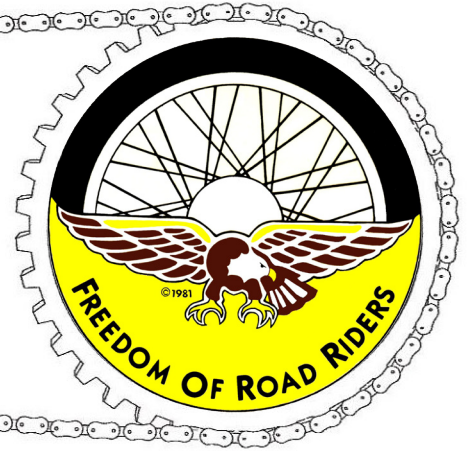




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(573) 636-2311

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**Next Central Committee Meetings:
Jul. 13-14 • Sept. 14-15 • Nov. 9-10**

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Please be sure your membership is current.

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- Membership 12:00 pm
- Legislative 1:00 pm
- PAC Rally 2:00 pm
- FEW Seminar 3:00 pm
- Motorcycle Awareness 4:00 pm
- Open Officers Meeting 5:00 pm



Vice Chairmans Report

Hello Freedom Fighters, I hope all is well.
Show Me Rally update:
I only have 350 tickets left to sign out, Lets get them sold.

During May CC meeting I'll setup the site visit meeting date. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I've taken Paul the tarps for pavilion in mid April. He has started on the pond and with the rain we've received lately will go along way to filling it for rally.

Krista doing a great job on vendors, we've had a few setbacks but she's working hard on filling spots. If you have any new suggestions please let her know.

Where we can use everyone's help is on Sponsors! Sponsorship forms are available on forr.net I'll have them at May CC also. Your support is crucial to the success of our State rally.

Bike Giveaway:

Bike is being stored in Warrensburg. If there's anyone able and willing to take bike around to the any rally's I could use your help. I just don't have a truck or trailer but will be at the main rally's selling tickets.

Thank you for supporting your Local and State!

Jim Fitz.

Local Financials

Local Treasurer Reports Received				This report must be submitted to newsletter editor by 5th of each month								
Year: 2024	Color Key			Yellow	Late- Still has a vote	Red	Late-No Vote	May 2024 CC				
If a Local, District or Freedom Rally is more than 3 months in total behind then they cannot vote on the CC floor.												
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Freedom Rally	3/11	3/13	4/10									

Local 1 – Lee’s Summit (March 1980)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. - Location Varies

Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906

Facebook: FORR Local 1

Hey all, hope things are going well.

I am sorry to report that our good friend, and Brother, Harley Rhoades lost his fight on April 27. He will be very missed by all that knew him. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends for their loss. Check out some photos in this issue of the Ride 4 Harley, as well as a very cool video on facebook. We are working right now to get patches made, let Dragon or I know if you will be wanting one.

A BIG Congratulations goes out to Local 1 member Ralph Wheat on his retirement – now it’s time to play all day!

A handful of us went to Odessa for a Bike Blessing at the Broken Dollar Saloon to start off the season right. Great company and great weather.

The District 4 Family Picnic and Horseshoe Golf Tournament went off very well. Congratulations to all the winners!

Our next meeting will be after the Lime Run wherever it might end up. See the flyer for more details on that.

Also, the Local 14 Crash Run coming up quickly this month the weekend before the Lime Run. Come on out and ‘Eat Bugs’ with us!

Lots of good events coming up, so check out all of the events listed on the back of this issue of The Freedom Press.

Well, gonna make it short this month, so as I always say... Have a good one, then have another!

See ya, *Michelle ‘Rebel’ O’Connor #7157*

To my MAiN man Dragon (for the past 44 years)

Happy Anniversary - You are my Ground!

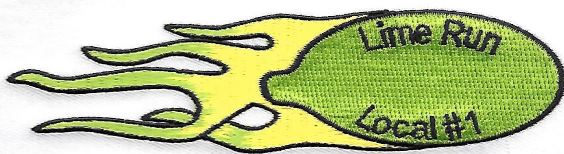
RIDE 4 HARLEY

Part 1



Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Invites you to attend the

Local 1 ‘Lime’ Run



Saturday, June 15th, 2024
Rain or Shine

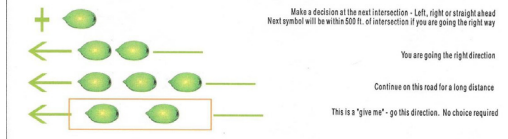
Sign in starting at: M&M Motor Sports at 1100 East 10th Street in Holden Missouri 64040
816-850-5303 – www.mandmmotorsports.com

Sign in starts at 10:00am until 11:00am – Last bike out at 11:30am – Awards start at 3:00pm

To find the end you must follow the Limes painted on the road
(This run is approx. 75-100 miles)

Admission is \$15 – All are welcome!

A single Lime painted on the road means you are on the correct route.
A single Lime with a cross means you must choose which direction to take at the next intersection.
Make the right choice, and a single Lime will be within 500 feet!
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IF YOU GET LOST.... CALL THIS NUMBER 816-729-7704



Make a decision at the next intersection - Left, right or straight ahead
Next symbol will be within 500 ft. of intersection if you are going the right way

You are going the right direction

Continue on this road for a long distance

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FORR® more information contact:
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Your friends know all of your stories...
Your best friends help you write them...



Local 2 – Macon (November 2020)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30pm

Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley 660-973-5557

Facebook: FORR Local 2

Local 3 - Truman Lake (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m. Call for 'new' Location

Contact: John Bowen 417-321-4090

Facebook: FORR@ Local 3

Sorry to hear the passing of Harley Rhodes, of local one. A ride was held for him April 20th. Walt, Dina and Jim went on the ride, starting in Iconium and ending in Lowry city. There was live music, a nice turnout and a silent auction and great food. Lots of support here for a fine man, he will be missed.

Rooster, Roxy, Walt, Jim and Patty rode to the May rally. Fun day, sad to see not so many bikes as usual, let's see more next year. April 27th at the local 11 bike show we captured a flag. Could not stay long. Then we made a trip to Lexington for a wedding of Shelly Payne and John Noel. Congrats and best of wishes for them.

