

I have been going over old articles of the Freedom Press, because I truly believe our past is important to our future. I must say Smokey's old Smoke Signal's are very funny yet informative between laughing and shaking my head in agreement, they are very much worth a second look. I can only hope to be as articulate and as passionate as him one day. All I can say is some things are worth repeating and going over again. I am still learning about FORR and want to know as much as I can about how we got started and what we are fighting for. With that said the FEW seminar is right around the corner and I for one am very excited about it. Not only will I have the chance to meet members from all around the state, but also those who attend will also get a chance to know how and why this Organization began. There are going to be some pretty exciting speakers there including our own Greg "Half Breed" Mullanix and BL McDonnell, to tell us about how it all started and what it took to get to where we are today. This should be interesting as well as entertaining to say the least. I hope that everyone who can from our Local takes the time to make it to this event. It's going to be very informative and a great way to meet members throughout the state. This event is meant for

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sharing new ideas, listening to those around us and educating ourselves to what is truly important in the fight for freedom. I hope to walk away with a better understanding of those who came before us, and ways to keep moving forward with the cause. Like I said, I truly believe that our past will reflect our future, really you can't have one without the other.

Well until next time Be Safe and Live Life to the Fullest,  
Valerie Taylor

Acting Secretary of Local 13

## **LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**

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

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

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

Greetings, Local 14 and Nomads,

After elections last month, your new officers are as follows:

Joe Widmer	Chairman
Mike Basso	Vice-Chairman
Secretary	Donna Hilburn
Treasurer and Membership	Carol Harrison
Joe Widmer and Mike Basso	Central Committee

Other officers will be assigned as we get in to the new year.

Our Christmas party and auction just completed. We will be making donations in nearly the exact amounts we made last year. A big thanks to Ron Keese, Redneck, Gwen Walters, Peggy Karnes and Billy, Charlie from the VFW, Trish Bernotas, Susan Morrison, Doug and Gene Hilburn, Mike Basso, Derrick Holt, Wolfrider and Winnie, and Debbie and Gail Berneking for helping move and organize items to the VFW. Our adopted family is going to be very excited indeed.

Local 14 will be sending two people to the FEW Seminar, Mike Basso and Derrick Holt. If anyone else would like to go with Crash and I, I think we should carpool down and represent Local 14. Let me know soonest. After all, we are here to take over, right? According to the latest report, there will be a number of greybeards representing from all over the state. I hope they will need us more than just this once, as the previous administration made it very clear they didn't need us or our experiences and wisdom.

We have three new members, Justin Boyett and Tiffany Nations and John Garrison and one renewal, Peggy Karnes. Welcome to Local 14.

As you are aware, we have elected new officers at the state level too. Local 14 wishes them the very best as they assimilate in to the collective.

My deadline approaches and my ability to think early in the morning is never at its peak and the clock ticks louder and louder tick tick TICK TOCK! Blessings to you and your houses in the new year.

Blessings to FORR in its continued fight in Jefferson City. I certainly hope we can earn back the respect and ground we've lost recently. We have to renew and reinvigorate our legislative efforts.

Yours in freedom,  
The Scooter Tramp

## **LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**

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

**Location Varies - Call for info**

**Contact: 417-334-0775**

Happy New Year everyone,

First off, I would like to thank everyone for coming out to our November Business meeting. I'm not sure what the record attendance is, but I can tell you that we usually do not have around 70 members monthly. The main reason everyone came out was to support who they wanted in the Office Positions. Here is who was elected for 2014:

President - Tracy Davis
Vice-President - Bill Lloyd
Events coordinator - Ed Danley
Membership Secretary - Melinda Lawhead

Recording Secretary - Tam Danley  
Treasurer - Tam Danley  
Sergeant at Arms - Bill Lloyd  
CC Rep/Legislative contact - Duane Harrison  
State Newsletter - Louise Jungbauer  
Local Newsletter - Jay Pafford  
Product line - Barb Renicke  
Safety Officer - Terry Cobb  
Chaplin - Chris Hensley  
Photographer - Monique Lloyd

Thank you our new officers for stepping up to help run our local also thank you to the outgoing officers for their hard work.

After the meeting I read an interesting article posted by Jay Pafford. The author is unknown,

"Active Member".

Are you an "Active Member" The kind that would be missed, Or are you content, that your name is on the List?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock, Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an Active part, to help the Organization along, Or are you just satisfied to just belong?

Do you push the cause along and really make things tick, Or do leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

Think this over Brother or Sister, You know right from wrong. Are you an Active member or do you just belong?

If you are looking for New Years resolutions why don't you consider becoming an "Active Member"?

Hope you plan on attending our Annual New Years Day Ride. We will meet at the Veterans Museum, 2050 W. Hwy 76 in Branson. Kick stands up at 1 pm. We will ride to Ragin Cajin (formally The Midnight Rose) for a chili dinner. In the past it has been very cold and many still make the ride, they just go by car or truck!

Our next BS meeting will be at Beverly's on East 76 on Mt. Branson. Jan. 7th

We are still having our Business meetings at Charlie's Steak House. on Jan. 20th

In Feb. we will have our BS Meeting at the Rowdy Beaver on W. 76 in Branson.

