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Letter to the Editor

Well I feel it is time to vent. For the last two years Freedom Of Road Riders Local 33 with the help of several locals has been putting an information booth at the State Fair. At our October local meeting we decided as a local we would not put the booth in this year if we could not get all locals in the state to support it and it was taken to the CC floor at the November meeting. At our monthly meeting we voted as a local to return all the checks to the locals that felt we were doing a good thing and felt the need to help. Me being the instigator of this project I want to thank all those that have either given money or time to work our booth the last two years, and to say to those that did not see a need to help, thanks for nothing. Our numbers statewide as a whole are continuing to drop but for some reason we have the money to put on parties but seem to not have any when it comes time to educate the general public about who we are and what we are trying to do. So to all those that helped bring my vision to reality and gave of your time thank you. To all those that would rather party what are you going to do when the numbers go so low that we no longer exist? Where else can we go to get the numbers of people all in the same place to get our message out? It is not to late for someone to pick this project up and it would be shameful to just let it go.

Randy Farris
Member 19329
Local 33

TO THE F.E.W. MEMBERSHIP

First, I must express my apologies for not being able to take out billboards all across this state in praise of the F.E.W. committee but also for the membership of Freedom of Road Riders that made this event spectacular. The entire theme and momentum for the F.E.W. came directly from the membership, by the membership and presented for the membership. You honored me, now it's my turn to attempt to return that favor. While I can't list everyone in this submission, I can mention some of the key people.

Susan Lockhart of Local 25, you were a dear friend before we started making plans. The journey to January 11, 2014 gave me a sister I will cherish forever. There is no one I would rather co-chair an event with or one who brings me such peace.

Helen & Carl of Local 10 you two give new meaning to the Dynamic Duo. As BL of Local 13 pointed out during the opening, FORR began as equal parts, man and woman. You reminded everyone what it means for brothers and sisters to stand side by side, united for a cause.

Joe of Local 14, Bill of Local 10, Staples of Local 24 and Taz of Local 28 you represented the order of things. Joe and Bill know the rules, Staples you know how to bring life back into a Local and Taz you could without a doubt negotiate peace in the Middle East. This group showed the need for structure and why things are done in an orderly fashion instead of allowing chaos to rule. For Taz the award of the Buck Stops Here was our way of saying thank you but the four of you will always represent the strength of this organization.

Deanna of Local 10, Tex of Local 42, Cowboy of Local 33 and Doug of Local 13 you had one of the most difficult presentations because of the reality of our responsibilities to ourselves. You made a powerful demonstration affecting everyone in the room. Along with the Life Pact offered by Cal of Local 24 you reminded us how much rides on those two wheels.

Ronda of Local 47, Danne of Local 30, Layne of Local 8 and Martin of Local 16 you showed us the many roads leading to the same destination. For many it may have been the first time they'd considered how they came to be in that room at that time. The paths may be different but the goal is the same.

To those who hold our hearts, Smokey of Local 12, Half Breed of Local 13, BL of Local 13, Pompeii of Local 5, Tip Tipton of Local 24 (soon to be L4) you reminded us of the great legacy being handed to a new age. This

legacy was made all the more dear by our brother Mike of Local 14 who shared so generously the vest of his father and the graciousness of his mother, members #1 & #2, Larry and Mary Basso. This session was made all the more meaningful by the representative of the Silver Highlights, Carol of Local 14. The rules of the day were Honor, Pride and Respect and no one represented those qualities with more significance than this group; on behalf of the entire membership, our deepest gratitude.

Terry Lee of Local 00 you are the heart and soul of us all. The gift of your presence breathed life back into this organization. Your ability to know what is needed and exactly how and what to say is unequalled. Thank you for allowing us all the honor of presenting you with a long overdue acknowledgment of your contributions to Freedom of Road Riders represented by the Engineer of Freedom award. You touched everyone in that room with your message.

Alyssa of Local 24 our recipient of the Young Engineer award. We intentionally set the bar high for future Young Engineers. Too many young people are ignored or dismissed just because they are young or are not old enough to vote. You are fearless in the face of such criticism and are proof that not only are young people intelligent but also worthy of recognition. Thank you little sister for showing us a bright future for this organization.

Linda Hawkins of Local 35 you have secured your position as the go to for all things that make an event special (you also make a mean cookie). Jack Flagg and Kim Fields of Local 25 you insured the fun factor and you were tireless in your registration duties. Goldie of Local 27 you walked in the door and went straight to work. You also shared a milestone birthday with us. We wish you many, many more. Kerri of Local 24, Kim of Local 27, the amazing photographer of Local 19 and all the others, you made sure we would always have the memory of this day in living color.

Melinda of Local 19 you not only named the Power House award, you chose the perfect example of a woman who gets the job done in Joni. We also thank Tristen of Local 24 for tackling the somber duty of the tolling of the bell during the moment of silence. These are the acts of volunteers that make an impact and build memories.



**2013
Young
Engineer
Award
Alyssa Duncan
Local 24**



**2013
Buck Stops Here
Award
Taz Moeller
Local 28**

Notes from Bill

We are well on our way in this legislative session with some bills starting to get some attention. The right of way bill SB696 and HB1149 both in committee and hopefully by the time you read this we will have them heard. They are both very good bills and they should have a very good chance to get through this year. The helmet bills are two very different pieces of legislation SB 604 is filed by Sen. Holsman it has under 21 with health insurance and two years riding experience or a safety course and then you will need to go to the DMV and apply for a special license plate. We will have to keep on Sen. Holsman to keep this bill moving and to get some of the trash out of this bill. HB 1655 was just filed by Rep Burlison and is the clean bill which is just only 21 and over .I have been talking to some reps and we could have a hearing on this bill by the time you read this if everything went right. We need to thank Sen. Jason Holsman and Rep Eric Burlison for filing these bills and give them all our support.

Rep. Robert Cornajo has filed a pair of bills that have language that I believe we need to support. He filed HB 1572 which will put a \$5 surcharge on motorcycle registrations to go to the MMSP trust fund to help fund the safety program. With the amount of money this would bring in it could bring the cost of a rider education down significantly. There would be a lot more people that could take the rider education course. The second bill HB 1517 would add motorcycles and mopeds to the lemon law. We will be watching these two bills to see where they will be going.

With all these bills and anything else that might be coming up this session we have our work cut out for us. There is a lot of work to be done and it is more than any one person can do we need all the members to step up the game and get in touch with their reps and senators to see where they stand on our issues. We will have our first legislative day by the time you read this and hopefully have some of the bills through the committees and hopefully have them on the floor to get a vote. There are a few senators out there that might not want a bill of ours to go to a vote so we need to keep in touch with them to let them know that we would like to see them voted on.

The first lobby day is February the 18 and by the time you get this it will have come and gone and hopefully you were able to make it. If you didn't make that one we will be having another on March 5 2014 and maybe you could make that one. May rally is the 29 of April and we will be meeting the same place as last year and will be going to the capitol with a parade permit ,so make your plans to be there.

As we heard at the F.E.W., it's time to bring out the army and lets fight the fight. FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

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Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting #205

Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Quality Inn in Columbia MO

Cabinet officers present: Chairman -Bill "Treetop" Duncan, Vice-Chairman-Ronda Felts, Corporate Secretary-Cheryl Singleton, Treasurer-Lynne Adkins, Legislative Coordinator-Bill Kempker, Rider Education Coordinator-Doug Clawson, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator-Deanna Rhodes, Product Line Manager-Shelly Payne.

Preamble, Pledge, remove hats. Please remain standing for a minute of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Turn cell phones on silence, if it rings you owe \$1 to the PAC fund.

Location	Local	Vote	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	57	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Truman Lake	Local 03	59	1 Vote	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	49	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	117	2 Votes	Nick Swope
Lebanon	Local 07	49	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	110	2 Votes	Layne Shady
Kearney	Local 09	20	1 Vote	Tina Hall
Jefferson City	Local 10	138	2 Votes	Randall Owen
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	31	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	69	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	94	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	61	1 Vote	Joe Widmer
Branson	Local 15	257	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
SEMO	Local 16	70	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	119	2 Votes	Doug Yearns
Dexter	Local 20	46	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	17	1 Vote	Absent
Lincoln County	Local 23	14	1 Vote	Beth Cرامي
St. Louis	Local 24	171	2 Votes	Kathleen Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	76	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	59	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	62	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	171	2 Votes	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	61	1 Vote	Ursula DeMoss
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	54	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	21	1 Vote*	Marty Craft
Highway 50 West	Local 33	95	1 Vote *	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	44	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	37	1 Vote	David Voigts
Members at Large	Local 00	47	0 Vote	
Total		2418		
Corporate Sponsors		10		

* Vote suspended due to financial reports

Entertain a Motion to approve the minutes? Motion to approve (?), 2nd L27, Amendment to the minutes: Mid-South Mile report: Tip Tipton "was appointed to the vice-chair" should say "nominated to serve". Amendment approved, minutes approved, unanimously.

Treasurer report: General fund beginning \$11,653.70, ending \$10,329.66; Rider Education fund beginning \$18,517.44, ending \$13,801.04; MMR fund beginning, \$7,955.37 ending \$6,251.77; PAC fund beginning \$8,624.11, ending \$18,043.67; Freedom Park fund beginning \$8,110.00, ending \$1,210.00; Giveaway fund beginning \$9800.66, ending \$11,010.66.

Financials being returned every month Awards: Locals 3, 7, 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 25, 26, 35, 42, Dist. 1, Dist. 4.

Locals Donations:

Local 28- \$50, Local 19 -\$40, Local 27 -\$40, Local 3 -\$40, Local 26 - \$40 for L33 State Fair Booth. Local 15 -\$500 PAC fund, Martin King \$59 -2014 MOTM. Ronda Felts \$1 -PAC fund for her phone ringing!

Chairman Duncan: Entertain motion to approve accept additions to cabinet>: Bill Kempker- Legislative who ran on the ticket with the present cabinet, Dianna Rhodes -Motorcycle Safety Cord., Doug Clawson -Riders Education and Safety Training, Shelly & Kevin –Product Line, Larry Scott –Webmaster, Dallas Chapman –Newsletter Editor, Taz –Sgt at Arms. Motion to accept the addition to the cabinet: Approved unanimously by voice.

Vice Chair Felts: EOF: Diana (Swon) Holguin- Local 13 and Terry Lee Cook at the FEW Seminar.

MMMR -Layne Shady: August 27-Sep 1 at the Sedalia Fairgrounds, Contract signed. Bands are well on the way to being signed and secured. There is a solution for lack of pavilion, Understanding that the ATV guys on board. Things are moving.

Co-Chair MOTM -Martin King: We have a lot of members signed up on this committee. You'll learn about your motorcycling world.