We have Cody Singleton's memorial local 3 family fun days coming up soon, June 1st in Appleton City. Also, our local 3 motorcycle swap meet at Roscoe Park coming up July 27th, the 4th Saturday of the month.

We held our monthly meeting for local 3 with the turnout of 17 people.

We have decided to not hold the NOT rally this year, however we are looking forward to the Mid-America rally in Buckhorn, May 24th through May 27th. We had 17 flags took second place this year at the FEW seminar. It was a great turnout; we cannot wait to see everyone again.

Pattie #41686

Local 5 - South Kansas City (June 1981)

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 3 p.m.

VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)

Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or

Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Local 5 South KC

Hello to all, it is with deep sorrow that I tell of the death of our friend Harley Rhodes on April 27th. There will be a Celebration of Life planned at a later date We will miss him at our events and his bbq skills. Another one lost too soon! A donation was made by our Local at the fundraiser held to offset medical expenses.

We voted to renew Local 5's annual MRF membership. In case you didn't know our own Amy Allmon represents the State of Missouri for the MRF. Thank you, Amy, for yet another hat.

With our multi-talented Amy spearheading the gun raffle we sold all tickets. Thank you everyone for selling and buying. With all tickets sold we could spread some love with Harley and our own monthly host VFW #1829, 5904 Crystal, KCMO. Delicious breakfast Buffett available on Sundays. Had to get a plug in. We also voted to pay a monthly stipend of \$25 to VFW #1829 for hosting us. As we all know times and belts are getting tighter. So, thanks again when you support our local, we can pass it down the road.

Quick reminder of Show-Me Rally (Homecoming) and Octoberfest are coming up so please volunteer for shifts and come camping with us.

On a lighter note, I am pleased to inform everyone that our own Katherine Fox is getting married October 26th to Tom Gravenstreter. Congratulations to them both!

Thank you all for your time, **Rebecca**

RIDE 4 HARLEY**Part 2**

Thanks to all of you that could come out and participate for the cause. We appreciate you for being there to help out a Brother...

On a sad note... on April 27th Harley lost his fight and went to have that prime rib dinner with his Mom! (Love ya buddy)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends at this time - We will miss him..

(Check facebook for the video of the ride!)

Local 6 - St. Joseph (March 1982)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.

VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501

Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or

Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenwitch@hotmail.com 913-645-1570



First all let me apologize for last month, I totally forgot the newsletter deadline. On March 17th we had 25 members present at the meeting. On March 23rd there were 15 members at our social gathering. On April 21st we had 45 members present at our meeting. On the 27th we had a social gathering where there were 20 members enjoying great times and great friends.

We had one April birthday, Dan Harmon celebrated on April 21st. Sorry I'm late Dan. On May 4th, there were 7 members from the local participated with 25 other bikes in the Annual Scooters Rally. This is a rally to support drowning awareness. They have 8 life jacket loaner stations around Lake Perry. They go through 240 jackets per boating season. Had a great 110 mile ride along 2 lane highways around the area. Even with the cool temperature had a great day. The American Legion in Ozawkie helps host the event. They put on a great breakfast the day of the rally. After the run they put on a great auction with various prizes. After the auction the band fired up to round out the day. It's a great cause. The event is always the first Saturday of May. Come out next year and help support this cause. If you can't make the ride donate a life jacket and help save a life. You can always drop one off at any meeting.

May birthdays are: Bill Gimse on the 3rd, Larry Gilpen and Denise Tiffany on the 7th, Robin Ruhnke on the 8th, Dalton Schurman on the 14th, Laura Lumb on the 15th, Larry Jack and John Tiffany on the 16th. Happy birthday to you all!

Our next meeting will be on the 19th, hope to see you all there. **Christine**



Local 7 - Lebanon (January 1983)

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

T'S Redneck Restaurant in Lebanon, MO.

Contact: Robert Young 417-426-5627

Good day to all Local 7 members. We had our monthly meeting on May 5th which was a Sunday. We had a good turn out and talked about a lot.

We talked about getting some poker chips made up for flags we got info from Local 28 and will get some ordered. WE decided to talk about a family fun day after Freedom Rally. We will try to do a poker run in Sept. for Sound house.

We decided not to do Christmas parade. On May 18th a member of Local 7 by the name of Derald is doing a fish fry for Local 7 and Local 7 friends he lives on YY Hwy. Off north 5 out of Lebanon. Come and enjoy. On Saturday May 25th at Boswell Park in Lebanon there will be a gathering for our passed-on, brother and his wife who has also left us Lee & Connie Trembly at 1:00 pm.

There will be some Local seven members leaving the rally and riding to Lebanon to say a farewell to our brother, Lee and wife Connie. We will be leaving shortly after noon. Well, I am done for now ride safe. P.S. Fish fry at 27582 Park Grove Dr. off YY Hwy.

Sir Robert



FREEDOM OF ROAD RIDERS LOCAL 6

Family Picnic Day



Poker Run

SIGN IN 11:00 TO 12:00 AT AMERICAN TAVERN

SATURDAY JUNE 22 2024

End at Krug Park

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs furnished by F.O.R.R. members
Please bring a covered dish

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	Dan Harmon 816-387-1095

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Local 8 – Chillicothe (March 1986)

Meetings: (call for info - location varies) - Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907 - Facebook: FORR Local 8

Local 10 - Jefferson City (March 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Twin Bridges Bar & Grill 4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO

Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005 or Secy. Julie Loveall 573-645-7106 Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889

Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR) Local 10

Hey there Brothers and Sisters of FORR.

We here in Local 10 hope you are enjoying the roads as summer shines upon us. We have many rides planned for this summer. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for places and times of our meetings. As we have chosen to move them to Sundays with a ride intended afterward. This will be announced at the meeting by our Road Captains, who will oversee our group rides.

I saw this saying this week..... more than once and it hit me, this is what we as a collective group should do to improve our overall outlook on FORR as a whole. It simply said "Put aside the ME and work for the WE to meet your commitment in life. There is no "I" in TEAM. I know we have all read these same memes on Facebook but it just hit me. We as Freedom Fighters need to back up our commitment to excellence. We are a Premiere Motorcycle Organization. Core essentials carried us to this level of excellence, one being the Riders Education program, which Local 10 has been very active in considering the site was here in Jefferson City. The fight to stay alive is bigger than ever being suspended from the program for this season..... means if we have any hope at all. We need to regroup and recommit to much has gone into the program that many of us have no clear idea what it took to make it work. But I do know, we are FORR we brought Awareness to the front and center in Missouri. Since we are at a standstill for this year for the program. Maybe the times are right to get our members back to wanting to serve others in the way of the safety courses and becoming instructors. Maybe add it to our Awareness booths.....????