Hope you are enjoying the Holidays! Hope to see you soon,  
Lou





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**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

At the time of this writing we have just had our meeting at Martin's house. We don't only thank Martin for the hospitality but we thank those who provided the food and took time from their holiday to join us.

At the time of the publication of this edition of the Freedom Press we will have already enjoyed another Christmas Dance. We send our gratitude to the VFW Post for providing the location and Big Ticket for sharing their amazing musical talent.

Christmas will have also passed marking the end of 2013. This is a time when our attention turns to the New Year. Resolutions are a natural part of the beginning of the next chapter of life. For Freedom of Road Riders the coming year holds the promise of new attitudes and a new resolve to step out of the old habit of apathy. This change will be marked at the state level by the FEW Seminar on January 11 at the American Legion Hall in Jefferson City.

One of the requests of the FEW committee was for each Local to choose a woman best representing the spirit and drive that gets the job done. This will be the first year, hopefully not the last, for the Power House award. It was not difficult for us to nominate Karen Neal, Local Secretary, as the woman who is always there, always getting the job done and always generous in sharing her spirit and warmth. As one of the co-chairs of this state event, I invite the members of Local 16 to attend the FEW as a show of support of not only Karen but in honor of the history of a Local that has been in existence almost since the beginning of Freedom of Road Riders.

Our next meeting will be January 17, 7:00 pm at Bill's Place in Biehle. Our January meeting marks another election of officers to lead Local 16. This is an opportunity to show your support of those who take the time to keep the Local moving forward.

Our first 2014 event will be the annual Broomstick Tournament at JR's (formerly Daytimers) in Cape Girardeau. This tournament begins at 2:00 pm on February 15 and will run until the 2014 winner has been "crowned". Broomsticks have a way of leveling the playing field and while we have many excellent pool players in attendance, it's anyone's guess who will reign victorious.

Each spring we hold a dance to allow ourselves to shake off the winter. This year plans are already being made to change this format, to make it bigger and better.

L16 will also be picking up the insurance tab for a statewide awareness event. FORR's successful efforts to have May officially recognized as Motorcycle Awareness month in Missouri brought to an end the need for individual proclamations. The weekend of April 26-27 will see motorcyclists across this state come out in record numbers to show their support of this cause. Like any cause, the larger the numbers, the larger the recognition. We invite our membership to begin now in plans to make this an event to raise awareness of the challenges we face on the road. Education and awareness will always be our greatest tools. In this case, they are the tools that help insure we arrive home safely.

To all our brothers and sisters in Local 16, we wish the best of all New Years!

Melanie

**LOCAL 19 -KIRKSVILLE****Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm****Golden Eagle Hospitality Room****Contact: 660-988-1708**

Greetings Local-19

Now that the riding season is winding down I hope everyone has gotten in plenty of road time. On Nov. 2 the monthly meeting was held at Action Cycle, nominations were made for officers for the upcoming year. Nominated for Pres. Terry Smith, Vice Pres. John Eichemier, Newsletter. Nancy Eichemier, State line Rally Rep. Fred Schwaner, CC Rep. Doug yeans, and Sec/Treasurer. Melinda Lewis. However there are open positions available. Elections will be held next month.

Joni James has been recognized as "Power Women" for our local. She has been instrumental in starting and supporting Local-19. We are proud to have her representing our local at the F.E.W. Seminar in Jefferson City this January. We would like to thank her for her continued support toward our common goal.

The annual auction and dance will be coming up Jan-18. If anyone has items to donate please contact Melinda or Klon. The band has been booked its Rock Road Rebels out of Columbia, they come highly recommended. If you would like a pre-view they have a website. Sounds like it will be even better than last year, so mark your calendars.

We are having trouble with our website at the moment so for up to date information friend us on Facebook.

On a sadder note we lost a friend and local member this past month Melissa "Bamma" Carlyle passed away she will be sadly missed and remembered for the good times we had over the year's. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Roy and her family, she will be sadly missed.

The next meeting will be Dec-7 at Action Cycle in Kirksville at 6:00 pm.

Till next time ride safe  
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**LOCAL 20 - DEXTER**

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



Ho – Ho – Ho away we go into 2014

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those that will be celebrating them or have already celebrated and a BIG thank you to the members that have renewed and a sad farewell to those that have moved on to different things. The events committee has been brain storming in an effort to come up with some fresh new ideas for our

events in the New Year that will stand out and get us noticed in a positive light. We are making an effort to become more visible again in our area many other groups and clubs have formed and our Local seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle our biggest goal this year is to turn that around.

Our Toy Run date has been changed back to October as it seemed we had a better turn out than we have had with the event in November the Meet and Greets have not been as successful as I had hoped but will continue them at least for a couple more these are not advertised as a FORR event it is more to get people to come out and get acquainted better with each other and for us to answer questions that non-members may have about our organization it seems the only thing most people know us for in our end of the state is the battle over the helmet laws. We are also having our meetings in Dexter and Poplar Bluff again even months in Dexter odd months Poplar Bluff.

That gets everyone caught up for now so until next time  
Keep it Between the lines  
Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan – L20

**LOCAL 21 - ELDON**

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

Have a Safe & Happy New Year!

**LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY**

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS**

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114  
Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624

Hello Fellow Freedom Fighters!

I don't have too much to write about this month, so bare with me please.

Coming up REAL FAST is the F.E.W. Seminar in Jeff city... I know that many have signed up to take advantage of the rooms being sponsored by Cindi Thiemet ( owner of Handlebars in Florissant and Pacific) also a fellow FORR member. Please be sure to thank her by patronizing her establishments, and keeping the good times rolling! This year there is a challenge to the local that brings the most new members and first time attendees to the F.E.W. I truly hope that every member of Local 24 will try their best to attend! In order to know where we are going, one must know where we have been. This is a little of what you can learn at this event.

The weekend following the F.E.W. Some folks are putting on a Crockpot cook off, to which all the funds donated will be given to us in support of the bus trip to the capitol on Feb. 18 2014. As a freedom fighting member of FORR® I urge that if you attend any events this new year, that you make sure to attend the three that I just mentioned!!!! It is the core of what we are all here for! You will get a couple of new patches out of the deal as well.

On a sad note, we all wish the best in what life may bring to two of our members as of right now, whom have moved back to Columbia, Mo. Where they plan to open a new local and continue in the good fight right next to us! To Tip and Libbi Tipton I thank you both for being a part of our local family for the time that you were able, and we all wish you God speed in all of your future endeavors! DO NOT BE STRANGERS for you know we are always Framily!

I do not have any new members to mention as of the submission of this newsletter... SO LET US ALL GET OUT THERE AND WORK ON THAT!!!

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Local 19 - Kirksville  
**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction & Dance**  
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That is all I have for this month. Remember to try your very best to attend all three of the aforementioned events. Our rights, safety and way of life depend on YOUR involvement!!

**Jan, 11, 2014 – F.E.W. Seminar**

**Jan. 12, 2014 – C.C. Meeting**

**Jan. 18, 2014 – East Coast Crockpot cook off**

**Feb. 18, 2014 – First Bus Trip to Capitol**

**Mar. 5, 2014 – Second Trip to Capitol**

I have said it before and I will say it again; if ANYONE gets a day off and would like to go to beat down some doors at the Capitol and are not sure of how to go about it, or even if you just want company beside you. Feel free to give me a call! (314) 744-1092

*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. Aristotle*

Treetop

## **LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**

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

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



Hello All,

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Thanks to all who turned out for the Local 25 Christmas Party on December 14th.. and the Local 25 Social Freezeout (or) Not Ride on New Years Day January 1st.

### **New Central Committee**

Local 25 would like to congratulate Bill "Treetop" Duncan and his cabinet as our new Central Committee. We would also like to congratulate our local's own Lynne "Blinker" Adkins who will be our new Central Committee Treasure. We know Lynne will make us proud and you all will do an outstanding job!

### **New 2014 Local 25 Officers**

Congratulations to our local 25 officers... President – Chad Seng, VP – Jay Flagg (welcome aboard), Secretary – Pam Seng, Treasure – Lynne Adkins, CC/Legislative – Mark Roloff, Safety – Susan Lockhart, Membership and Event Coordinator– Chris Heitman, Newsletter – Dale "Rascal" Covington, and Adopt-A-Shop – Debby Singer (Welcome Aboard). We look forward to an awesome year with FORR Local 25.

### **Our 2014 Events**

June 1 - Local 25 Bear Run,

July 19 - Save the Ta-Ta's,

August 19 - The Local 25/ ABATE Rodeo

October 18 - Local 25 Leaves in the Breeze

### **Safety Note**

Susan Lockhart has done a fabulous job in making us aware of new regulations, standards, statistics and giving us some great Safety tips. 2013 was the worst year with fatalities. Help us make 2014 a safer year for riders.

As always.. Remember.. Leather UP & Rubber DOWN  
Rascal

## **LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**

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

**(Call for info location varies)**

**Contact: 660-582-4599**

A Happy New Year from Local 26

Hard to say what the weather is while you're reading this, but I'm betting it's cold and probably has frozen precipitation involved. Writing the January newsletter at the end of November makes predictions a bit difficult.

If that sounds like I'm rambling a bit, it's because there isn't much to talk about. We had our first bit of freezing rain and such a week

before Thanksgiving and by the first of December I still have snow and ice around the house, despite a couple warm days. There is a good chance we'll be seeing more snow and cold for the next few months. By February, a lot of us will be suffering from PMS: Parked Motorcycle Syndrome. You know it's bad when you find yourself sitting on the bike in the garage with a fan turned on just so you can pretend you're in the wind. As long as it doesn't happen more than once a week, I won't say anything else about it.

Now is the time when you can't ride because of the slick roads or it's too cold; but is the garage warm enough to let you do the "winter maintenance" you need to get done before riding season. A lot of us are guilty of waiting until it warms a bit before we spend much time in the garage. Then it's too nice to be inside and we want to ride. Hopefully you've been good boys and girls and Santa brought you good stuff for your bike. Now is the time to plan and repair. Fix those annoying little things you could live with, but didn't have time to repair while you were riding. Clean the contacts on those switches. Install those extra lights. Finally get around to adjusting those pegs to where you really want them. Close is great when you're in a hurry, but now is the time to get them perfect. It's also a good time to schedule an appointment for painting those tanks and other body parts. They might just have time to fit you in now.