Riders Education Coordinator- Doug Clawson: Proper protocol: American Flag is always on the right side of the speaker. We're in the process of getting courses scheduled for 2014. Change the date on budget from 2013 to 2014. Budget is the basically same as last year. In MISC. we'll have to add a couple pop-up canopies that got destroyed at Sedalia at the State Fair MMMR. Motion to approve Riders Ed. budget: 1st-Layne, Discussion: MISC there is too much in misc. budget. On a financial 'report' misc. is detailed. Some confusion on the difference between a financial report and a budget. It's a "proposed" budget. Part of the budget goes to Motorcycle Safety Cord.> <Budget Approved by majority.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Rhodes: Good turnout at FEW. Any questions about the presentation ask her. April 29 is the MAY Rally "Mike Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally". May is Motorcycle awareness Month in the state Missouri Quote: "it's on the books". Instead of doing proclamation rides, do an awareness event. April 26-27 Local 16 has offered to pay insurance for the two days. It's suggested that Locals would send out a thank you to the past proclamation supporters and explain it's Motorcycle Awareness Month; we are now doing an awareness event. Do events at your local Wal-Mart and grocery stores. Motion to move on: Passed unanimously. Reiterate: it's the 'Mike Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You, Rally'

Legislative Cord -Bill Kempker: Most of the details were discussed during the Legislative meeting called on Friday, Jan. 10, at the Kempker Home. Bills are filed. Demo Days 1st week end in March in Hannibal. Lincoln Days in February. Motion to accept the legislative budget: unanimously passed by voice. For more information, contact your Legislative Coordinator. If you make arrangements to meet with your legislative rep, they are there to listen to you, don't let them side track. Be sure you sign in to each office at the Capitol you visit.

Katherine Fox: Legislative Awards: L13, 15, 19, 24, 25, 30, 33, 35, the Duncan's, the Kempker Family, Doug Yearns & Lynne Adkins.

Traveling Trophy (for largest increase in local members): last year 2012 winner, it was Local 14. 2013 winner is Local 24 with a 45% increase.

Award CC represented at all CC meetings for the year of 2013 - Martin King: Locals 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 41 and 42. All the new locals; 3, 9 and 47 made all the meetings from their inception however the rules stipulate you must be at all meetings for the year. Almost all locals were represented through the last year and we're hoping to keep up that trend.

Lunch break: 13 minutes before noon, can we entertain a motion to adjourn early? Motion to adjourn early and be back in one hour. Motion passed unanimously.

MRF-Amy Allmon: MRF will be hosting the 30th International includes other SMRO's from across the US and Europe. Western theme, still in planning stages.

MOTM: 4 days of all kinds of info from Legislative. Asst. Reps needed if you want to volunteer for your area.

Dist. 4 Chairman-Amy Allmon: Live and/or work in the KC area and want to ride the bus to the capitol she needs a commitment of a bus is needed or we can car pool. Perfect opportunity to hang out with some folks and watch.

Product Manager –Shelly Payne: The calendars are not done. They should be done this week. Started from the lowest amount ordered and working from there, and will be shipped to each local. Things planned for the year: printed office items. Last year we tried to hit several events and this year we'll try to do the same.

Webmaster – Larry Scott: He is working on the site. Updates to web on Mondays. FB will be administered by the Corp. Officers only. Does FORR reimburse the person who pays with the credit card for the website? Yes they are reimbursed. <Motion –L27 Bill Thornhill: leave this as it is and reexamine it at the next CC meeting to see how it works out between now and then. 2nd by L16 Melanie Coy. Approved unanimously.

"Life Pact"- We talked about it at the FEW seminar it is not a FORR thing Add it as a form on the website? We have to put a disclaimer, that FORR claims no responsibility. Talked to an attorney, there is no liability as far as that piece of paper to FORR, the only liability is for the individual who takes the keys to make sure your keys are safe and to make sure that vehicle is safe in a spot, locked up, there is no legal liability, the only liability is for the vehicle. Motion – L29 to put the form on FORR site without logo and make it available in forms section, add it as a pdf file and will put a disclaimer. 2nd Discussion: it should be under the membership only file that way you have to sign in with the pass word so just not anybody can get in there and print it. I don't have a problem with 2 people making a pact with each other, it's a general form, and it doesn't have our name on it anywhere. CALL THE QUESTION: L27, All in favor: unanimous by voice> that's how you use it! ("Call the question")

Newsletter –General Office: Newsletter awards for entries being submitted each month: 1, 3, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 41, 47, District 4

Membership Report: Membership report is in file at the General Office and with the Corp. Secretary if you have any questions.

Mid-South Mile – Roy Hoard: Next meeting is Feb. 16. By then we should know the city, we know it's in Kansas. Tip Tipton will be the vice chairman. Still looking for baskets and that are auctioned off from each state and helps the "mile" be put on, usually its stuff made in Missouri. The dates for the MSM are 3rd week in October. We haven't picked the place so we haven't finalized the dates. Should know by the March CC meeting. We may be having a 6 state with Louisiana. .

Membership 2013 Roster Returned Award: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 24, 25, 30, 33, 35, 41, 42 and 47.

General Office: Budget –No explanation at the bottom or itemization for Misc. expense \$1000 but it doesn't explain how she got that price. Motion to get an explanation of the Misc. \$1000 expenses projected for the next year from the GO and have it brought to the next CC meeting. 2nd by Amy Allmon. Discussion; Dean: I can't understand how you keep asking somebody to explain an expense that they haven't spent yet, this is a future expected expenses. I understand where this is going; I don't understand why we have to guess why. She gives you an accounting each CC, this is what is spent out of that misc. category. This lady has been doing this for years, and this is an average of the past 3 years. Opposed by majority voice> Entertain to accept this budget: <Motion L30 to accept the budget (several Locals 2nd!) 2nd- L35. Passed by majority voice> The flyer for the FORR, Inc. FB page: remember an event has to be sanctioned and your insurance must be paid 30 days in advance. Submit the sanction form and you can plaster it all over your own fb page but if you want it on the FORR Facebook page it has to be sanctioned and insurance paid. The only way it goes on the FORR timeline it's a tool to help keep track of who is covered.

The roster printer, something was wrong with the printer. It may just needs to be cleaned. We only paid \$100 for a \$5000 printer. The cheapest found is \$350 for a company to come to just look at it. Why are we even doing the roster print? Get a huge roster in the mail and have a member spend a week to go through and pay to get it sent it back. The GO and previous Corp. Secretary have spent a while to get the roster sent via e-mail. It is only the roster is having problems, because it's in triplicates. Motion is to table spending the money and research the amount being spent to cover the repairs. Passed unanimously by voice. Recognize Jeff Morris L9 to look at the printer.

PAC donation advertisement. No avenue to continue with this.

Guidelines for the use of FORR – discussed at last meeting

Local 33 state fair booth –Cowboy: if you have checks or money, stick around so I can get hour local #. If we don't collect enough we will return checks. We're going to need \$1100 and right now were at \$300 or \$400. Money donated to this will be toward your donation in kind, was the understanding of the CC Cabinet. It's in the Matheson Center, air conditioned, the fair is very hot and it would help get volunteers. We hand out the tri-folds, we educate people and we may not sign them up right then and there, they get a trifold and may go home and sign up later.

Policy and procedure proposal for the donations in kind: table it and vote on it and L33 heard a discussion and it came apparent to them that the cc floor didn't care of the financial so we decided we're not going to try and keep dragging this on. Currently L27 is working on a state requirement/obligation. We're working with L33. Some of the locals have the money to meet their obligation but for reasons why, we do not know why, they weren't making their obligations so we drew up something up to remedy that.

A member came to us to honor our fallen brothers and sisters that are in local 17 and wanted to present a list for people to look at and honor them. Local 17 is designated for fallen brother and sisters. It is in memory of them. "Local 17 will have no membership list. It is intended to be a symbolic resting-place for lost brothers and sisters, past and present, who were supporters of personal freedoms." We want to address this now and get it out in the open. We do want to honor all our brothers and sisters. It's not kept up because it's up to the locals to send in that information. The list isn't current by any means. To actually print that list you're going to get into people saying my loved ones name is not on that list. To have that list to go out without the family's permission would be a gross dereliction of our duties. The list wasn't asked for to cause any controversy or to offend anybody or to cause anybody any hurt feelings. When this started progressing it was a catch 22, how does the membership know and update if they don't have a list available. It is our history. It would be a locals' historians' job, pictures. It's the printing of the names part that they're having issues with. The whole purpose of wanting this list is past tense. We brought it up for full disclosure.

District Reports: Dist. 4 has two big events cook-off and Octoberfest, one week after Meeting of the Minds. Any other districts formed? 2 Districts out of 10, only 2 work well together. Dist. 1 Vice-Chair. We carried on a MAY Rally now it's an Awareness Ride.

Motion to adjourn. Layne. 2nd Discussion? Recognize Martin: We had a very great event yesterday, the FEW seminar an amazing job.

New Business: CC Rep Moved back to Columbia and will try to re-establish a new local. The local that used to be here was L4, would the CC consider letting us have Local 4 back? Asking for 90 days to get that done. Motion to the board and floor give Tip T. 90 days to get a Local together. Discussion: 90 days will not comply its either 60 or 120. Amendment to change if from 90 days to 120. Motion to accept amendment: L35 passed unanimous voice, Motion: passed by unanimous voice.

Special thanks to Melanie and Susan, it was great everyone had a good time and want do it again next year. Mel worked her ass off and it went off smooth she was more than up to task. Motion L27 to do FEW Seminar next year, 2nd, by unanimous voice, discussion: It could be a two day deal. The legion, we're outgrowing the place. Keep it fresh.

Motion to Adjourn L3, 2nd L27, passed by unanimous voice.

MARCH 2014 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Quality Inn

Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 12 noon

F.E.W. Seminar

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 1 pm

Legislative

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 2 pm

Mid-South Mile

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 3 pm

Meeting of the Minds 2014

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 4 pm

Officers Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 5 pm

Central Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2014 10:00 am

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**

Top of the morning to ya!

Hopefully all made it through February without any problems. According to the 'Almanac' it was gonna be a "Lou-Lou". (Hopefully it was VERY wrong!)

Things are well with Local 1 - all area very anxious for warmer weather. Jus' so ya know.... our Local 1 officers for 2014 are as follows:

Pres. - Rick Long

V.P. - Joe Seward

Treas. - Dallas Chapman

Secy./N.L. - Michelle O'Connor

District Rep. - Tim O'Connor

C.C. Rep. - pending

NEED A DAY OFF???

March 5th is the District 4 Bus Trip to the Capitol! Contact Amy at 816-536-1647 if ya want to go for a ride,

Guess that's all for now, stay warm out there - spring is just around the corner!

As always.. Have a good one, then have another.

Michelle "Rebel" O'Connor

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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: Ray Burns 417-324-5596**

Good Day Local 3

First of all I'd like to welcome new members Warren Love, Derek Snyder, Sasha Bowen, and Steve Humphreys, great to have you with us. We also elected Myra Burrow to the position of treasurer as Darla Burns could not because of her job switching her schedule. Our product line had several designs for new T-shirts to be sent in for approval and we selected 2 that we liked best. We are well on our way to getting things ready for spring (Dang Groundhog should be hidden). By the time you all read this the first of two Capitol days Feb. 18th will have come and gone I hope as many Brothers and Sisters can make it, I know we plan on makin' it as long as I'm up to the walking part. The second Capitol days is on March 5th so if ya couldn't make the first I hope you can attend the second the more the merrier, and remember you don't have to get up in front of anyone can make a speech just showing up an lettin' our elected officials know we are serious about our freedoms and rights will be a help, watch the Brothers and Sisters who have been there before if you want to see how to approach an talk to these officials, remember

they are human like us an put their pants on one leg at a time. We have a ride on May 3rd in the works involving the VFW in Montrose, Mo. details to follow as to the when's and how's. I know I could keep going and I probably forgot to mention one or two things but just can't pick them out O' me head right now.