I just hate to see tradition die.....there are many Gray Beards and Silver Streaks that have put so much time sweat and blood that were never acknowledged along the way. To you, I say thank you and I hope that we do you proud.

Until next time keep the rubber side down

*Wyndy - Local 10***Local 11 - Southwest Missouri** (Feb 1984)

Meetings: Normally the 4th Sunday of the month @ 1PM.

See Facebook for possible changes. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO 64801

Contacts: President, Mark Capps @ 417-439-5908 or

Vice President, Jake High @ 417-540-3620

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 11

Hello Local 11 family,

The year is flying by quickly and so much is going on. Just a reminder that our motto is FAMILY, WORK, AND FORR. We love it when we can see your face at a meeting, event, or just a gathering but understand when you have other priorities that come first. Just don't forget to check in occasionally and let us all know how life is going and if we can help support you as a person in any way, we can as a group. Local 11 is not just a group that has fun together, rides together, and causes chaos from time to time. We are here as a Brotherhood and Sisterhood of people to support each other in all aspects of life.

As for events in the month of June. Please look at our Facebook for details. But we are planning to attend the MoKan drags on June 1st. Always a great day cheering on FORR's own Triumph Charlie on the track. Of course, we always love the ride down to Local 15's Swap meet and finding some treasures while we are there. The local meeting will be June 23rd at 1pm at the Eagles lodge. As well as showing our support by attending the Amanda Moore Memorial Poker Run. Amanda and her husband Roy have always been big supporters of our Food Drives and it is right that we return the support to Roy. By attending this ride *(Continued on next page)*

Freedom of Road Riders® 
SWMO Local 11
CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Food Drive

Come together to make sure families of the community
have food on their shelves
Saturday July 6, 2024
Cash Savers Parking Lot 811 W 7th Joplin, Mo 64801
Food Drive 10:00am to 2:00pm
Ride out to deliver to Souls Harbor at 2:15pm

Any questions or pre event donations
Please contact Mark at 417-439-5908 or
Jake at 417-540-3620




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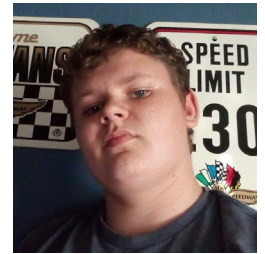
(Continued from previous page) in her honor. All are welcome to join us! Details will be on your Facebook for meet up times.

We have had a lot to celebrate in the month of April that just passed as I am writing this. Our bike show went off without any issues. Even though mother nature had us doubting the day. Thank you to those who got sponsorships which made the profit even better. Along with those who participated, invited others, and supported the auction by bringing items. We had three members attend the May Rally and made good connections with Reps in our local area. Thank you all for making the long ride to represent Local 11 fighting for our rights in Jeff City.

In the month of May, we would also like to celebrate three of our members and their birthdays. 13th Chance "Gunny" Gray, 18th Samantha High, 29th Derick Hurst one of our younger active members. Hope you all have an amazing day and enjoy everyone celebrating with you!

Well till next time I hope to see you along this ride we call life.

Much Love to all of you,
Shaulene "Lizzi" Capps



Local 12 - Glasgow (April 1994)

Meetings 3rd Sunday @ 3:00 pm Location varies

Upcoming meetings: May 19 Mike and Tami Adcock-18454 Hwy E June 15 (SAT) Boz & Jude Lanning 13591 N. RT. E. Harrisburg, July 21 Jimmie's Clubhouse 2116 Atchison Ave Marshall August 17 (SAT) Todd Jenkins 591 Purvis Sunrise Beach, Laurie

Contact: Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Hello L-12, I hope everyone's doing well! We had 21 members in attendance at the April meeting. Great to see meeting attendance increasing! Meeting was held at Terry & Debb Dobbins in Slater, Thank you both for hosting! The attendance incentive drawing was won by Boz Lanning. Boz was there to take home the Cash!!! Boz also donated a portion back to the local. Thank you Boz! We picked the winner of the Solo Fire Pit Live on FB, Congratulations to Chuck Brownfield for winning the firepit! We contacted Chuck and thanked him for his support. Mike Adcock will deliver firepit to Chuck. Susan had Karen Berry make some pillows out of past Firecracker T-shirts selling for \$10 all money will go to support Firecracker Classic. Very cool and great job Karen - Thank you! She has 13 left if interested contact Susan. Firecracker Classic Sept. 27-28, 2024 report: Show up for the Thursday Sept. 26 work setup day contact Susan. Bands/DJ/Food/Fireworks are all booked. Looking for more vendors contact Susan. Need help on T-Shirt Sponsors (*need in by July 31, 2024*) Donations and Door prizes. Look for the gate/duty signup list to follow. Jay and Randy to set poker run route and activities. (*sign to work poker run*) Contact Susan and Laura for Firecracker Classic Cash giveaway tickets. Show-Me Rally Aug. 23-25 Urich, Mo Come support your State Rally! Contact Jim for Bike Giveaway tickets. This is a Great rally and a way to support the State. Don't forget about the Miss Show-Me lingerie contest with No restrictions! As always stay Safe! Not your Daddy!!!

Local 13 - Mexico (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @1 pm

For Meeting info or Membership

Call: President Steve "DUTCH" Dailing @ 573-933-0044 or Terry "PAPA-T" McCameron @573-931-1239

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13

Hello FORR,

Well, our first event for 2024 is under our belt, it was a great turn out but boy were we all tired when it was over. We would like to thank all our FORR brothers and sisters that came and showed us some love and support. Like always our community also showed up to support us and to Salute our local Veterans. I am filled with pride after watching how well everyone pulled together and worked hard to pull off this event. Really Not too much more to report at this point, we are working on getting the final touches put on the Wonder Run coming up on July 13. We were asked to host the Car show that is part of the Soybean festival held here in town this year. So, if you have nothing to do on Aug 24 come on down to Mexico and enjoy our little festival.