We haven't had any scheduled events since the Toy Run, so I have nothing else to report. Stay warm, dry and good hunting to those of you that deer hunt. I wish you lots of success. The more you harvest, the fewer I have to watch out for.

Safe journeys,  
Harold



This year Local 26 collected a large group of toys and \$155 for TCW and the Toys for Tots drive. For The Ministry Center, the group collected \$230. Pictured from the left are Harold Duryea, Steve Cox, Milt Sovereign, Joe Furlong, Janis Duryea, Chris Davison, JoDee Lantz, Roy Brown, Jay Steeve, Kathy Rice, Paul and Sandy Jones, Diane Ashbaugh, Lora Cox, Merlin Atkins, of The Ministry Center and Jacque Loghry, TCW representative

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**LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**

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**For more info contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; V.P. J.E. "Jack" Miller 417-309-3434**

As we travel through another season of holidays and celebrations, it's the word "family" that means the most to many of us. Our family at local 27 has had a wild ride this year between welding accidents, children's surgeries and watching our brothers and sisters ride the pavement before our eyes. I'm sad and also very proud that many of our monthly meetings have become impromptu prayer meetings.

Logistics, economics and personalities have tested us and sometimes bested us, but we have remained family. Taking one another into our homes, passing the hat, and driving countless miles in the dark of night for just one phone call, we've proven that we are far more than just a loose collection of hobby wheelers. At a time when the word "brotherhood" is thrown around with no more meaning than well marketed un-reality TV, I am proud to call the men and women of local 27 my family.

As the state organization has looked to the future in selecting new leadership, we've done the same. Let us all spend the winter garage time reflecting on who we are, what we are capable of, and just how far we can go, together, as a family. Anyone can buy a cheap embroidered patch with the word "brotherhood" on it,... I prefer family.

Heads up, wheels down and balls out my friends,... Merry Christmas and happy new year! -Jack

**LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**

**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.**

**Pulaski Shriners Club.**

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

As the year starts to wind down, take time to reflect on all of the things that we have accomplished throughout the year. The rides that we took, the events that we participated in, the bills that we attempted to get changed, amended or added, and most of all, the friends that we made while we were doing everything else. Take a moment to reflect and then pat yourself on the back for having a good year!! Taz would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in the events and to those who worked with him on his cabinet. Keep up the good work and hope to see everyone next year!!

Notes from this month's meeting:

There are no notes from this month's meeting as this newsletter needs to be turned in before the meeting.

The Veteran's Day parade was attended by some of the Local 28 members. Thank you to all who came out and rode in the parade!



**2013 SCHEDULE**  
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The toy collection which was held on November 30th was a huge success. The sled was filled and over \$600.00 was collected. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out and collected toys.



The Waynesville Christmas Parade was held on 1 December. Members of Local 28 FORR combined with the CMA and rode through town. Thank you to all of the riders who came out and represented. Becky Dunne won the chili cook-off and Taz won for the hottest entry. Sue Miller took second and third place. Congratulations to all of the chili cooks.

**LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**

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

**American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO**

**Contact: Steve Williams 816-509-1209 or**

**Bob Neal 816-809-7184**

**Facebook: FORR Local 29**

We had a great November meeting. Fifteen members (25% of our membership) attended. We had a delicious vegetable beef soup for lunch provided by Don Jackson. We also had some tasty left overs: Ham and beans cooked by Steve Williams and provided by Donna Duyck. Ursula DeMoss gave an excellent report from the last CC meeting. All other officers gave their reports. We passed around a sign-up sheet for the remaining needed items for the Synergy House Thanksgiving Dinner. We also passed around a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts for the pot luck meal at our next meeting. The meat will be provided by Jim and Danita Hodges.

At our December meeting we are having a white elephant gift exchange. We will also elect our officers for next year at the meeting. We took nominations today and will take additional nominations at the December meeting. Officer nominations so far are: President: Paul McCormack; Vice-President: Sheila Neal; Secretary: Donna Duyck; Treasurer: Bob Neal; CC Rep: Ursula DeMoss; Legislative Rep: Ursula DeMoss; Newsletter: Bob Neal; Sgt-At-Arms: Don Jackson; Safety: Jim Duyck and Steve Williams; Product Line: Shirley McCormack; District 4 Activities Rep: Ursula DeMoss; MAFR Reps: Steve and Janet Williams; Historian: Janet Williams; Chaplain: Connie Kephart; Assistant Chaplain: Jim Hodges; Social Secretary: Jackie Smith. By the time you are reading this our new officers will be elected.

Had Joe Loyd been present at our meeting he would have won the Membership Incentive of \$20.00. It now goes to \$30.00 next month. Donna Duyck won the attendance incentive of a \$36.00 split and she donated her winnings back to the Synergy House Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you Donna.