Remember to thank your veterans around you, they are the Hero's that made sacrifices so our freedoms wouldn't be taken away.

Ride Hard or Stay Home

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

Greetings,

January was a busy month for L-5 members first there was the Wide Open Bike Show, THANKS to Steve, Amy, Tony, Wes, and Amy for manning the FORR information booth for us. Thanks to L-47 members and anyone else that helped get the word out about FORR to the general public too! This is one of the best ways to meet and greet the public explaining our defense of motorcycle rights for all motorcyclists in Missouri one on one. Steve Fifer is also L-5's web master and has posted some great pictures of this year's show too.

REMEMBER: This year's two trips to the Mo. State Capitol in Jefferson City will be **FEB. 18th** and **MARCH 5th**. Amy will need 25 or more people to commit to rent a large bus, 10 to 15 to rent a van, LESS than that we will have to carpool. I signed up for the March run. We need a good showing this year by all FORR members to attend one or all to help show our support of our newly elected corporate officers and show the legislation that we are united in our efforts to defend our freedoms. Several members of L-5 attended the Crock Pot Cook-Off held down at the newly rebuilt AM Vets building home of L-33, great job on the building! Walking through the door was like old home week visiting with all my brothers and sisters from all the District 4 locals who were there and the food was good and plentiful too. ALL the cooks were winners in my book as I waddled out later.

Thanks to all who stood-up to take over for the retiring District 4 officers and thanks to those who served before. Octoberfest remains one of my favorite runs and Amy and Rebecca are gearing up for the September Meeting of the Minds that will be held in KCMO this year. All our locals will come together to make this meeting one motorcyclists from all over the world might well remember!

On a sad note Local 5 members attended and paid our respects to the family of brother Joe (Puddy) Loyd. It was people like him who helped build this organization and dedicated their time and energy to our cause; he will be missed. An old man once told me that you could truly see the real worth of a person by the number of people who took the time to say good-bye, Puddy was a rich man!

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LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.
VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph
Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

Well, the good news is, this is the March issue. That can only mean spring is almost here. But as I'm writing this the snow is blowing and it's forecasted to get rather deep in places. I'm not sure about all you guys but spring needs to hurry up. I guess Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow so that means 6 more weeks of winter. But if he hadn't saw it, that would mean only a month and a half left. Think about it!! Whoever decided a groundhog could predict the weather anyway? Either way you look at it, it's a long time for two wheelers to be sitting. Talk about your cabin fever!!!

Speaking of cabin fever... our Cabin Fever Bike Show has been cancelled this year due to the lack of a building to hold it in. I ask again that if anyone knows of a building, reasonably priced, that has a door wide enough to get a bike into, PLEASE get in touch with Jim Cross or Dan Harmon.

I heard the F.E.W. Seminar was great. I wish I could have been there. Our new Central Committee Corporate Officers are in place and we wish them great success in leading this organization during 2014/2015 years. Chairman Bill "Treetop" Duncan had a letter on page 3 of the February newsletter. It's worthy of a second read. I ask that as many members as possible come to our meetings, and to our events, to get your voice heard for YOUR rights as motorcyclist.

The month of January was hard on a few of our member's health. Mike "Shaky" Daniels and John "JT" Taylor both had some time in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery. There was a benefit held for Dale "Seed" Canterbury on 02/08. Hopefully there was plenty of money raised on his behalf.

In other news, Fred and Diana Bodde had their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Congrats to them! I have heard rumors of a few of our members taking a ride to Florida in March. May Mother Nature and the roads be kind to them. Can't wait to hear their antics when they return.

Our meeting place has been moved back to the **VFW Post #1668, located at 821 N 4th Street**, still at 12:30. Hopefully this will be our home for the meetings and we won't have to jump around any longer.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

February 16 – Local 6 meeting, St. Joseph
 February 20 – District 1 meeting, King City
 March 9 – CC meeting, Columbia
 March 16 – Local 6 meeting, St. Joseph
 April 26 – District 1 Motorcycle Awareness and You Run,
 will end in Bethany, look for more information coming
 May 24-26 – Mid America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn
 June 27-29 – District 1 Black Top Rally, Maysville

Let me know of anything going on or if you want something posted in the newsletter, just remember I have to get it in one month before you get to read it. Phone 816-284-9653, email sheethr@yahoo.com or local6forr@yahoo.com .

Keep warm and safe out there. Dream of warm weather and bugs in your teeth.

Sheila E

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

Watch out for those leprechauns!

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:

It seems crazy to make plans for Spring Fling when there is snow on the ground and below zero temps. Suggestion to get through the winter. Get out the photos of past bike rallies and remember the good times. Not the rain and storms and wind. Spring Fling plans are coming together. If Mother Nature will cooperate we can have a great rally.

We had no new members this month but several renewals. Lorie and Mark Brown 5 years. Howard Johnson 15 years and Jerry Shafer 7 years. Linda Jamison lost out on \$75.00 on the membership drawing. It does pay to go to meetings.

Local 8 will have a motorcycle awareness ride on April 26. Hopefully the other locals in Dist. 2 will join us and we will meet up with Dist 1 at Bethany. A great way to start the riding season. Here is your chance to get a good ride .Plans are in the making for a band for those who want to stay. Look for more details next month.

Several of our members are going through some rough times right now. There have been loss of loved ones and rough medical problems. Please pray for their strength to get through these tough times. We are all family.

My husband and I attended Local 19's auction. As always we had a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday. I thought about quitting having birthdays, but I have so much celebrating them every year.

Keep warm,
 Foxy Gama

LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY

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

In Memoriam:

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Joe "Puddy" Loyd in a tragic accident on January 13th. Puddy was a lifetime member of FORR and is responsible for lighting a FORR fire under Local 9. Vinetta has authorized the memorial patches for anyone wishing to buy one. The "Puddy Patches" cost \$7 which includes a \$1 donation to the "Puddy Pot" as it makes its final ride to the MRF September 25-28. To order your Puddy Patch, contact Vinetta Loyd Garnett or Leah McDonald. Puddy was very loved and respected, so join us as we push to make Puddy's legacy one for the ages.

Upcoming Events

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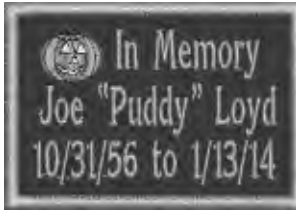
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CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR NEW OFFICERS! PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING DATE AND TIME BACK TO THE THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SAME PLACE! THIS WILL START WITH OUR FEBRUARY MEETING! I don't know about you all but I am counting the days until spring and hopefully some good riding weather! This winter has been rough and I don't care if I ever see snow again!

We also need to start working on "Fun Runs" for when the weather does break! Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!!! For all of you Facebook people, keep checking FORR - Local 10 Facebook page and Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) - Local 10 group page for upcoming events and just news in general. I do my best to keep the pages updated with events, photos and files. If you would like to be added to the group, send me a request and I will get you added as soon as I see your request.

LET'S RIDE!! Denise Taylor taylor34@embarqmail.com

- February 11: District 4 Meeting (Bates City)
February 25 : Local 9 Meeting (Kearney)
March 11: District 4 Meeting (Bates City)
March 25: Local 9 Meeting (Kearney)
April 27: Kearney Bike show by Local 29
TBD: Pool Tournament (FatBoyz, Kearney)
September 25-28: Meeting of the Minds

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7:000 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

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

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

Kiss the Blarney stone!

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

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

Listed below are our New Officers:

- President: Dale Thomas
Vice President: John Wallace
Safety: Kyle Allen
CC: Randy Owens
Legislative: Bill Kempker
Secretary: Marla Klynott
Treasurer/Membership: Sharon Kempker
Newsletter: Denise Taylor

Advertisement for 'GLEAN NEVER' event at Mentzer's Tavern, 612 First St, Chillicothe, MO, March 22, 2014, 8 pm - 1 am. Includes details about \$5 donation, music by DJ JEN, and public access.

Greetings again to all our FORR friends from your brothers and sisters in Local 12, Glasgow. We are having some really atrocious weather right now, with snow and very cold temperatures. I'm sure you're all as sick of winter as we are. The weather caused us to cancel our last two meetings so this report will be rather short this month.

I'll start off with some great news: we are up to 138 members on the FORR Local 12 Facebook page and the number grows nearly every day. A big "thank you" goes out to everyone who has joined and I will try to keep everyone updated on the latest news in Local 12.

I am sorry to report that my wife Gloria is back in the hospital with at

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least one more cracked vertebrae in her spine that showed up on the MRI. She is in Marshall hospital at this writing but will have to be moved to Boone Hospital in Columbia for a surgical procedure to repair it. We have not been able to move her because of the weather but hopefully it will clear up in a day or two. They are giving her some pretty heavy duty painkillers and she is resting pretty comfortably and has been able to get some good rest during this time. Gloria is one tough soldier and is not letting this get her down.

I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Melanie Coy and her crew for the wonderful job they did with the FEW seminar. I participated in the Greybeards portion and had a wonderful time. It was so nice to see so many of my old friends there, too, as well as making some new ones. I can't wait to go again next year!

Some of the things we need to be thinking about in Local 12: the dates for this year's Firecracker Classic, the date of our first spring highway trash pickup, and also which charities we are going to donate to this year. Keep watching the Facebook page, watch for Boz's e-mails, and we may also have to use the phone tree, particularly for setting up our make-up dates for the missed January and February meetings.

That's about all I have for this month. Here are our upcoming events: March 2nd- regular Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Fish Beak in Glasgow. April 6th- regular Local 12 meeting, 3 pm, Fish Beak in Glasgow.

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Audrain County Courthouse Community Room in Basement

Contact: 573-291-1465 or 573-881-7410



Hello Brothers, Sisters and friends of Local 13,

Local 13 is proud of our newest Engineer of Freedom award winner Diana Holguin, her dedication and selflessness to our Local over the years is something I struggle to find the words for. She is priceless and very much loved and respected by everyone. I thank her for all the advice and help she has given me through the transition of my trying

to take the position of secretary for our Local. Well-deserved Diana, we are very proud of you. Dee Herdeg was also awarded the Freedom Press award for her article submissions and Secretary's Award for her efforts over this past year as secretary. Raymond Palmer also won two awards for his hard work keeping us up to date with his CC and Leg. Reports. Our first meeting of the year went rather well. We had 21 members in attendance. With three guests including Katherine Fox, Larry Carson and Jackie Heaston and we sincerely hope they come visit us again soon. We also welcomed Ryan Clark as our newest member, we are so glad you decided to be a part of our group and look forward to getting to know you. A big thank you to everyone in attendance and thanks for trying the Road Kill Gumbo, I hope you enjoyed it. BL introduced his cabinet and we went over upcoming events. No worries, the traditional ones such as the Wonder Run, Toy Run and Christmas Party are still intact. We are considering a family day in April, a poker run and a memorial run for fallen members. The dates are not set but will be gone over during our next meeting which will be held at the Audrain Court House in basement on March 15th, which is the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm. We would love to see you there and get your input, as a member you have a voice and a vote. So please make every effort to be there, I might even bring brownies with cookie dough middle to go with coffee.