That is all for this episode of HOW 13 TURNS. Till next month Ride Safe and Often, **Stampede, L-13**

Local 14 – Lexington (September 1989)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. VFW Post #4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243

Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Happy Spring!!!! Hope everyone is doing great!!! With the warmer weather starting I'm seeing more and more motorcycles out!!! Be careful out there.

Our local has been out capturing flags!!! It's always nice to have an excuse to get together. I would love to thank Doug, Cliff, and Cousin Bob!!! They rode 755 miles to local 20 in Dexter, Mo with a stop on the way back at local 10 in Jeff City to capture 2 flags. Your dedication to our local and the Organization is beyond appreciated. Thank you to all that have been out capturing flags.

Our next event is in June. The Crash Run. We will have our gun giveaway on that day. If you haven't got your raffle tickets, you better get them soon. Only 17 left. Please get in touch with me if you would like some. You can reach me by texting 816-216-8362.

Come visit us at one of our meetings Third Sunday of every month VFW Post #4052 3109 Franklin Ave Lexington, Mo 64067

Steph "Puff" Foulks

P.S. Congrats to Clifford for receiving the Engineer Of Freedom Award!!!

**Local 15 – Branson / Tri-Lakes** (May 1991)

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Call for information Contact: Cyndi Barker 417-339-1679

Facebook: FORR Local #15

Hello everyone!

We have our Cruisin' into Summer event coming up June 15th. This is the second year for this family friendly event; a bike show, car show AND swap meet all in one. Have the kids bring their bicycles for their very own bike show! We will have food vendors, and anyone is welcome to set up a swap booth or compete in the shows, so make plans to join us for the day! Would love to have some other Locals come claim a flag! **Cheryl**

Local 16 – SEMO (December 1984)

Meetings: 7pm, 4th Friday of the month at The West End Tavern in Frohna

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494

E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com

Facebook: FORR Local 16

Dang! Time to write the newsletter – again!

Well, I was a late arrival at the last meeting and missed the bulk of the proceedings. I put the blame for my 'tardiness', "tardy" – what a crappy snowflake sounding word – my apologies for even using it, but I digress. I put the blame on my late arrival squarely on the shoulders of T & Kay Thompson and some can go on Bob Gilmore's too. We've all been there, sometimes you just can't walk away from good company. Besides, coming late is never as bad as not coming at all. Just come. Thanks to the members in attendance, I was filled in on all that I had missed.

We have a couple of options for XMAS Dance band, but that decision will not likely be made until the June meeting. Whitey made the suggestion that we look into getting a small P.A. (*public address*) in order to be heard in large gatherings/ events. Hindsight is always 20/20, I guess we just liked to yell more when we a little younger.

We voted to purchase 10 giveaway tickets for the HD Switchback to be given away at the Show-Me Rally. What we will do with the motorcycle if we would happen to win it, is at this time anybody's guess.

Local 16 meetings are scheduled for 7pm on the 4th Friday of the month at the West End Tavern (& Grocery) in "Historic" downtown Frohna. But, who knows, something might come up at the last minute, so make sure before heading that way.

As you may have noticed in last month's Freedom Press there were some really cool pictures in Local 16's space, BUT NO TEXT! No, I did not unilaterally proclaim that the written word is, or was dead, I simply attached the photos to a separate body and submitted that (*Continued on next page*)

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So, with that being said, and if the stars do align, you will get a double dose of Local 16 this month!

This is what should have been in the May newsletter -

The annual Broomstick Pool Tournament at the 505 Club in Perryville has come and gone. Todd Dillahay came from the loser's bracket to claim 1st Place while everyone else lost. Lindi Prindel couldn't get by Todd and had to settle for 3rd, and neither could the editor, so he slunk home with 2nd. I believe most, if not all in attendance were in agreement that no one was "playing worth a shit" on that particular day. The bright spot of the day was that we had four Local 14 members join in on the fun and be the first to capture one of our new "flags". A big thanks to Greg & Julie Robinson, Cousin Bob and Doug Hilburn for making the long trip from way out west. Congratulations to Terry Stearns who walked away with the custom broomstick pool cue made and donated by Robert Cahoon.

Attendance was down a little at the last meeting, but that did not stop us from covering a lot of ground. George, as usual, had a very thorough CC & Legislative report. It appears that the local's "basket" for the FEW Seminar was received well - Big thanks goes to George & Denise and everyone that contributed for making that happen. Cathy had some new product items at the Broomstick Pool Tournament and presented some ideas for additional items at the meeting. We continued the discussions concerning the 2024 Meeting of the Minds. And we will be looking into the possibility of adding another location for a Broomstick Pool Tournament. As for the safety report - Kevin had very interesting and enlightening and yes, humorous, story that involved a motorcycle, a skunk, a shotgun, and believe it or not, alcohol. All I can or should need to say other than that is - "Do not try this at home". Or anywhere else.

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With respect to all, AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO REBEL!

Martin Lee King of Pocahontas

Local 20 - Dexter (September 1985)

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 2PM The Tin Can 24 N. Locust St., Dexter, MO - Contact: Robert Reif Jr 573-421-4780 / rr-reifjr@bpsnetworks.com - Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter

Local 24 - St. Louis (October 1986 / Closed 2006 - reinstated January 2009)

**Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7 p.m. ACAPULCO LOUNGE 10114 Saint Charles Rock Rd, Saint Ann, MO 63074
Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624**

Greetings. Due to circumstances beyond our control, local 24 will be meeting at ACAPULCO LOUNGE 10114 Saint Charles Rock Rd, Saint Ann, MO 63074 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM until further notice.

Also due to circumstances beyond our control, LOCAL 24 BLESSING OF THE BIKES WILL BE ON MAY 19TH 12 PM. We are so very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.


May is motorcycle awareness month in certain circles. Around my house, it's every month.

Sorry but I just don't have in me what it takes to be entertaining this month. I haven't seen this many consecutive Mondays in a long time. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. TCLOCK YOUR BIKE. REMEMBER, YOU'RE INVISIBLE TO NEARLY EVERYONE YOU MEET ON THE ROAD. **Ron**

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Local 25 - St. Charles County (November 1986)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. St. Charles Music House - Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

Wow time flies!! Another month has gone flying by. At our last meeting We had 3 renewals!! Give a big round of applause to:

- Casey Singleton
- Justin Nelson
- Nancy March

We had a fair turnout at the last meeting, and a lot of things were discussed. We voted to send \$500 to the state as a rally sponsor. We also voted to move the meetings back to Music House but starting them at 11 am. We talked about the route of the poker run and figured out who was going to work what stops. The incentive was won by Tootie Belville, but since she was not present, it rolls over to next month.