We got confirmation from the state that part of our Freedom Park donation was converted to a general fund donation. This makes our total yearly donation well over \$1,500. I'll close on that positive note and extend an invitation. We would love to see you at a meeting. We provide a free meal and a good time. Come join us. See our Facebook page for more information or to contact us. Facebook: FORR Local 29

**LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**

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

It was eleven years ago that I lost my only son. It was eleven years ago that the colors of my world turned a slightly different hue. The oranges of autumn and holiday greens and reds of December all seem duller, hazier; almost as if looking through the sepia lens of the camera. Although my holidays today are brighter, they still serve up a different sort of grief. A grief that is no longer a feeling of initial shock and disbelief, rather a reminder of the emptiness of the heart evidenced by the emptiness of the third stocking hung, and the empty chair at the holiday table. By the time you are reading this, I'll be able to breathe again. I'll be ever so humbly awaiting spring when long rides into the beautiful Ozark hills will replace the sepia lens of the camera with rose colored glasses. The trees will bud and raingear will be required. Fair-weather friends will start to gather, and life in general bounces back with a little spring in it's step. Ah, but don't let me get ahead of myself just yet. Allow me to bring you up to speed.

Our November meeting met at Logan's Roadhouse in Springfield and reported Local 30 has a total of fifty-six members with seventeen members in attendance. Topics discussed on the state level included encouraging locals to purchase insurance for events, statewide membership decreases, and guidelines for giveaways. Danne also advised that CC meetings would be moved to Columbia, MO., and the F.E.W. Seminar will be held on January 11th in Jefferson City. State level elections brought some new officers and we want them to know that Local 30 will continue to support them as they represent us. Thanks for your commitment and service.

Local 30 elections resulted in the following officers:

President: Mark Davis  
 Vice President: David Cantrell  
 CC Rep: Danne Roberts  
 Treasurer: Eric Jensen  
 Secretary: Christine Saxton

Non-elected positions include:

Membership: Lisa Davis  
 Event Coordinator: Channy Partridge  
 Newsletter: Christine Saxton

Our Christian County toy run appeared to have been a success with approximately one hundred and thirty eight bikes present. Toys were donated to "Least of These" in Nixa, and monetary donations went to the St. Joseph's church food bank in Billings. We hope next year you'll join us again and stick around a while and get to know some of your fellow motorcycle enthusiasts. What an awesome opportunity to pay it forward.

Local 30's annual Leather and Lace party will be held on Saturday February 8, 2014. We're changing it up a little this year and the location will be at the American Legion Post #676 at 5485 West Sunshine in Springfield. You can access the location easily off of the James River Expressway, and can expect the same awesome silent auction as years before, as well as live music, giveaways, appetizers, draft specials and full bar service. Entry this year is only ten dollars (\$10)! There are several hotels in the area if you choose to stay close to the venue. We hope to see you there.

A final thought: "Sometimes it's not about who you once had in your life, rather about those you chose to keep in your life". Thanks to my FORR family for making tough times in my life a bit more bearable.

Ride happy, ride safe, and be blessed in the New Year.  
 Christine S.

**LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**

**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location varies - call for info**  
**Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or**  
**Sabrina Shivers 573-201-1385**

Happy New Years from the gang!

**LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**

**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.**  
**AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.**  
**President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625**

Happy Holidays from L-33.

At the Dec. meeting we elected 2014 L-33 officers

Pres. Bo Smith. He won without promising affordable health care. Bo, it's easier said than done.

Vice Pres.-JR "Moose" DeGraffenreid. The meetings may never be the same.

Treasurer-Doug Weiss

Secretary-Sherry Harris

Membership Secretary- Shelly Kertz

CC Rep-Legislative-"Cowboy" Roy Hoard

Dist. 4 Rep. Rick "Sarge" Salyer

Head Road Capt./Safety Officer-Billy Harris

Asst.. Road Cpts. Mike Walsh, Ken Schneider, Mark Baty and John Cohen

Product Line-Shelly Payne

Historian-DD Smith

Newsletter Editor-Kathy Garver

Webmaster-Sam "Hog" King

Sgt. At Arms- Rick "Sarge" Salyer

Write in was nominated for every office but did not win a single office.

Sarge won the membership incentive pot. Billy won the George Washington pot, and donated it to Adopt-A-Family.

Dec. 7th we were at the Sedalia Christmas Parade.

Dec. 14 and 15th Adopt-A-Family went down. Santa on a bike! That's cool.

And on the 49th I turn 23.

See you next year

Safe Travels

Cowboy Roy

**LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**

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



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**LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**

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

Not much going on in north Missouri this time of year. Hope this finds everyone in good health. This time of the year brings out a lot of sickness and bad weather. I don't like either one. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday, and may Santa bring you everything you want. All I want is for my family to be safe and happy. So to all my FORR family merry Christmas and happy new year. I think my 6 year old grandson watches to much television. In Sunday school class they asked the kids if they knew what the resurrection was about. My grandson raised his hand and said all he knew was if it lasted more than 4 hours to call a doctor.

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**LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO**  
**Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164**

Happy New Year!!


Let me start off by introducing my self, my name is Paula Williams. This is new for me so bare with me while I do my best to bring the latest news and updates from our local.

Our Monthly meeting was held on November 24th and we had some surprise guest among us, at this time I would like to thank our State Chairman elect Bill (Treetop) Duncan and his beautiful wife Kathleen and Local 24 President elect Kenneth Lewis and His beautiful wife Kerri. It was nice seeing all of you. We also held our election of officers during this meeting. Please join me in congratulating the following elected 2014 officials for Local 42.