For those who couldn't make to the FEW seminar it was an excellent event very informative for newer members and reinvigorating the ones who have been around for a minute or two. I walked away with a better understanding of this Organization and an overwhelming sense of pride to be a part of such a dedicated group of people. The Gray Beards

and Silver Highlights presentation was very emotional. When you stop and truly think of what they did in their fight to get this Organization recognized and started throughout the State. The reasons were many, but the message was the same it is about FREEDOM of choice and better educating the people as a whole. This was and still is today the main focus of our platform today. Whether it be walking the steps and hallways of our capital to make sure bills are passed to protect our freedoms as motorcyclist or promoting rider education classes.

To Melanie Coy from new members like myself I say, thank you for all the dedication and time that went into this event it showed in every detail. To the speaker's you were all very inspiring and made it so clear to those listening to you that passion does drive people to do great things. This Organization is about a lot more than being a social outlet, don't get me wrong we love to have fun as much as the next person. But we can't lose sight of the reasons we started back in 1981. Every one of us must get more involved with promoting motorcyclist rights and freedoms. If you ask me and this is only my opinion and in no way reflects those of my Local. We can start simply by writing a letter to our Representatives and Senator's in our area, this isn't a new idea but it is one we need to get back in the practice of doing. Learn more about what is going on around us, educate ourselves, and most of all if you're not already and I would hope that you are, become a registered voter. With a little effort on our part we can make a difference. We have to stand up and be heard these laws will not change themselves. A good opportunity to show your support would be the bus trip coming up to the Capital, we can support the effort by meeting at the Capital on March 5th, 2014. Another event I encourage everyone who can attend to do so, Local 13 is sponsoring Demo Days in Hannibal March 7th and 8th of 2014, this a perfect time to meet some of the people involved with getting certain laws changed, we invite other Local's to come and help us to get know these folks. Please feel free to come and share your opinions maybe help put a different face on their outlook of Bikers. For more information on these events feel free to contact me at 573-291-1465.

Till next time live life to the fullest and be Forever Free,
Valerie Taylor
Secretary for 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, fellow freedom fighters,

I neglected to list the local shops etal that made donations to our Christmas Party and Auction. They are as follows:

Charlie's Roadhouse-Grain Valley, Origami Owl Custom Jewelry-Blue Springs, Blue Springs Harley-Davidson, Jet Set Hair Salon-Raytown, Worth North Harley-Davidson-Kansas City, Engle Motors-Kansas City, Knobtown Cycles-Kansas City, Hub Cycle- Independence, Donnell Motorcycles- Independence, V's Italiano Restaurante-Independence, Moocho Barbeque-Oak Grove, The Honeybaked Ham Company-Independence, BarCode-Independence, Catalyst Tattoo-Oak Grove, Perrigo's Carpet Cleaning- Independence, Coyote Grill-location unsure.

We are in for the long haul in Jefferson City now that session has started. We have a lot of work ahead of us. Write those letters, make those calls, and don't forget the bus trips to Jeff City for Capitol Crusaders Day. The following bill numbers are relevant to us:

SB 821 - Relating to the motorcycle safety trust fund.

SB 791 - Exempts sales of motorcycles in Platte and Jackson counties from criminal penalties for Sunday sales

HB 1332 and SB 762 - Limits the release of data collected by automobile event data recorders.

HB1572 - Adds a motorcycle registration surcharge of \$5 to be deposited in the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund for motorcycle safety programs.

HB 1517 - Adds motorcycles and mopeds to Missouri's Lemon Law.

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SB 596 - Modifies regulation of autocycle operators and exempts such operators from using protective headgear

SB 604 - Allows qualified motorcycle operators to operate motorcycles and motortricycles without protective headgear under certain conditions.

SB 608 - Prohibits the gathering of intelligence about a person unless there is evidence of criminal activity and requires warrants to search curbside garbage that is awaiting collection.

SB 696 - Increases the penalties and driver license suspension periods for those who fail to yield the right-of-way in certain instances.

HB 1215 - Raises the maximum speed limit on rural interstates and freeways of the state from 70 to 75 miles per hour.

HB 1149 - Increases the penalties for the offense of failing to yield the right-of-way and the time period that the court may order the suspension of a person's driving privilege for the offense.

HB 1124 - Changes the laws regarding "all-terrain vehicles," "recreational off-highway vehicles," and "utility vehicles".

HB 1123 - Prohibits the operation of a moving motor vehicle while wearing a head-mounted optic display and increases the penalty for the crime of texting while driving.

HB 1106 - Prohibits anyone from using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device while driving unless the device is equipped for hands-free operation and is being used in that manner.

HB 1104 - Requires an applicant taking the written portion of the driver's license examination more than once to pay a \$10 fee for each additional time he or she must retake the examination.

HB 1424 - Specifies that motor vehicles licensed in Missouri shall only have one license plate. An owner whose motor vehicle has a front license plate shall surrender the plate to the Department of Revenue.

HB 1423 - Prohibits any member of the state highway patrol or local law enforcement agency or employee of the national highway traffic safety administration from collecting breath, blood, or saliva for research programs.

HB 1388 - Requires a search warrant for a government entity to obtain location information of an electronic device.

HB 1373 - Creates the crime of unlawful funeral protest if an individual pickets or engages in protest activities within three hundred feet of a funeral or burial service one hour before or after the funeral or service.

HB 1316 - Prohibits anyone, regardless of age, from sending, reading, or writing a text or electronic message while operating a noncommercial moving motor vehicle on any highway in this state.

HB 1282 - Prohibits anyone from sending, reading, or writing a text message while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 1257 - Prohibits any member of the state highway patrol or local law enforcement agency or employee of the national highway traffic safety administration from collecting breath, blood, or saliva for research purposes.

HB 1256 - Prohibits drivers of non-commercial vehicles from text messaging while operating a moving vehicle unless the device being used is equipped with technology allowing for voice-recognition hands-free text. Write those letters and bring your replies to the next local meeting. You can, of course, use pen, paper, envelopes and stamps. You can use these pages to find out who the sponsors and cosponsors of these bills are, thank them for their support, and make certain you contact your Representatives and senators so they know you support these bills and appreciate their support: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/> and <http://www.house.mo.gov/>. With these links you can find out who your reps and senators are based your address. Remember, it is best if you are registered to vote and if you aren't and can, do so. Do send letters even if you aren't registered to vote. At the end of session, I will have an award for the person with the most responses from their legislators.

I neglected to tell you that Gene Hilburn won the attendance prize at the November meeting and he promptly returned it to our treasury. January's attendance prize was won by Gale Berneking who also returned his prize. Thank you, guys, for paying it forward. Speaking of paying it forward, the local opted to renew Robert Kaps membership in FORR® at the January meeting. He graciously thanks us. I told him that he is always there for us and we wanted to do the same for him. He births

us, buries us and marries us and asks little in return.

Gwen Walters won the 2013 membership incentive award. She brought five new members in and received a Local 14 t-shirt. This year's prize is a renewal of your next year's membership. I suggest you plan early and get those new memberships in because Gwen is going to give you a run for your money. She's already said she plans on having all of her friends be Local 14 members. I've seen the fire in her eyes and she has big plans for that membership renewal! Congratulations and Good Luck, Gwen.

New and renewed members for November include John Garrison and Kiera Sullivan. January renewals and new members include Robert Kaps, Michael Wayne Fischer, D. Watson, and Randy "Joker" Garrison, Jr. Welcome aboard and thanks.

In Memory patches for Pockets and Ken Brady are in stock and available for \$5.00 each.

It is with deep sadness that I report Joe "Puddy" Loyd died on January 13, 2013 after a motorcycle crash. Puddy was a freedom fighter from way back and will be sorely missed by his family and brothers and sisters. You prep the roads, Joe, and we'll be there to ride with you. Go with the gods, Joe. May we walk, talk and smile together again soon.

Our activities committee is looking for help. See our VP Mike Basso for details. We have a lot going on. The national Meeting of the Minds is in Kansas City this year the week before Octoberfest so there is much to be done between now and then for both these events. I look forward to meeting you and/or working with you. Our local will be sending someone to the MOTM at our expense. Get your name in the hat. If you have never been to a MOTM you will gain an education about international motorcycling rights and make many new friends from all over the world, with all of us united for one thing; to keep our motorcycles. You are uninformed if you think motorcycle helmet laws are the only thing we have to worry about. Since Missouri is the host state this year, it will take all of us to pull off the MOTM in the classy style we are all used to.

Seven people from Local 14 went to the FEW Seminar January including our Prez Smokin Joe Widmer, who led a discussion on Robert's Rules of Order. Mike Basso and Derrick Holt were sent from our local plus there were four who went on their own dime: Crash and Carol Harrison and Doug and Donna Hilburn. This event was well-attended from all across the state. There were many speakers and topics and one session entitled Greybeards. Fortunately for the attendees, there were many people who can claim the title Greybeards and a wonderful time during the seminar included a session by them. I found there are folks with more experience and history behind you that will thrill you and captivate you and inspire you. It was wonderful to see everyone again and to know that the traditions we started continue to this day. It was great to see the old-timers, including five former and current state chairmen, many former state officers and to make new friends or even to forgive for grievances from the past. We came away with new friends and a renewal of old friendships and a newfound vigor for motorcycling rights. I also learned that you can never really retire from fighting for freedom. My takeaway from this is that the people who are trying to take your rights away never retire and neither can we. The wisdom from the old-timers must match the enthusiasm of the newer members in order for us to ride forward. United We Ride, Divided We Die.

Don't ever think that your contribution doesn't count. If your motives be well-intended, no one can ever accuse you of destroying the organization from the inside out if all your actions are positive and for the good of your local and organization. Woe be unto you if this is not true. There are many forms of participation, including protests and boycotts when needed. When previous wrongs in any organization are allowed to become part of policy and procedure, people will choose their own course of action, thereby attempting to right these wrongs in the manner that best suits them. All people are to be commended and recognized for their own courses so long as those attempts are from the heart and designed for the betterment of all. We may not always agree but we have to support one another in our endeavors to help our organization thrive once again and be able to stand strong in the face of all the naysayers who will take your freedoms from you. There is no room for hate and discontent and

you should leave yours at home if you bear ill will. Dissent is always welcome and can be a positive tool for change when wielded properly.

Soapbox down. See you when I can dig out of the biggest snowstorm in recent memory.

The Scooter Tramp

LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Location Varies - Call for info

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

Well this winter has really been a brutal one for sure. It makes us appreciate the warm spring coming even more!

Which makes me think of our up and coming Spring Swap Meet! I know that it's not until April 27th. But we have to plan on how to make it the best ever. I want to challenge every Local 15 member to come to the next business meeting and volunteer to DO something or have an idea for our Swap Meet. Let's kick this spring off strong! Our next business meeting is Feb. 17th at Charlie's Steak & Ale in Branson. Let's fill that place again!

I hope there will be plenty of people to go up to the Capital on Feb. 18th and March 5th. This is a great way to show everyone of those stuffed shirts and pressed skirts that we are as passionate of our freedom as we are the wind in our hair! We want them to know that we vote for them, so they need to be a voice for us!