We had a fair turn out for our Poker Run. A beautiful day to ride, but there were other events going on as well. We had 18 bikes, and roughly 24 people. The winning hand was 3 queens, and it was won by Dani B, 2nd place was 3 10's and that was won by Lynne Adkins, Worse hand was won by Matt. Matt donated his winnings back to the local. The cash drawing was won by Frank Coffey, and he donated half of it back. Thank you to all who participated!!!! We appreciate each and every one of you. Tom Hudson renewed at the Poker Run, Thanks Tom!!

Remember Chariots of Fire Bike Night is the 2nd Saturday of the month!!! We need a few people to volunteer to go to the bike nights and promote FORR and awareness. Let me know if you are interested and I can hook you up with some supplies. Remember if you sign up 5 new people the local pays your dues for next year.

Dave and I rode to the Capitol for the May Rally, another good day to ride. Ken and Kerri from Local 24 met us for breakfast along with another couple that I know, and the 6 of us rode to the Capitol. I am sure poor Ken felt a little outnumbered, he was surrounded by spyderys. LOL!!

There were a lot of speakers this year, and it was a hot day. But we listened to them and then headed towards wind and food. Not as many people as last year, not sure why, the weather was awesome. I do want to Thank the Capitol Police Motorcade for providing wonderful traffic control and awesome sweep riding!!! We appreciate your help.

That is it for this month, Ride em if you got em!!! Later, *Emily*



Local 26 – Maryville (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6p.m.

Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742 - Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

Local 28 – Waynesville (March 1990)

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

Contact: President - Mike Bennett - hdriver2u@embarqmail.com - 573-774-8620

V President - Mayra Preble - mayrapreble@yahoo.com - 573-528-0963

Secretary/Treasurer - Sue Miller - suehus2003@yahoo.com. - 573-346-3147

Membership - Marta Bruno / CC Rep.-Merel Johnson / Shrine Club – 573-774-5454

Facebook - Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

Hello Motorcycle Lovers

There are a few things I really like about spring and summer even in my old age: women in shorts, riding my motorcycle, Women's College Softball, and the Mid- America Freedom Rally. There are a few things I dislike: Tornados, mowing the lawn and pulling the damn weeds out of the garden.

I know that the Rally is over at the Capital, it took place the last week in April. Health limits kept me home, but I can write letters and so can you. Don't forget the National level while you are in the mood to do so. I noticed that a few pavilions at the Buckhorn site are being renovated due to the resent bad weather, keep up the good work after the Rally the Pavilion will be all the better for it. I hope Local 28 go on a few rides this Summer, one is taking place this month, The USO Support Ride 15 June, starting at the Lebanon American Legion. Once health issues are under control, I plan on making a few rides no matter what group sponsors them. I may even go alone; it has been a while. The Buckhorn Blast is happening on 6 July, I still get a kick out of watching the fireworks; I have really no excitement in lighting them myself.

Riders it is your alertness and attention to details that will prevent accidents, save lives and keep families happy. Stop and ask that mower if he wants the life of one rider on his conscience for putting the grass shaving in the road. Keep the maintenance up on your ride so it won't leave you parked on the side of the road. Friday's meeting was crowded, yeah. There were a few door prizes given away and the incentive drawing. Local 12 came for a flag detail and caught us running out. We have to have some more done before the next invasion.

Happy Birthday to Mayra, Bill and Me! Happy Anniversary to anyone married in June.

June History Lesson: June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. June 6, 1978 - By a vote of almost two to one, California voters approved Proposition 13, an amendment to the state constitution severely limiting property tax rates. June 10, 1652 - In Massachusetts, silversmith John Hull opened the first mint in America, in defiance of English colonial law. The first coin issued was the Pine Tree Shilling, designed by Hull. June 13, 1971 - The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a collection of top secret documents exposing U.S. strategy in the Vietnam War.

"Note to self: Never ride a motorcycle in stilettos and a miniskirt." Maggie Grace Everyday Power

Thank Veterans, 1st Responders and Medical Personnel for their sacrifices. Let us never forget those that gave it all! Keep the wind and sun to your back, both wheels on the ground and God as your co-pilot. God Bless the USA.

Merel "Hat Man" Johnson Freedom Press Reporter

Local 29 - Kansas City North (February 1988)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m. (Location Varies)

Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566

or Paul McCormack 816-560-5359

Facebook: FORR Local 29

Hello again everyone!

Not much to report this month. We had a small, short meeting for April.

The pool cue set drawing ticket sales are coming along well. If anyone wants to purchase any you can contact anyone from local 29. You can also call or email me at 816-209-5538, or leave a message, or shoot me an email at shellyrb1964@yahoo.com. I have plenty on hand. The drawing will be in mid-September, or maybe sooner if we run out of tickets. It's a really nice set. 2 cues with a brown ostrich case. get your tickets while they last.

Also, the memorial ride scheduled in June planning is almost finished. Don is planning the route with the help of Paul, I think. That's all for now.

See ya when I see ya!

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Shelly Bryan

Local 30 - Springfield / Nixa (January 2007)**Meetings:** Foxhole Bar and Grill 2350 N. Clifton Ave., Springfield, MO 65803**Subject to Change** (see FB Group Page for details)**Contact:** President - Kevin Kopp 239-600-2829 or VP - "Slick" Rogers 417-309-3900**Treasurer-** Mark Anthony Capps aka Sparky 417-439-5908**New Facebook Group Page:** Freedom Of Road Riders Local 30 Springfield/Nixa

Hello Freedom Fighters,

I am proud to announce that Local 30 is is alive and doing well. We have had a couple of meetings recently, thank you to those who turned out and supported. The local is taking care of business and there are lots of plans in the future. We have a great cabinet who is leading well-structured and productive local meetings. The local now has all of our finances in order and we are ready to build the account back to a level that will help support our cause.