President- Kenny (Ditch) Williams  
 V.P.- (Krazy) Carl Holman  
 Secretary- Kim Ross  
 Treasurer-Debbie Mitchell (Biker Deb)  
 Historian/Newsletter-Paula Williams  
 CC Rep- Keith (Kiefer)York  
 Legislative-Mike(Tex)GARNER  
 Sgt. at Arms- George Halbert  
 Safety Officer- Kiefer York

At this time I would like to welcome two new member to Local 42, Randy Politte and Lynette Breher

We had our annual toy distribution for the foster kids of Franklin county this past Sunday, December 2nd. I am just in awe on how much joy this brings to the children, I'm not sure which is the best part watching the kids eyes light up when they see Santa or seeing the tears in the foster parents eyes when they receive the bag of gifts that were donated by



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total strangers who pull together to make this a great Christmas for these children.

OK So I think I might be finished with my first newsletter.....I promise I will try to keep them short but to the point!!

Oh before I forget If you need or would like a Local 42 patch or T-Shirt call Ditch: 314-221-7164

Until next month...Peace Out!  
Paula

**LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**

**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am**  
**Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)**  
**Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497**

Our November meeting had 26 members and 6 guests in attendance. We had nominations for our 2014 Officers and so far they are: President: Russell Felts, VP: Jack Garrison, Secretary: Sharon Ko Mathis, Treasurer: Ronda Felts, Sargent of Arms: John Reinert , Safety Officer/Road Captain: Norb Weiderholt, District 4 Rep: Dale Perrigo, CC Rep: Dave Voigts, Legislative Rep: Dave Voigts, Newsletter Editor: Lynn Crowley, and Historian: Nancy Martin. Elections will be held at our December meeting so check back with us in February to find out who the lucky winners are! Thank you all for stepping up!

We are up to 37 members now and I want to welcome our newest members, Nancy Martin, L. A. Ross and Larry Scott.

This year Local 47 adopted a family for Christmas and I want to thank everyone who donated items. There are a lot of people out there struggling just to make ends meet, much less have a little extra during the Holidays. Ronda Felts also helped some of the members of Local 29 celebrate it's 26th year of preparing Thanksgiving dinner for the kids at Synergy House by donating a turkey and mashed potatoes. Local 9, which is the newest Local of FORR also jumped in to help.

We want to thank Martin King, Kathy Garver, Steve "Staples" Comeau, "Sky" McWilliams and Katherine Fox who will be leaving their positions as our State Cabinet this year and passing the torch to the members of the new Cabinet. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Freedom of Road Riders. We also want to congratulate the new members of the State Cabinet and thank you for stepping up.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Lynn Crowley

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**DISTRICT 4**

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

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Contact: 816-550-9591 or 816-536-8147

Dear FORR District 4 members and all others:

It's with somewhat of a heavy heart that I am herewith announcing my official LAST newsletter in the position of DISTRICT 4 ACTIVITY CHAIR. The past year has been a difficult time for me as I deliberated the direction of my life. Whether it would be best served to run again, or to hope that someone else will step up to this position.

My decision is to dedicate my time and energy towards my husband, my home and family in the future, and to remain active in other ways, a little less demanding. Getting older is not easy and I slowly realize that there are things I can no longer do, due to age. Lots has happened in my life, and I feel the need to concentrate more on personal issues. Honestly can say I learned a lot, had a lot of fun....and felt humbled on several occasions.

My sincere THANK YOU to all the District Representatives, who worked and planned along with me....it was my PLEASURE, lots would not have gotten done if not for YOU.

It certainly has been an interesting 2 years and it is my sincere hope that your next District cabinet will serve you well. I will be happy to help my replacement -- and will be available, if needed.

If not for the support to our Organization and Central Committee, we as a District would not exist.

With this being said, I hope that the Locals within District 4 will continue to partake in FORR's mission, which is to PROTECT and GUARD the rights of all motorcyclist.

Thanks so much. My experience has been rewarding and productive, and I wish only the best for you -- and for the organization.

Respectfully submitted  
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Q. Who may receive the “Engineer of Freedom” award?

A. Any member in good standing of Freedom of Road Riders®.

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

A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Kathy Garver, PO Box 308, Oak Grove, MO 64075-0308 or secretary@forr.net

Q. How are nominees selected as an “Engineer of Freedom”?

A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations prior to each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

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

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

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TIME	PRESENTATION
9:00-10:00 am	SIGN IN/REGISTRATION OPENING CEREMONY
10:00-10:45 am	FORR EVERY WOMAN HELEN WESSON
11:00-11:45 am	RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE MEETING ROBERT'S RULES JOE WIDMER, BILL KAMPFNER, TAZ MOSELER, STEVE COMEAU
11:45-1:00 pm	BOOK PRIZE LUNCH SUBJECT SHOW
1:00-1:45 pm	315'S TEX GARNER, JOY HOARD, DEANNA RHODES, CAL LANGFORD
2:00-2:45 pm	MEMORIALS DEEMPHIZES SMARTIN KING, RONDA FELTS, CAL LANGFORD, DANNIE ROBERTS (MAYBE)
3:00-3:45 pm	GREYBEARDS WHERE WE CAME FROM GREG MULLINAX, BL, TIP TOTTEN, POMPEII & ?
4:00-5:00 pm	REFLECTIONS TERRY LES COOK HAPPY HOUR LET THE GAMES BEGIN
5:00-6:00 PM	
6:00-CLOSE	BANQUET, AUCTION (BOTH SILENT & LIVE) GAMES & DUCK PERRY



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# Connections



## 13NR38 - MRF News Release - CDC Task Force to Recommend Mandatory Helmet Laws

13 Nov. 2013

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that the rumors are true. A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) task force is set to issue a report calling on all 50 States to enact mandatory helmet law.