I missed the last business meeting but my husband and Tam made sure I had plenty of notes. Oh Tracy called me too. The Trash and treasure date will be set at the next meeting. Expect it to be on the last weekend of March. We will also be planning the Safety Inspection ride to C & D Muffler as well. Our next BS will be Double OO in Branson West on March 4th.

They talked about a Spring Poker Run on the first Weekend of April and of course we will all want to join Papa Jay as he hosts the 2nd Charlie Dawn Ride for The Ronald McDonalds House Charities on April 13th.

Oh I can hear Spring calling us to ride!!!!!!

Please visit our Facebook for any further info. Hope to see you soon,
Lou



Local 15 Trash n Treasurer

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Danny 573-243-0378

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

When you read this it will be March. We can only hope that we're looking forward to spring weather and not more ice or snow....which is what it's doing right now as I write this entry.

The annual Broomstick Tournament is behind us. We send our thanks to JR's for hosting this event. At this time I don't have the results but I look forward to sharing the details next month.

Our attention will turn to the spring events such as the formerly known as April Fool's Dance and the first annual Motorcycle Awareness event

the weekend of April 26-27, 2014. This will be the first statewide event since the State of Missouri officially began recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Local 16 has generously picked up the insurance tab for this event to insure even our smaller sister Local's will have the opportunity to participate.

We held our elections in January at Bill's Place in Biehle. This has long been a favored meeting spot and as always Bill made sure the hospitality was top notch. Thank you for your continued support of Local 16!

Election results are as follows:

President: Whitey Pohlman

Vice-President: Danny Neal

Secretary: Karen Neal

Treasurer: Sarah Pohlman

(I'm sensing a theme here)

Central Committee Rep: Melanie Coy

Legislative: Martin King

Product Line: Doug Pfeiffer

Newsletter: Melanie Coy

Congratulations and thanks to all whom've volunteered their time & talent.

Our next meeting will be at Danny & Karen's house aka Club Neal, February 22 at 7:00pm. Please call for directions. I have not acquired any new directional skills.

In the meantime, remember to always stay aware of your surroundings when riding. We are our own first line of defense.

Enjoy!

Melanie



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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

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

Hi Everyone

As winter keep dragging on and our bikes are in dry dock we hope for an early spring. In the meantime the Annual Auction and Dance was held at the Shrine club, over 200 members and friends faced the bad weather to enjoy the festivities. Thanks to Melinda, Klone and Joni for making it such a success, we would also like to thank Terry and Ron Robinson for running the front gate and Golden Auction Service, Kenny Lambert and John Eichemier for working the auction.

We want to organize more summer FORR events, one of these event will be a poker run in our area if anyone would like to be involved in this contact John Eichemier at 660-665-7555 we are hoping to make this an annual event.

We would like to thank Doug and Debbie Years for bring the chili and Joni James for the snacks to last month's meeting. Our next meeting will be at Action Cycles north Kirksville 3/1/14 at 6:00 pm.

Ride Safe! Nancy

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

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



Change.....most people don't like change it upsets the rut that we get ourselves in and means that things most of the time will be done differently and in most cases leads to more work and commitment. I have worked hard at keeping this newsletter on a positive note but this month I could really care less. Most everyone will receive this letter in time for me to tell you that the next meeting will be Sunday

February 23, 2014 at the American Legion on PP Hwy in Poplar Bluff.

I along with a handful of members have been working on giving our communities a more positive attitude about our Local and organization and at every turn we continue to be sabotaged not by strangers but by members of our own local going around talking to other people and casting a bad light on our efforts and of course nobody ever wants to give names. I can pretty much figure out whom some of these people are but that is between us and them.

Those that want to do nothing but stand in the shadows and create problems I am calling you out get a backbone and come to the meetings with your complaints rather than destroy the local. The fate of this Local will be decided at the next meeting in February so if it is preferred that the few decide for the many so be it. I am at the point that I am sick of giving my time and spending my efforts for people that have no interest in the Local or Freedom of Roads as a whole yes I know there are many reasons that some can't attend meetings I am not speaking to them I am talking to the trouble makers. This point I will make clear.....I have not failed and neither has the rest of the cabinet you as the membership have failed yourselves and potential members.

Those that believed that nothing was going to change well it hasn't because there has been no effort from the entire membership to make positive changes.

Until Next time.....Keep it between the Lines
 Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan

**LOCAL 21 - ELDON**

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

Alas my brethren ...I am sorely vexed!

If the government can print money like they do, why do they need half of mine?.

Don't forget the meetin' on the third saturday at 1:00 at Wittlers on Main Street in Eldon.

We also have the new patches in for Tommy and James.

Watch out fer squirrels, they can be kinda slippery.

Dan

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

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

May the luck of the Irish be with you.

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

Come on out to the St Patty's Day Massacre Dance!

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,

Can we please have some riding weather ? Hopefully by the time you all are reading this, the 2014 blizzards will be nothing more than a biker's memory of a very bad dream.

First off we would like to give a huge "Thank You" to Big St. Charles for allowing us and Local 24 to join in on their gift wrapping this year.

February 18th was Crusader Days at the State Capital.

Our first ride will be our "Bear Run" on June 1st.

We will be renewing our ad with Thunder Roads Motorcycle Magazine again this year, so be sure to look for it on the "Bikers Bulletin Board"

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page each month.

While on the subject of Thunder Roads Magazine, Owners Dennis & Stacy Martin have graciously given Freedom of Road Riders the opportunity to submit a page each month on.. past, present & upcoming legislation.

In return Local 25 voted to make Dennis & Stacy honorary members for 2014. After the vote passed unanimously, Local 25 member Randy Bailey volunteered to pay for both of their 1 year memberships. Dennis and Stacy were truly honored and we would like to personally thank Randy for his generous donation.

So, also watch each issue for the State FORR submission written by Bill Kempker and edited by myself. Bill is our new State FORR Legislative Coordinator and is doing a fine job.

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 16th at 1 pm @ The American Legion Post 313 in Old Town St. Peters.

Remember... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN !!!
Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

(Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

St Patty's Day - the one day that we're all Irish!

LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

EI' Rodeo, 306 E Jackson St, Bolivar, MO 65613

Contact:: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres.

Leland Seymour 636-497-2814

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, from all of us at Local - 27 how many of you are sick of winter? I know I sure am, come on spring !!!

So the FEW seminar has come and went and all I can say is WOW!!! What a success. A great big kudos goes out to Melanie Coy and Susan Lockhart, you to out did yourselves. I have only been to 2 FEW seminars but let me tell you this was by far the best one yet. Local - 27 had 7 members attend and from what I could tell they all came away from it with a greater understanding of what this Organization is all about, and a renewed enthusiasm for the importance of what needs to be done. As promised it was very educational and entertaining. Thank you to all the wonderful speakers who shared their personal experiences in FORR. A very special thank you to Mike Basso , whose father, Larry Basso and mother, Mary Basso were FORR members #1 and #2, for bringing his fathers vest for all the attendees to see and reflect. Mike was only about 6 or 7 when his parents came up with the idea for Freedom of Road



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Riders, he says he can remember them working on the logo design on there pool table in the basement. He shared a lot of personal memories of the birth of FORR and I really enjoyed visiting with him. It has made me look at this organization in a more positive light and has really focused me on the important issues that we face.

From conversations I have had with my Prez. I can tell you that Local-27 is committed to fully supporting the legislative agenda of FORR. We plan on making a show of support at each legislative event and we will attend as many awareness events as physically possible. We hope that all Locals are willing to do the same. Without unity we can not achieve our full potential as a legislative organization. We can and will make a difference if we work together. I encourage every member of FORR to make it to the capitol at least once during session. It will make a difference, if your not sure what to do, call on me and I will make sure someone is at the capitol with you.

Well until next time, keep the shiny side up and enjoy the ride....
ML&R , Dawg

Here we all again, wallowing in snow and ice, looking wistfully at our bikes and dreaming of warmer wether,... ARGH!!!!... but on the bright side this is THE time of year to check your breaks, assess your tires and go over those all important safety points on your ride. Later, when the weather is great and you just wanna ride, you'll be glad you took the time in winter to go over all those things.

It's a great time to break out the map, throw some darts and pick a destination too.... check in with your FORR locals state wide to see what events you might enjoy. Of course there's the rally at Buckhorn every spring but there are a lot of great events state wide put on by locals that just might be the ticket to spicing up your weekend ride.

So in this cold dreary time of year, as we thumb through parts catalogs,.. plan your rides,.. and plan to ride safe!

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



LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Vice President Steve Lincoln 573-337-9417, Shrine Club 573-774-545**

If any of you are like me, those couple of weekends that we have had with nice weather have put me in a serious hate mood for winter and cold. I hope all of you had the opportunity to get out during those weekends and put some miles on the bike! I am ready for the cold air to move away and for the good weather to start. But, while we are waiting on spring to show, there are a few things that we could do to prepare. Run those safety checks on your bikes. If you cannot ride because of the weather, than it is a good time to get into the shop for any maintenance that you might need. Do not forget to check the battery. Like the car that would not start the other morning, the cold can damage the bike's battery. Now is a good time to check the battery and see if you need to put a trickle charger on it or replace it. Take a look at your tires. Is it time for new ones? Why not get them now and be prepared for the next warm weekend!! Check all of your gear. Is it time to replace those winter gloves? They should be going on sale any time now – shopping ladies and men!! LOL! (It is an excuse to get out there on the bike!!) Go through and check all of the fluid levels. The more prepared you become now, the better prepared you are to just jump on the bike and go the next day the temperature warms up. Hopefully that time is soon and we will be passing each other on the road! So, instead of talking about the snow on Monday morning, we will be talking about the ride. Happy Spring all!!

Notes from this month's meeting:

This newsletter has to go out before the meeting takes place, so there are no meeting notes to pass on. Just a reminder to everyone that the sign-up sheets for the Rally will be at the next few meetings and posted on the Facebook page, if you are interested in adding your name to a time slot. Also, Larry will be needing volunteers to man the tent at the next street fest to pass out flyers. Come on out and show your support during the event.

For a complete listing of the minutes, please visit the web site at www.local28frr.com.

- If you want to reduce duplicate issues of the newsletter being sent to your home address, an email or letter needs to be sent to Dallas instructing her to do so. You can find this information in the newsletter or contact one of the officers for more information.

- If you have not received an email or a card indicating that your membership is due for renewal, please contact Bill Calhoun at membership@local28frr.com.

- If your birthday or anniversary has not been announced at the local meetings, and you would like it to be, please contact Bill Calhoun at the meetings or send him an email at membership@local28frr.com.

Check out the Local 28 FORR web site at <http://www.local28frr.com> or stop by and visit us on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150>

LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook: FORR Local 29**

Hello Local 29 members and interested parties. Our January meeting was a little different. Some of our activities were originally scheduled for our December Christmas meeting and had been postponed so that we could attend services for Joe Loyd. In January we had our originally

scheduled for December pot luck meal, which was excellent as usual. We also had a white elephant gift exchange.

The 2013 outstanding members for Local 29 were announced. Congratulations go to the following outstanding members:

Jim Duyck. Jim was nominated for several reasons. He is a life member of Local 29. He has always been active in the local. He attends most of the Mid America Freedom Rally meetings and has offered the use of his property many times for Local 29 events and for fundraisers. Any time there is a Local 29 event Jim is active in it.