Concerning membership, I am asking the CC floor to suspend the threshold for transferring in and out of this local, as per Article 2 Section 2.7 of the bylaws, only one transfer per calendar year is permitted. I am asking that threshold be waived for those wanting to return to Local 30. More details at the next local meeting. So, if you transferred out we would love to have you back. I am happy to feel the excitement of where we are going with this local. Together we are making plans for 2024. The local is moving in the right direction during our last meeting there was a bit of discussion of hosting a very large awareness event, Ozark Empire Fair. We are checking into the details of that and are seeking other locals to assist in hosting. We will have more info on this at the next meeting... don't miss it.

For 2025, we are already making plans... LEATHER AND LACE 2025 will happen. It's amazing how much of this event is already starting to fall into place, it won't be long and there will be flyers going out. Watch for Details.

The local is currently seeking out a new meeting location, we are looking for a place where we can be more productive and that will benefit the local best. All that we are doing is for the greater good of local 30 and supporting our fight for motorcyclists rights.

If you are not doing so yet, Follow our new Facebook Group page: "Freedom Of Road Riders Local 30 Springfield/Nixa" This is where you will find the latest updates as to meetings and what is happening in the area. We are sharing bike night events, come out and find us, we will be watching for you.

Til next time,

Keep them gremlin bells hanging low and be safe out there.

Mark "Sparky" Capps**as Local 30 Editor****Membership # 18485****Local 31 - Central Missouri** (December 1990)**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday @ 7p.m.**Check Facebook for meeting location or call****Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010 Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John, 573-647-0129****Facebook: Local 31 Central MO**

Several of our members rode down to Eureka Springs for Spring Fling.

Great Big THANK YOU !!!!! to everyone that helped with the pavilion revamp! It looks great!!

And last but not most definitely not least our very own Dave Bingham is getting married! CONGRATULATIONS Dave!!! We are all super happy for you and wish you nothing but the best in your upcoming wedding and marriage!

Next Meeting is Thursday May 9th at Lions Club, Pavilion tbd.

Sammie Humphrey**Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West** (March 1999)**Meetings:** 3rd Sunday of every month @ 1:00 pm**Location:** Tequila Jalisco Mexican Restaurant**Hwy. 50, Knob Noster, MO****President:** Roy Hoard 660-527-3395**Facebook:** Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

Hey everyone, hope Spring and Riding are under way for you with some of the beautiful weather we have been having in between storms.

We had our first meeting at our new meeting place - Tequila Jalisco in April...lots of great food on the menu to choose from

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(Continued from previous page) and more members showed.

The April Fools Poker Run had 25 people. Hide Away did our end stop alfresco style...on the patio. The weather was pretty nice and we gave away lots of goodies. Thank You to all that attended.

Poker hand winners - 4th Karen Thorsen, 3rd Dana Thorsen, 2nd Sarge, 1st Shelly Kertz Salyer and incentive drawing Kristi Weyer. Two Locals also stole Local 33's flag - Local 5 and Local 35.

All Local 33 Members - Come to our meetings and help us plan our year. Meetings start at 1:00. Come at 12:00 and have some lunch and see old Friends.

Happy Birthday to all Local 33 June Birthdays!!!

Enjoy this year's Riding Season. Before you Ride, please check your bike...tires, brakes, shocks, lights and take your riding partner with you.

If you haven't gotten your giveaway ticket yet, it's a Giveaway worth \$500 Cash with a \$5 donation. Find a Local 33 Member and get your ticket today!!!

As always, Ride a lot, Be safe and Enjoy the wind in your face.

Karen "Susie Q" Ryan - News Editor

Local 35 - Golden Valley (July 1996)

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m. Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO

Contact: President David Roberts Nelson 660-492-7493

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders @ Local 35

Hello all! Hope everyone is doing well! I just got back home from the May Central Committee meeting in Jefferson City. Was a very productive meeting and I always learn so much each time I attend! If you haven't ever attended a CC Meeting or if it has been a while I encourage you to go!

You will witness members that are very passionate of the FORR Organization and work very hard to keep the wheel rollin!

As you all know we are all living in some real trying times and we are having to pay extra to keep things going and to just merely survive!

Our organization is also feeling the hit of these hard times! So now is as important than ever that we are doing our part to support this organization! If we don't, we will lose our rights and freedoms as motorcyclist's! If you don't see them trying to take that away, then you aren't paying attention! Yes we all enjoy being members of this organization because of the friends we have made, for the camaraderie, for the laughs, the good times, the rallies and parties, and the mile's we ride together but let's not forget the main purpose of this organization " to guard the rights of all motorcyclist's; to keep them informed of the laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists; to promote safety, awareness, rider education, brotherhood and freedom for all motorcyclists. "!

For us to be able to keep all these things that are important to us, we, all of us every Local needs to show our support! Locals raise funds to support FORR. "Each Local shall financially contribute to the FORR cause, which in turn keeps the "wheel" of this organization spinning". Right now, each Local needs be meeting or exceeding their state obligations, recruiting new member's, having Local events, attending State, District, and Local FORR events to put money back into the FORR Organization! It's up to us guys!

Speaking of events:

* Mid-American Freedom Rally down in Buckhorn Missouri is Memorial weekend May 24th-27th! Always a great time!

*SHOW - ME Motorcycle Rally August 23-25th in Urich Mo. Gonna be a blast!

*Local 35 Memorial Ride and Poker run July 27th starting at the Eagles Aerie in Clinton, Mo. Will be a great time and a great ride!

Also, many other Local events are scheduled throughout the state so check the forr.net website, the Freedom Press and Facebook for more details!

Things are going well here at Local 35!

We want to welcome a couple new members to Local 35: Mike Walker, and Floyd Joy! Welcome aboard and thank you for joining a great organization!

A few of us rode up to Jefferson City for 25th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial May Rally. Was a beautiful day for us on the bikes and very informative listening to the many legislators and representatives that came out and spoke to us! Thank you for all your support! **(Continued on next page)**



(Continued from previous page) We still have some Bike Giveaway tickets to sell so if you haven't bought any yet, please ask at the next meeting. Also, if you have money from tickets you have sold, please bring it to the next meeting.

Happy June Birthday's to Mari Lee Carman, and Jeff Valentine! Hope you both had a great day!