The task force, known as the Community Preventative Services Task Force, is a 15 member, non-federal, independent group that utilizes CDC staff and resources to develop "Findings and Rationale Statements." These statements make recommendations that run the gamut of topics from asthma control to work place safety. The past recommendations have included motor vehicles, focusing on seat belts, child seats and alcohol use. This is the first time the task force has recommended anything to do with motorcycling. Task force members are appointed by the Director of the CDC and serve a five-year term. All current members are doctors, with one exception.

The report claims that mandatory helmet laws will save lives and money. This is the same tired, lopsided theme used by the CDC in their last report about motorcycle safety. According to the CDC website the six main safety tips for riders are: always wear a DOT helmet, never drink and ride, don't let friends drink and ride, avoid tailgating, wear bright colored protective clothing, and don't ride fast on gravel. There is not one mention of rider education or licensing. It is not a surprise that the CDC's answer to motorcycle safety are helmet laws, it is their go to answer. The new report was drafted by associates of the individuals that issued the last CDC motorcycle safety report. The repetition is to be expected. In conversations with the MRF, the CDC clearly expressed their opinion that rider education does not work. Strangely lacking from the long list of prior recommendations of the task force was distracted driving.

One would think that a group of highly educated individuals may appreciate that education should play a role in motorcycle safety. The motorcycle safety community has proven that rider education works. Over the first 10 years of the New Hampshire State motorcycle safety rider education program, more than 23,000 motorcyclists were trained and since then only one person from the 23,000 has been in a fatal crash. In addition, the CDC asserts that fatalities have nearly doubled since 2000 while failing to take into account the increase in registered motorcycles. In fact, in 2000 there were 2,862 fatal crashes for 4.9 million registered motorcycles. This means in 2000 .058 percent of all registered motorcycles were involved in a fatal crash. In 2010 there were 4,502 fatalities for 8.4 million registered motorcycles, which puts just .053 percent of registered motorcycles in a fatal crash. A slight decrease in the ratio of registered motorcycles to fatalities with 3.5 million more motorcycles on the road. These are just some of the facts presented from the CDC research that have been presented at all four MRF conferences going back to fall of 2012.

The CDC solution to motorcycle safety is safer crashing. We at the MRF have been urging the government to shift the focus of motorcycle safety to crash avoidance, not safer crashing. The best crash is the one that does not happen.

The task force report will try to convince their reader that states with choice helmet laws experience a higher amount of health care costs. That's just not true. In 2010, the Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a study of inpatient hospital expenses by state. Of the 12 most expensive states for daily inpatient hospital expenses, seven had mandatory helmet laws. The 12 least expensive states for daily inpatient hospital expenses, four had mandatory helmet laws. Mandatory helmet laws do not save money.

Members of Congress recently sent a letter at the request of the MRF, asking the CDC to discontinue this sort of research. The letter asks the

CDC director to focus on such issues as heart disease and not motorcycle safety. The letter was authored by Mr. Tom Petri (WI) and was publicized and promoted on Capitol Hill by the MRF. The MRF sent numerous releases asking the motorcyclists to help get congressional support. The CDC Director's response is sure to be weak, but will be reported on. The MRF learned from CDC staff that the task force report is expected to become public sometime the first week of December. The MRF is working on obtaining an embargoed copy of the report. This is certain to be national news. Even the staff members at the CDC are aware of this and are calling the report "controversial".

Use the MRF's latest "Fact or Fiction" piece, which was made public at the most recent Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington D.C. in May of 2013 to educate your legislators. The one page document has information about the CDC and the misconception related to the effectiveness of helmet laws. The MRF encourages you to use this information and contact your friends in Congress to let them know this is coming.

You can view the "Fact or Fiction" piece here:  
[http://www.mrf.org/pdf/MRF\\_FactOrFiction2013.pdf](http://www.mrf.org/pdf/MRF_FactOrFiction2013.pdf)

Be armed with the facts, its likely that you will be contacted by media reporters, friends and family members asking you why you support helmet law choice. Be informed and vigilant. We need to stand up for our rights. You have to defend yourself because no one else will. Should you need any documentation or information do not hesitate to contact the MRF D.C. office.

## 13NR39 - MRF News Release - EPA proposal would require less ethanol to be produced in 2014

18 Nov. 2013

Last Friday, November 15th, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a proposed rule that would force the United States to produce less ethanol in 2014. This is the first time the EPA has decided that less renewable fuels should be produced the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports. The reaction is due to the declining markets since Congress passed the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) in 2007. The move was expected as the demand for higher ethanol blends has been shrinking across the country. The proposed rule by the EPA lowers the amount of ethanol that must be blended into U.S. fuel supplies from 16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons in 2014, the same amount that was produced in 2012.