Ursula DeMoss. Ursula was very active with the 2013 Kearney Bike Show. She has stepped up several times when we needed her and has filled in for us at the CC meetings when our CC Rep could not make it. And Ursula has accepted the CC position this year. Ursula can always be counted on to help when needed.

Paul and Shirley McCormack. I listed them together because a lot of what they have done is as a team. They have been our Product Line persons and have done an excellent job. Paul has expanded our product line with many custom made leather products, which he provides at no charge to the local. He then pays us a commission when he sells things. This has worked out very well for Local 29. They have also helped in many other ways. This year Paul has stepped up to be President and Shirley is continuing to handle the product line.

Our Member of the Year honor goes to Janet Williams. She has done several things this year to earn this honor. She is a representative for Local 29 to the Mid America Freedom Rally and was responsible for making sure all the shifts were covered. She was very active with the KBS last year and developed a scoring system that allowed us to know the winners much quicker. She planned and put on a fund raiser for a young girl with cancer that earned Local 29 much praise.

Because of space constraints I have only touched on part of what each of these members have done for Local 29. We are very lucky to have them as members.

Other things were discussed at our meeting including we voted to pay \$50 for an ad in the MAFR handout for a Joe Loyd memory ad. We also voted to have Joe Loyd memory patches made pending Vinetta's approval. We later learned she was having her local make them so I requested 20 for us. We discussed the 2014 Kearney Bike Show which is being held on Sunday, April 27th. Local 29 members please make every attempt to help that day. Complete information on the KBS and all forms are available on our Facebook site: Facebook: FORR Local 29. Had Gerald Asbell been present he would have won the membership incentive of \$10. It now goes to \$20 for February. I won the attendance incentive of \$11.

As I write this the forecast is for 6" to 9" of snow in a couple of days. I hope they are wrong. I'm ready to ride. Stay warm.

Honest Bob

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LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

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

Big things appear to be brewing with legislation. A few bills to be looking at include House Bill (HB) 1149, Senate Bill (SB) 696, and SB 604. HB 1149 introduces changes to the offense of failing to yield the right of way. SB 696, also focusing on failure to yield right of way received its second reading on January 30th, 2014. SB 604, supported by Senator Holsman, suggests helmet free riders of motorcycles and motortricycles with proper insurance coverage's and distinctive plates. The bill would require riders to be twenty one years of age or older having two years with a motorcycle license or having taken a motorcycle riders training course. Several opportunities are approaching for you to present to the Capital and be heard: February 18 and March 5th, with buses transporting supporters from the east and west portions of the state, and April 29th, for the annual ride to the Capital. I encourage you all to plan in advance, a day or two away from busy schedules, to be seen and heard about issues that will affect us on an ongoing basis.

Several of our members were able to attend the FEW seminar and came home educated and excited. The topic this year was "Past, Present and Future". I'm told we have a rich history and high hopes for the next generation of FORR family. I wonder if we were able to share the goals of the organization with our family and friends, how many more active members we could round up based on the knowledge and presentation of information we offered. Our future depends on motivated individuals, creating motivated groups. My wish is for you to find the area of interest regarding motorcycle rights that motivates you, so that you do the research and use your voice to advocate for us all. We cannot expect to remain passive and seek positive change.

Local 30 is gearing up for a busy year. By the time you're reading this Leather and Lace will have been a success (just trust me on this). We are anticipating the upcoming awareness rides, rallies, and a food drive, along with the possibility of adding an additional fall party in the Springfield Nixa area. Discussion has also taken place regarding an updated webpage, outside of the Facebook scene, for those who aren't Facebook junkies. I look forward to the camaraderie, warm days and cool nights of the next season. Until next month...

Ride happy, ride safe-
 Christine S

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

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



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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

As I'm sitting here writing this the latest polar vortex has unleashed its icy grip on the Midwest. Riding season seems so far away but it will be here before we know it. Will you have your bike ready? Will you have yourself ready? Will you take the time to properly prepare your mind, body and soul for the upcoming riding season or will you just hop back on the ole scooter and expect things to take back off from where you left them last fall. I hope everyone will take a few minutes, for some of us it will take longer, go over the scooter with a fine tooth comb, check all those nuts and bolts, adjust the cables, look closely at the tires and make sure everything is in good working order before you head out for the first ride of the season.

Local 33 is going to bring back the breakfast/dinner get togethers to help bring our membership closer together and give everyone an opportunity to get to know your fellow member. We will be getting together for breakfast at 9:00 am on March 2nd before the Sedalia Swap Meet at Golden Coral. Hope to see a bunch of you there. Then on to the swap meet.

March will have us at the Capitol on March 12th with the second District 4 Capitol Crusaders Day. Hope to see a lot of you sharing your opinions with your elected officials. Remember they are elected by the people to represent the people but if we don't let our voices be heard they are free to run amok and do whatever they want.

Next up will be the Moose Stuff Your Crock and Shuffle Board Tourney. While this isn't a local 33 event it is a great time for our members to get together at the new Am Vets, play some shuffle board, stuff yourself on some delectable delights and meet some new friends. The following day will be the Local 33 meeting.

Then mark your calendars because the riding season will officially begin with Local 33's April Fools Poker Run on April 6th. This is always a good event and a great time. I hear the road captains are working on a really terrific route for this years event.

Because local funds are down and we haven't been able to get enough support from other locals around the state Local 33 has decided we will no longer do the State Fair booth project. While this was a good opportunity for us to get our name and information out to a lot of people, it costs a lot of money and time to have the booth. Hopefully another local or locals will pick up this ball and run with it in the future.

Granny aka Auntie was MIA at our last meeting. Hopefully all is well and she hasn't been located by those nefarious individuals she's been hiding out from in the witness protection program. You know Granny you have a lot of friends in the local and we're here to reassure you that you are safe with us. We know you have a tendency to get lost every now and then so if you need help finding your way back to Am Vets just pull on the string and we'll reel you in.

Until next time, remember to write your elected officials or better yet visit them at the Capitol and let your voice be heard. Stay safe and see you down the road.

Kathy



LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****Members take turn hosting at their homes****Contact: Pat Green 660-351-3373**

Well 2013 is behind us now and we can look forward to a new year. For me the old year was pretty great because we got a new grandson and what can be better than that. I'm really looking to have a good year in 2014, going on good rides and at least one grand trip.

Local 35 ended the old year on a good note and what else but a great Christmas dinner at our home. There so much good food that most of us was full for hours. Our officer election was over very fast as all the old officers said they would carry over another year.

Even if you are able to ride 2 wheels I hope the road angels watch over you.

Linda Browning

I don't know about everyone else, but I am not a cold weather person. Yes I know I have lived here almost all my 62 years, but I still don't like the cold. I AM READY FOR WARM DAYS. There must have been a bug in the air for after our meeting several of us got sick with the flu.

We are looking for a place to have our meetings that will be a stay put place. With the weather the way it is there isn't much to write about besides cleaning the house over and over or watering and feeding cows.

If you go out and about be careful and I'll say a little prayer to the road angels to watch over you.

Linda Browning

LOCAL 41 - CAMERON CROSSROADS**Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. - Call for location****Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-5037 or 2707 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340**

Man I've had all the snow ice cream I can handle. I'm ready to eat some bugs.

Our March meeting will be at Dino's Diner April meeting at McCorkels. Hope to see you there.

Motorcycle Awareness ride and Mike Sloan Memorial ride are both coming up at the end of April. District 1 is planning a ride where we can meet up with each local and maybe other Districts. Details are being worked out.

Also it is being talked about bringing back the Blacktop Rally.

Not much going on in this part of Missouri so everyone have a good one.

If you borrow money from a friend, decide before you do which is more important.

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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**

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start out with saying thank you to every who has donated items for Leather and Lace (keep them coming)!

I want to say thank you to a few CMA and Local 24 members who stopped in at our last meeting it was great seeing you.

It was also great seeing one of our newest member Lynette at her first meeting.....YAY Lynette we hope to see you again next month!

Our next meeting is March 23rd. This is an important meeting to finalize for Leather and Lace we need workers for that night to help make it a success once again! Kenny asked that if you are a member of Local 42 and

you are planning on attending the dance to please bring a covered dish.

We would like to welcome two new members to Local 42, Phillip Helms and Scott Hoffmann! WELCOME!!!

I hope it was a great turn out at capital days...sorry I couldn't be there!

This is the month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

LEATHER AND LACE: March 29th 7:00 pm.....Don't be late!!!

HOLD PLEASE.....

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 1st Year Anniversary ride is scheduled for April 19th. We will meet at Dirk's Bar & Grill at 10:00 am, our meeting will be from 11:00 to 12:00, with the run starting shortly thereafter. Our ride will be approximately 100 miles and end at Tryst Falls in Kearney, MO with food and drinks waiting. If you plan to join us for some grub, please bring a side dish and any adult beverage you might like as only tea and soft drinks will be provided. A transport vehicle will be at Dirk's to help get your items to Tryst Falls so you can enjoy your ride without worrying about spills in your saddle bags.

Jack Garrison has graciously offered to pay any member of L47's membership dues for 2014 if they sign up two new members and attend one CC Meeting. If you attend the FEW seminar and two CC meetings in 2015, he will pay your dues for 2015! So get busy out there and make Jack proud!

Ronda Felts worked the FORR booth at the Wide Open Bike Show at the KCI EXPO and visited with many attendees who were out looking for those free signs! A couple of "gentlemen" stated that we (FORR) "must not be doing a very good job since we still have a helmet law in Missouri". Her response was that while it would be nice to have the choice to ride helmet free, there are many other things that FORR has accomplished in the past few years that are just as, if not more important than modifying the helmet law. I know that if Katherine Fox would have been in attendance, those boys would not have had a chance!

Please remember that the few people who show up for the trips to the Capitol each year are doing the job that we should ALL be doing! Until our membership speaks as loudly with our actions as those who represent us do with their words, that is all we will ever be....