Local 35 next meeting will be on June 1st at 1pm. We are planning on doing a meeting/dinner ride! Meet at the Eagles Aerie in Clinton Missouri. Watch for more details on the Local 35 Facebook page.

Everyone please, stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Please call President David Nelson at 660-492-7493 or myself V.P Rod at 660-233-9944 with any info or questions you may have! If no answer, leave a voice mail or text! Thank you.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free, **Rod**

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads (January 2002)

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m. Dino's Diner
 Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-0876 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340
 Facebook: FORR® Local 41

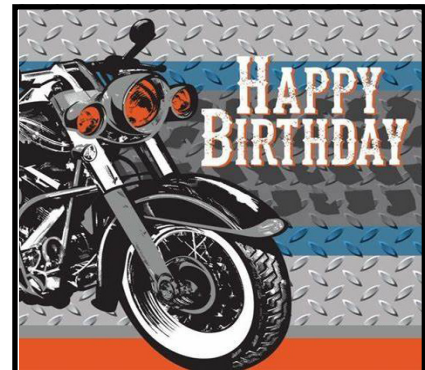
HELLO FREEDOM FIGHTERS

I'm trying to fix me something to eat and type at the same time and it is working very well. Got back from the CC Meeting, it lasted a little longer than usual. I hope that those that rode got home safe and not too wet. I think and know that we got some things done at the meeting. The Local has decided to try a giveaway so that we can put some money in the checking account. This is going to be a short letter, so till the next time,

RIDE SAFE RIDE FREE
 Later, *Steve G*

Local 42 - Franklin County (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10 a.m.
 Roadhouse 100 - 2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO
 Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194 or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136
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Local 1 - Lee's Summit

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 1p.m.
Location Varies
Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or
Dragon 816-547-4906

Local 2 - Macon

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 5:30pm
Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley
660-973-5557

Local 3 - Truman Lake

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 1:30p.m.
Call for 'new' Location
Contact: John Bowen 417-321-4090

Local 5 - South Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sat @ 3p.m.
VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.
(816-921-2222)
Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or
Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812

Local 6 - St. Joseph

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 12:30p.m.
VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street, St.
Joseph, MO 64501
Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or
Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell
913-645-1570

Local 7 - Lebanon

Meetings: 1st Sun @ 4 p.m.
T'S Redneck Restaurant in Lebanon, MO.
Contact: Robert Young 417-426-5627

Local 8 - Chillicothe

Meetings: (call for info - location varies)
Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907

Local 10 - Jefferson City

Meetings: 3rd Wed @ 6:30p.m.
Twin Bridges Bar & Grill
4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO
Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005
or Secy. Julie Loveall 573-645-7106
Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889
Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri

Meetings: Normally the 4th Sun @ 1p.m.
See Facebook for possible changes.
Fraternal Order of Eagles
1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO 64801
Contacts: President, Mark Capps
417-439-5908 or
Vice Pres., Jake High @ 417-540-3620

Local 12 - Glasgow

Meetings 3rd Sun @ 3p.m. Location varies
Upcoming meetings: May 19 Mike and
Contact: Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan
McDaniel 660-631-6024

Local 13 - Mexico

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 1 pm
For Meeting info or Membership
Call: President Steve "DUTCH" Dailing @ 573-
933-0044 or
Terry "PAPA-T" McCameron @573-931-1239

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VFW Post 4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave.
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Treasurer- Mark Anthony Capps aka Sparky
417-439-5908

Local 31 - Central Missouri

Meetings: 2nd Thurs @ 7p.m.
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Hey all you Freedom Lovers,

When you read this the District 4 Horseshoe Golf Tournament and Family Picnic will be happening or just finished, I will have the results in the next issue. Well, I guess I jumped the gun a little on this one, the HGT & Picnic is still two weeks out as of the time I am writing this. I still hope you were able to join us for what I'm sure was a great time.

The benefit ride and dinner for our brother Harley Rhoades was a great success, we had about 35 bikes and about 75 people show their support. Harley's brother, Donny, used Harley's homemade smoker and smoked 14 pork butts that were all donated for some very good pulled pork. A BIG Thank You to TJ and his family for putting on this benefit. There were a lot of really nice items donated for the silent auction. We raised just under \$5500 that now sadly will be used for funeral costs. We lost Harley on April 27th, look for pictures in this issue of the benefit.

Make your plans to attend District 4 Octoberfest on the 4th, 5th, & 6th in Grain Valley. You will not want to miss this one, there will be a very special event t-shirt this year, a tribute to the years past. The Friday night Campfire Poker Run should be very interesting and fun so we hope you will come out and participate with us. There will be the bike show Saturday morning, the drag races in the afternoon followed by the field games.

Speaking of participating, I joined 32 other riders for the Mike Sloan Memorial MAY Rally this year in the ride to our state capital. I just don't understand why we don't get more members attending this very important ride. This is our biggest chance to let our elected officials know that we are aware of what they are doing and letting the public know we are on the roads, so they need to watch out for us. Please see photo below from the May rally 2001. BIG difference in the participation!



This is an election year so make sure you get informed so you can make the right choices at the polls, just make sure you vote. The sign in my car windows says "If you don't vote - Shut the Hell up"

Whatever you do please be careful out there and watch out for yourself and those around you. Keep your family and friends safe. Hopefully things will get better after November.

Keep Pushin On,

Tim "Dragon" O'Connor - Member # 7156

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT JUNE 2024



We had a great 25th Annual “Mike Sloan” Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally and thank you everyone that came to support this wonderful event. I’m not sure of the total number that showed up but we had between 35-40 bikes and I got to see my old friend and brother Steve Zimmer. It was great to see him. We ended up with several Representatives and Senators that came out to support the event and say a few words, a few just came out and hung around for a bit with us and talk to a few members. It turned out to be a great day. Thank you again everyone that came out and a big thank you to all the Representatives and Senators that came out and spoke to us. A special thank you to Tricia Ruby, Deanna Rhodes-Widmer and Tony Sheppard.