Ethanol has been controversial. It can harm the power trains of vehicles and leave the owner with a voided warranty. It has lead to higher corn prices, which has lead to higher costs associated with certain food items such as milk, eggs and meat. Both of which have drawn the disdain of many Americans. Ethanol was supposed to be the spark that lead to cleaner renewable fuels such as switch grass and other sources of alternative fuels, and that just has not happened since the RFS law was passed six years ago.

The decreased demand for fuel in general has flat lined due to more fuel-efficient vehicles and the rising cost of fuel. The proposal is open for public comment for 60 days before it could become final.

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue.

# Connections



## Are possible restrictions on federal public lands coming soon?

Contact your senators and representative today!

While touring federal public lands in California, Interior Department Secretary Sally Jewell once again called on Congress to quickly set aside more land for conservation. If Congress won't act, Sec. Jewell said, she will recommend to U.S. President Barack Obama that he designate new public lands for conservation, potentially limiting access for motorized recreationists.

The American Motorcyclist Association believes that only Congress should have the ability to limit access to public lands through appropriate Wilderness designations. The President should not have the authority to usurp Congress by administrative fiat.

As a result, the AMA is currently supporting S. 104, the National Monuments Act, as well H.R. 250, H.R. 382, H.R. 432 and H.R. 758. These bills will require congressional and local approval before designating new National Monuments.

President Obama designated five new national monuments on May 25, 2013.

Please let your senators and representative know that you support these bills by clicking the "Take Action" button and sending them a prewritten letter.

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## U.S. lawmaker: Is Centers for Disease Control trying to reduce motorcycle use?

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) is asking the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention whether it is trying to reduce motorcycle ridership by pursuing a federal mandatory motorcycle helmet law, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

The congressman also is questioning the economic impacts the CDC cited to support mandatory motorcycle helmet laws.

In a letter to CDC Director Thomas Frieden (enclosures included) dated Nov. 21, Walberg, who is a lifelong motorcyclist, an AMA life member and a member of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, asked "...is it the goal or strategy of the CDC to reduce the use of motorcycles -- a legal mode of transportation -- by recommending and pursuing a federal helmet law?"

"If so, how would this strategy be implemented and by what authority would it be instituted?" Walberg asked. He also questioned whether Frieden believes the CDC is the federal agency best suited to research and make recommendations related to transportation safety.

The CDC, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is headquartered in Atlanta.

Walberg sent the letter after analyzing a presentation titled "Economic Impact of Motorcycle Helmet Law: A Systematic Review." The presentation was made by the Helmet Law Review Team of the Community Preventive Services Task Force on Oct. 23. The 15-member

task force, each of whom is appointed by the CDC director, makes recommendations to the CDC and reports to the U.S. Congress about community preventive services, programs and policies to improve health. The task force is preparing to recommend that all states have universal helmet laws, which means that all riders, regardless of age, would be required to wear helmets.

In his letter, Walberg strongly opposed its findings and conclusions. One part of the presentation, in particular, "infers a positive awareness of helmet laws with the potential for reduced motorcycle use," Walberg said. "The presentation goes on to conclude that 'economic evidence shows that universal motorcycle helmet laws produce substantial economic benefits, and these benefits greatly exceed expected costs,' however, there is no reference whatsoever to the significant economic costs anticipated by reducing motorcycle use.

"In fact, the only costs identified by the Task Force on slide 37 are the costs of purchasing a motorcycle helmet and the enactment and enforcement costs of helmet laws, which are concluded to be negligible," Walberg said. "Not only does this contradict the earlier findings about how imposing motorcycle laws would discourage motorcycle use, but it ignores the positive economic impact motorcyclists provide.

"Motorcyclists not only enjoy riding on American roads, they also spend billions of dollars touring and attending rallies," he said. "Reducing motorcycle use would have a detrimental effect on the motorcycle-industry, dealer sales, tourism, associated employment and related tax revenues. As an avid and experienced motorcycle rider, I believe government should be in the business of promoting the recreational, economic and environmental benefits of responsible motorcycle riding – not discouraging it."

Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations and a former U.S. representative and U.S. senator representing Colorado, praised Walberg for "asking some tough questions that need to be asked. "The AMA doesn't understand why the Centers for Disease Control is involving itself in motorcycling when it is supposed to be protecting Americans from diseases," Allard said.

"Motorcycling is not a disease that needs to be eradicated," he said. "It's a legal form of transportation and a source of responsible recreation for millions of Americans nationwide.

"We anxiously await the CDC's answers to Rep. Walberg's questions," Allard said.

The AMA strongly advocates helmet use but believes adult helmet use should be voluntary. Simply put, mandatory helmet laws do nothing to prevent crashes. The AMA supports actions that help riders avoid a crash from occurring, including voluntary rider education, improved licensing and testing, and expanded motorist awareness programs.

To read the AMA position on voluntary helmet use, go to [www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/PositionStatements/VoluntaryHelmetUse.aspx](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/PositionStatements/VoluntaryHelmetUse.aspx).

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