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Session started January 8 there are several bills that are of interest:
 HB 1106, HB 1123, HB 1256, HB 1282, & HB 1316 – All Prohibit anyone from sending, reading, or writing a text message while operating a motor vehicle in some form and one includes prohibits use of head mounted optic display.
 HB 1124 - Changes the laws regarding “all-terrain vehicles,” “recreational off-highway vehicles,” and “utility vehicles”. Full language is similar to SB 707.
 SB 707 - This act modifies the definitions of “all-terrain vehicle”, “recreational off-highway vehicle”, and “utility vehicle”. For all-terrain vehicles, the requirements that the vehicle have handlebars for steering have been removed and the seat requirement has been changed to one designed for one or more persons. For recreational off-highway and utility vehicles the allowable width has been increased to 65 inches and allowable weight of the utility vehicle has been increased from 1,850 pounds to 2,000 pounds or less to match the recreational off-highway vehicle.
 HB 1149 - Increases the penalties for the offense of failing to yield the right-of-way and the time period that the court may order the suspension of a person’s driving privilege for the offense.
 HB 1195 - Limits the fine that may be imposed for a traffic violation for which no points are assessed to no more than \$50.
 HB 1257 & HB 1423 - Prohibits any member of the state highway patrol or local law enforcement agency or employee of the national highway traffic safety administration from collecting breath, blood, or saliva for research purposes.
 SB 762 - defines automobile event data recorder and limits the release of data collected to five circumstances: 1) by or with the approval of the owner; 2) in response to a valid search warrant or court order; 3) for anonymous data collection to improve motor vehicle safety, security, or traffic management; 4) for diagnosing, servicing, or repairing the motor vehicle; and 5) for facilitating emergency medical response in the event of a motor vehicle crash or collision. This act is identical to HB 1332.
 HB 1332 & HB 1388 - Prohibits the unauthorized release of data collected by automobile event data recorders, unless there is a valid search warrant.
 HB 1368 - Prohibits the use of a global positioning system or other technology to monitor the mileage traveled by a motor vehicle in order

to impose any mileage tax.
 HB 1517 -Adds motorcycles and mopeds to Missouri’s Lemon Law.
 HB 1572 - Adds a motorcycle registration surcharge of \$5 to be deposited in the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund for motorcycle safety programs. (It is currently \$2.)
 SB 503 & SB 596 - defines an autocycle as an enclosed motorcycle with no more than three wheels in contact with the roadway at any one time and other safety and equipment requirements. Additionally the act exempt autocycle operators from the motorcycle helmet requirement with specific safety equipment requirements. This act also requires autocycle operators to have a driver license without requiring a motorcycle or motortricycle license or endorsement.
 SB 599 - Restricts the storage and use as evidence of data collected through automated license plate reader systems.
 SB 604 - Allows qualified motorcycle operators to operate motorcycles and motortricycles without protective headgear under certain conditions. Those conditions include age 21 or older with motorcycle endorsement at least 2 years or completing a rider training course, minimum health insurance of \$50k, pay additional fee and receive “HELMET FREE” license plate.

These are summaries of the bills filled of course they are subject to changes. Go to www.house.mo.gov/billlist.aspx and www.senate.mo.gov/ click on the Legislation tab for complete information.
 We don’t particularly like the scope SB 604 and hope to introduce a “clean” bill with no conditions in the House in the near future. We are planning “Capital Crusader Days”, February 18 and March 5. So if you ride in Missouri, please plan to join us in Jefferson City to show your support.
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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

RIDER EDUCATION - 1000 LIVES AND A BILLION DOLLARS SAVED!

Q. Since the ABATE Rider Education Program began in 1987, is there any information on how many lives/dollars the ABATE Safety Program have saved the citizens of Indiana? ABATE OF INDIANA member and Rider Ed Instructor.

A. It is estimated that through the Indiana Department of Education-Division of School Traffic Safety and the Indiana Motorcycle Safety Program, that 1000 Hoosier lives have been saved as a result of motorcycle/rider education and training courses. If you use the (out of date) NHTSA estimates that the average traffic fatality costs society approximately one million dollars - then applying that standard, the ABATE Safety Training Program has saved the State of Indiana one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) since 1987. Obviously, anyone who has had a hand in rider education in Indiana, particularly ABATE of Indiana and its many volunteers, should be unbelievably proud of this remarkable accomplishment. We need a billboard that properly thanks you folks.

LADY GODIVA MAY BE MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR

Q. My local ABATE chapter is going to have a costume party on our property, and we have some concerns about what might happen at the party. Last year, we had a great party, and some of the guests decided they would dress like Lady Godiva. Some of the neighbors complained, but nothing came of it. This year, I have heard that the neighbors have already notified the police, and I expect that they might show up. The major concerns I have are: what gives the police the authority to come on my property, and what would happen if they found some of the (dressed like Lady Godiva and drunk) guests were under 18? ABATE OF ILLINOIS members.

A. Big problems can happen - that's what, and our response applies to any party including St. Patrick's day coming up. Let's deal with the questions in the order you asked them. If a neighbor calls the police because of a breach of the peace, such as loud music, people running around outdoors naked in public view, then the police that respond to the call would be justified in entering onto the property. They call that probable cause. If, however, there is no visible evidence of violations (everyone is inside being quiet and the shades are pulled), then the officers would need a search warrant to enter the property.

No one should be admitted to the party if they are under age, but if some underage revelers slipped in, there are additional concerns that affect both the owner (you) and maybe even the host (ABATE). Both could be charged with the local criminal equivalent of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" and possibly other crimes as well. So in your case, criminal charges could be assessed against not only the property owners (you), but also ABATE, so we need to discuss the rules of admission for this party and ABATE's involvement.

Additionally, there are concerns about civil liability. The presence of under-aged guests raises the stakes for a lawsuit if one of those kids gets in a car and kills themselves or someone else on the way home. The general rule of thumb? Getting drunk and Godiva-like at a

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private party is not illegal so long as there are no minors involved and the public is not able to witness what is happening or is disturbed by over the top noise. Adding teenagers and public nudity, and you and the host could be in for quite a scare. Please see the latest form of the authorized WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT posted on the web site. You will need it, so don't leave home without it - AND BY THE WAY LET'S TALK.

PROVING THE VALUE OF YOUR CUSTOM BIKE TO THE INSURANCE GUYS

Q. I have a bike that I bought stock five years ago and have made a number of improvements to it including a lot of chrome, custom paint, and other customized equipment. My bike was stolen last month, and the insurance company only wants to offer me book value for the bike. By my estimation, it's worth about twice the book value of a stock bike. Is there any way I can convince the insurance company to re-evaluate their offer?

A. There may be a way to do that, but it depends on how good your records are. Most insurance policies cover customization and items added to bikes, but the insurance company has to be assured that the customizations that you claim you added were actually added to the bike and became a part of the bike. There are a number of ways to do that. The easiest and best way is to document all the customizations done to the bike. This means keeping meticulous records of the modifications done to the bike, who did them, when they were done, how much they cost, and what effect those customizations had on the value of the bike. Oftentimes that requires hiring the services of an appraiser to evaluate the bike with and without the modifications. And take lots of photos and send them to your insurance representative - before your bike gets stolen, of course.

Let's assume you did a custom job with three distinct components: First, you did some body work - you put on a new fork, new handlebars, and new wheels. You did that during the course of one season and didn't plan on doing any more work that season. It would be a good idea once that work was completed, to take pictures of the bike, put those together with all the receipts from the work done to the bike and send copies of that information to your insurance company. At that point you should get an appraisal for the bike. Often, appraisers work at a motorcycle shop or dealer. You especially want an appraisal if the value of the bike together with the additions is more than what you paid for the bike plus the value of the additions. For example, you bought the bike for \$5,000.00; you added \$5,000.00 worth of additions, but those additions and your sweat equity caused the bike to be worth \$15,000.00 rather than just the value of the bike plus the parts, which was \$10,000.00. An appraisal will prove to the insurance company that the bike is worth more than the sum of its parts.

Now let's assume it's the next season, and you have added a lot of chrome to the bike. Again, you should take pictures of the bike, keep copies of the receipts, describe the work done, and submit that info to the insurance company for their files. Suppose later on you decided to complete the customization and get a special paint job on it. Once that work is finished, you need an appraisal of the value of the bike to show the insurance company what it's worth with all the customizations. With those documents, you will be in a good position to prove the value of the bike to the insurance company should you need to make a claim.

Remember, some insurance companies offer special coverage for customizations or for bikes with historic or antique value. If your bike has value for collectors beyond the book value for a stock bike, check with your insurance agent about modifying your insurance to make sure your investment is covered. Never forget that with insurance companies, if it is not in writing it doesn't count. Get email addresses of your insurance company reps and make book on them, because they are making book on you. Meaning, you should confirm every conversation and send them every doc and photo you have. If that doesn't work call us.

HOW ABOUT SAVING A LIFE - YOUR OWN?

Q. I recently read an article in my local paper about the increasing number of fatalities involving motorcycles. I'm thinking of taking the Rider Education course, but it doesn't sound like it would do much good. Why should I take a Rider Education course?

A. Because you don't want to die? That's always been a good reason for me. Recent numbers show that MOST motorcycle accidents involve untrained or self-taught riders. MOST! If that doesn't convince you that you should take a rider education course, then nothing will. Don't forget some of the other things that contribute to motorcycle injuries and fatalities. Significant numbers of all fatalities involve alcohol and involve riders without motorcycle endorsements. These are risk factors we can either control or be aware of when we ride.

TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT OR AGREE TO A NON-COMPETE ?

Q. I'm a mechanic in a local bike shop, and my employer recently told me I need to sign an agreement that I won't work for another shop within a ten mile radius if I leave my current job. I don't think that's fair. There are a number of bike shops around here, and almost all of them are within ten miles from my current employer. Can they really enforce that agreement against me? ABATE OF OHIO member.

A. Probably, but we need to review it to make sure. What they have asked you to sign is called a non-compete agreement. It used to be that non-compete agreements were used only with managers or sales personnel. However, they are becoming more common with service personnel who develop relationships with customers and can entice customers to follow them if they move to a new employer.

Even though non-compete agreements are not favored by the law, if they follow the rules, those agreements are generally enforceable, provided the employer can show a reasonable belief that a departing employee could create unfair competition. However, non-compete agreements have to be reasonable in their restrictions. They can restrict a person from working in the same field, but only for a reasonable time period and within a reasonable distance from the employer's service area. What is "reasonable" is the magic question.

If your employer makes a "non-compete agreement" a condition of your employment and you work in an "employment-at-will" state, you may have no choice but to sign the agreement if you want to keep working there. If you sign the agreement and leave the job later, the employer can ask a court to prevent you from working for a competitor. If the court finds that the agreement contains reasonable restrictions, and doesn't unfairly limit your rights to find a new job, the court could enter an order preventing you from working for the competitor and/or assess damages against you.

**Ride Safe and Free,
Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services**

Connections



MRF helps New York City Motorcyclists avoid EPA stamp law

In a sweeping piece of legislation addressed by the New York City Council last month, there was a small provision that would have allowed NYC police to issue fines to motorcycles not displaying the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exhaust stamp.

This stamp is currently required by the EPA on all new motorcycles certifying that the level of sound coming out of the tailpipe meets the Federal limit of 80 decibels according to the Federal Noise Control Act of 1972.

Should the stamp not be easily visible, and most of the time they are not, the NYPD would be able to issue noise violations for a motorcycle that was not even running.

This was not the first time this has been proposed by the NYC Council. A similar provision was put forth a few years back at which time the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was very involved with having the proposal shelved.

It was explained to the MRF that this is a last ditch effort by the outgoing NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg to force a massive piece of air quality legislation. Counsel at NYC Department of Environmental Protection informed the MRF about the language. The MRF mobilized with the politically active bikers of NYC to have a presence at the Council meeting. NYC Councilman and motorcyclist Peter Vallone, joined the bikers. At that time Vallone was the chair of the Public Safety Committee and backed up what the other motorcyclists were saying.

The MRF source with the Department of Environmental Protection told the MRF that this language was "absolutely Mayoral" and "in no way a part of the normal council business". Bloomberg has since stepped down.

Black Box Bill

The United States Senate is addressing privacy concerns surrounding data event recorders in automobiles. Event Data Recorders (EDRs), commonly known as "black boxes" are almost standard equipment in all new cars and trucks. They record everything the vehicle is doing, or not doing at the time of a collision or other on road mishap. The boxes can record everything from speed and vehicle angle, to seat-belt use.

U.S. Senators John Hoeven (R-ND) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) have introduced legislation, S. 1925, to make the data recorder the sole property of the vehicle owner. Anyone else would need a subpoena to access the data. The data would also be available should the vehicle owner consent to data retrieval or for traffic safety research.

"Technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace and that poses new risks to personal privacy and new concerns for the public," Hoeven said. "While EDRs can serve a useful function by helping to make cars and streets safer, access to the data should be treated as personal except under very specific circumstances. Our bill makes clear what those circumstances are and helps to ensure that government and other entities respect the Fourth Amendment rights of Americans."

The Senate legislation is similar to the bill currently being worked on by the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 2414. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports both pieces of legislation and encourages you to contact your elected officials in the House and Senate and ask them to cosponsor these important bills.

EPA Proposed Ethanol Rule Comment Period

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering altering the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to lower the amount of ethanol produced in 2014. The proposed drop in ethanol production is a result of the Obama administration acknowledging that the biofuel law, RFS, is not working as well as expected. The proposal would require almost three billion gallons less be sold at market in 2014.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, testified at a hearing held by the EPA on this proposed rule in December 2013.

The higher blends, such as E15, have not been tested on motorcycles, and the extent of the damage is just beginning to be realized by those who have used the blend. Of particular concern to motorcyclists is that many manufactures are voiding warranties in cases where E15 is used in the motorcycle and causing damage.

Demand for the higher blends of ethanol, such as E15, a blend of 15 percent

ethanol to 85 percent traditional fuel, has been lower than expected. This shrinking of the marketplace has the EPA rethinking the future of biofuels.

The EPA is requesting comments on the proposal to drop the amount of ethanol produced in the U.S. in 2014. You can add your thoughts to the proposal by visiting www.regulations.gov and searching for Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0479.

The deadline for comments is January 28th, 2014. The MRF encourages you to let the EPA know how you feel about lowering the amount of ethanol to be produced.

Link: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0479>

Farm Bill Removes Subsidies for Biofuel Blender Pumps

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the United States House of Representatives has passed a bill that would end a federal subsidy for biofuel blender pumps in rural areas. The measure passed by a vote of 251-166 and costs the U.S. taxpayers \$956.4 billion.

The Senate is expected to vote on the matter next week and there is little that those in support of the subsidies can do to reinstate the money. President Obama is expected to sign the legislation into law.

Putting an end to these subsidies will likely result in less biofuel blender pumps in the market place and therefore less E-15 fuel.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports the removal of E-15 from the market until thorough, scientific study is conducted on the effects of the higher blend on the entire power train, not just the tail pipe emissions.

National Transportation Safety Board Releases 2014 "Top Ten Most Wanted" list.

Recently the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its annual list of top ten most wanted safety improvements reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). The most wanted list represents the NTSB's advocacy priorities. It is designed to increase awareness of and support for the most critical changes needed to reduce transportation accidents and save lives.

This year's list contains:

- Address Unique Characteristics of Helicopter Operations
- Advance Passenger Vessel Safety
- Eliminate Distraction in Transportation
- Eliminate Substance-Impaired Driving
- Enhance Pipeline Safety
- Improve Fire Safety in Transportation
- General Aviation: Identify and Communicate Hazardous Weather
- Implement Positive Train Control Systems
- Promote Operational Safety in Rail Mass Transit
- Strengthen Occupant Protection in Transportation

Motorcycles did not make the immediate list, but the NTSB did reference motorcycle helmet law deeper in the text of the explanation of one of the ten bullets.

Under the "Strengthen Occupant Protection in Transportation" heading, the NTSB recycles some tired old numbers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to the NTSB, motorcyclists are considered "occupants," which is a serious stretch of the definition of the word and a crafty way to address motorcycle safety. The MRF has always urged the NTSB and all other federal agencies that they should focus on accident prevention rather than safer crashing.

"Using such a singular approach to motorcycle safety is not the best way to save lives," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. He continued, "The NTSB has just taken a giant step back from their last attempt to address motorcycle safety in 2011, which included both voluntary helmet use and rider education as equal components."

The fact is the motorcycle fatalities have dropped almost 20% nationwide since 2008, and at the same time we have seen the relaxing of mandatory helmet laws and a steady increase in motorcycle licensing and registrations.

The chairman of the NTSB, Debra Hersman, has taken a motorcycle safety class and has not ridden since, to the best of our knowledge. She is the person who originally spearheaded the NTSB's involvement with motorcycle safety when she planned the two-day motorcycle forum at the NTSB in 2006, in which the MRF participated. It's likely that she will continue to use her influence with the agency to keep motorcycling on or near the NTSB top ten list.

Connections



ICYMI: Federal lawmaker requests information on checkpoints

On Jan. 9, U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) sent a letter to U.S. Dept. of Transportation Sec. Anthony Foxx requesting information regarding

a checkpoint program administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

As reported by news media, the NHTSA checkpoint program pays private contractors that use state and local law enforcement to conduct checkpoint programs and collect blood samples or mouth swabs from drivers.

Sensenbrenner is leading the fight against motorcycle-only checkpoints and is the sponsor of H.R. 1861, Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act.

The American Motorcyclist Association is working aggressively on the MOC issue and expects more positive developments in the near future.

Omnibus appropriations act to protect access to federal lands

Last night (January 15th) H.R. 3547, the 2014 omnibus appropriations bill, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on a vote of 359-67.

The bill has several provisions that the American Motorcyclist Association actively advocates:

- A prohibition on the administration's controversial Wild Lands policy;
- Continuing support for conservation efforts for the sage grouse. This will help avoid the need to list it as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, an action that could limit access to millions of acres of public land;
- Fully funding the fire suppression accounts;
- Requiring the Dept. of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to report on actions to improve access to public lands for recreational activities; and
- Language that requires the DOI, USFS and the federal Environmental Protection Agency to make available information regarding fees paid by statute under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

These provisions will secure and expand access to public lands for off-highway-vehicle riders in a safe and responsible manner.

H.R. 3547 will be considered by the Senate this week.

New black box legislation does not go far enough to protect motorcyclists' privacy right

On Jan. 14th U.S. Sens. John Hoeven (R.-N.D.) and Amy Klobuchar (D.-Minn.) introduced S.1925, the Driver Privacy Act.

The bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder – commonly referred to as a black box – would be the legal property of the owner or lessee of a passenger motor vehicle.

However, as currently written, S.1925 only provides privacy protections to vehicles that are specifically mentioned in CFR 49, section 563. This section does not include any reference to motorcycles!

As a result, the privacy protections offered to passenger motor vehicles would not extend to motorcyclists. In fact, all information collected from motorcyclists would remain unprotected.

To send a prewritten message to your senators, follow this link "Protect My Privacy", then fill out the form at the bottom of the page and click "submit".

The American Motorcyclist Association supports clarifying who owns the data collected in black boxes – currently only 14 states have laws relating to ownership of data in an event data recorder.

This issue needs to be resolved because, as Sen. Hoeven said on the floor of the U.S. Senate: "There are more than 45 different data points that are in fact recorded right now. Again, the manufacturer can change this – add to it. There are no limitations or restrictions or guidelines or requirements on what manufacturers can have the event data recorder do."

While event data recorders are not currently required for motorcycles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration already requires all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses to be equipped with a black box. The AMA believes it is only a matter of time before this mandate extends to motorcycles.

The AMA fully supports extending the provisions in S.1925 to motorcyclists, in much the same manner that the U.S. House of Representatives' H.R. 2414, the Black Box Privacy Protection Act, would. The AMA fully supports the bipartisan House bill.

The AMA submitted comments to Sens. Hoeven and Klobuchar. You can view the AMA's comments online.

U.S. Sen. John Hoeven's office to add provisions that certify motorcyclists are granted the same protections that other vehicles will receive under S. 1925.

This will ensure that motorcyclists' right to privacy will be guaranteed by law and cannot be changed by unelected bureaucrats in Washington, DC.

We look forward to removing any ambiguity from the bill and working hard to make certain S. 1925 is passed out of both the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the U.S. Senate.

Thank you for supporting the privacy rights of motorcyclists by engaging your elected officials

House panel to hold hearing on highway safety grants, motorcycle-only checkpoints

On Jan. 28, the U.S. House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, chaired by U.S. Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wis.), held a hearing on "Improving the Effectiveness of the Federal Surface Transportation Safety Grant Programs."

The American Motorcyclist Association has concerns about the safety grants funds being directed away from motorcycle-related safety programs.

Diverting these federal funds weakens support for safety and training programs, while also making it more difficult for states to qualify for future grants. Even more troubling, states are using federal highway safety grants to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints, a discriminatory practice the AMA has been fighting since its introduction in 2008 in New York.

To view a live webcast of the hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. EST, click here. Under the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act," known as MAP-21, states qualify for a grant by meeting two of six criteria: Motorcycle Rider Training Courses; Motorcyclists Awareness Program; Reduction of Fatalities and Crashes Involving Motorcycles; Impaired Driving Program; Reduction of Fatalities and Accidents Involving Impaired Motorcyclists; and Use of Fees Collected from Motorcyclists for Motorcycle Program.

The AMA's concern centers on the criterion for the Use of Fees Collected From Motorcyclists for Motorcycle Programs.

Last year, the state of Ohio attempted to abolish the Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund and transfer its funds to the State Highway Safety Fund. The Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund, coupled with student tuition fees, fund the Motorcycle Ohio rider education program. After input from the AMA and other interested groups, Ohio withdrew the provision from its proposed budget. If Ohio had been successful in transferring the motorcycle safety funds, the state would have been unable to meet one of the criteria for applying for a safety grant under § 405 of MAP-21. Specifically, the section requires that "all fees collected by the State from motorcyclists for the purposes of funding motorcycle training and safety programs will be used for motorcycle training and safety programs." Of more concern, the state of New York used motorcycle safety grants from Section 402 to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints. New York budgeted \$490,000 of federal taxpayer funds for the fiscal 2012 and 2013.

That money should go toward strategies to prevent motorcycle crashes and should not be used to subject riders to arbitrary stops and roadside inspections. To view the AMA's efforts to end motorcycle-only checkpoints, go to <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/motorcycleonly...>

UPDATE - On Jan. 29, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration responded to U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner's (R-Wis.) Jan. 9 letter to U.S. Dept. of Transportation Sec. Anthony Foxx requesting information regarding a checkpoint program.

As reported by news media, the NHTSA checkpoint program pays private contractors that use state and local law enforcement to conduct checkpoint programs and collect blood samples or mouth swabs from drivers.

One question addressed pertained to motorcycle-only checkpoints. The NHTSA responded that blood and saliva sample tests were not conducted at roadside MOCs.

Sensenbrenner is leading the fight against motorcycle-only checkpoints and is the sponsor of H.R. 1861, Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act. The American Motorcyclist Association is working aggressively on the MOC issue and expects more positive developments in the near future.

UPDATE - The American Motorcyclist Association is currently working with

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1	11/13
3	12/13
5	12/13
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29 Local 42 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance 314-221-7164

APRIL

27 Local 15 Branson Tri-Lakes Motorcycle Swap Meet 417-334-0775

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