Now on to legislation, which isn’t looking very good right now but we still have two weeks left as of this writing. Most all the legislation we have been following this year has had a hearing and voted out of committee with a “do pass” vote. What that means is that if a piece of legislation comes up for debate on the house floor the Representative has a chance to amend their legislation to that legislation as long as it falls under the title of the legislation. Most all of the legislation we have been following is in the House. So now it’s a waiting game to see if anything can be amended later in session, I’m not holding my breath but I’m hopeful something happens with some of it. Legislation that Deanna has been working on, a veterans omnibus bill, SB 912, is close to the finish line but still needs to be voted out of the House and will probably end up in conference committee. There’s a lot of good stuff in the bill for our vets and I hope it crosses the finish line.

That’s about it for this month and I will wrap up the session next time. I will be giving out a list of the legislation at the CC meeting this weekend and it’s up to all of you to contact your Legislators and get support behind the legislation we have been supporting.

You all stay safe out there and arrive alive. Just an FYI as of April 29th the state has experienced 26 motorcycle fatalities, 17 with helmets and 7 without and 2 unknown. These data are well above where we were three to four years ago.

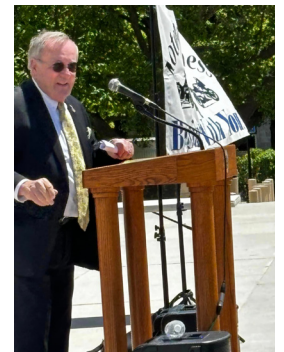
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Motorcycle Awareness

Motorcycle Awareness doesn't just begin and end with one individual, it takes the whole brother/sisterhood to make sure motorcyclists are seen. That starts with being proactive when we are out riding. If we as a brother/sisterhood are not paying attention to each other, then how can we expect the vehicles around us? Obeying traffic laws is a major part of motorcycle safety and awareness. Do we really need to eek through that yellow/orange light? Do we really need those last alcohol drinks that put us just over the edge to be reckless? The answer is no. Plain and simple. If we cannot or will not watch out for each other, then no one else will.

Motorcycles pose unique safety concerns (not only for motorcyclists but for everyone on the road). However, by educating yourself about the issues and concerns surrounding motorcycle accidents, you can keep the US's roadways much safer. Here are seven key facts about motorcycle accidents that every motorist should know:

They can lead to large settlements. Motorcycle accidents are often brutal. When you're harmed on a motorcycle due to someone else's reckless actions or are harmed by a reckless motorcyclist, you deserve to find restitution for your pain and suffering. These lawsuits can lead to big settlements that can get victims' lives back on track. While it's difficult to pinpoint the exact average motorcycle accident settlement, they tend to be much larger than many other types of auto accidents. The more vigilant you are about getting a motorcycle accident lawyer in the aftermath of an accident, the more effectively you'll be able to gain a large settlement that can help you move on with your life in a dignified and financially secure fashion.

Many of them happen in cities. Urban roads are host to the majority of motorcycle-involved accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has calculated that more than sixty percent of accidents involving motorcycles happen on urban roads and within city limits. For this reason, both motorists and motorcyclists must take extra precautions when driving in these often more crowded and chaotic urban environments. Doing so can save lives and will help keep people in cities feeling safer about hopping on their motorcycles in the coming decades.

Safety gear is crucial. While many people assume motorcycle accidents are so dangerous that safety gear does not make a significant difference, this is actually a dangerous and consequential lie. Safety gear helps reduce the instance of major injuries and death in motorcycle accidents by a significant margin. Over fifty percent of those that die in motorcycle accidents failed to wear their helmets. Wearing other safety gear can prevent broken bones, irreparable scrape injuries, and other nasty injuries as well. For this reason, many states and local jurisdictions have made it a crime to ride a motorcycle without safety gear. Many of these laws only deal with helmets, but some go even further.

Short trips are often the most dangerous. While many people think accidents tend to happen on longer trips and commutes, the opposite is actually true. Motorcycle accidents are especially commonplace during short trips and commutes. While this statistic does not have concrete reasoning driving it, many researchers suspect that drivers are simply less cautious when they know they will only be on the road for a short amount of time. To keep everyone on the roadway around you safe, you should be alert, attentive, and cautious anytime you're behind the wheel (even if you're simply leaving a parking lot).

Substance abuse is more common in motorcycle accidents. Unfortunately, motorcycle accidents have much higher rates of being fueled by substance abuse issues. Alcohol is especially prevalent when looking at the causes and influencing factors behind motorcycle accidents. Nearly one-third of motorcycle accidents involve some type of impairment, in fact. Alcohol is the most predominant substance to blame, but other substances are frequently involved as well. If you or a loved one are struggling with substance abuse issues, it's important to remember that there is help out there. Gaining control over your life will improve your quality of life significantly and keep your community much safer.

Tricia Ruby
Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator

Motorcycle accidents are incredibly dangerous. Compared to other motorists, motorcyclists are up to thirty times more likely to die when involved in a collision or other accident. Because a person often gets thrown from a motorcycle during an accident (especially at high speeds), the chance of a major injury occurring greatly increased. If the motorcycle hits a larger vehicle, the chance of major injury or death becomes that much higher. To keep motorcyclists safe, everyone needs to learn to care for every other driver on the road in their immediate area at all times.





National and Regional News

Pickerington, Ohio — In the wake of the most recent tragedy involving a fatal collision between a Tesla vehicle in autopilot mode and a motorcyclist in Washington state, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) once again urges the Department of Transportation (DOT) to strengthen Automated Driving System (ADS) regulations. The incident, which resulted in the death of the rider, underscores the urgent need for specific regulations that require that both recognition and reaction to motorcycles be fully integrated into crash avoidance and autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies to ensure safety for motorcyclists and drivers.

In February of 2022, the AMA — along with the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) — sat down to share industry priorities with United States DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg and department staff. One of the key discussion points during that meeting was the need to ensure that these new automated vehicle and crash avoidance technologies are required to recognize and react appropriately to motorcycles.

Previously, the AMA had discussed concerns about autonomous vehicles with former DOT Secretary Elaine Chao, as well. But while the AMA has had an audience with DOT officials — and despite NHTSA's investigation into Tesla's Autopilot system and California putting the brakes on AV technology at the state level — no concrete action has been taken at the federal level.

In fact, the most recent testing of these systems by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) indicates only one of the first 10 small SUVs evaluated using their new testing criteria earned a good rating. Four of the tested vehicles either completely failed to provide sufficient warning or gave it too late to avoid a collision.

The AMA reaffirms its commitment to advocating for the safety of motorcyclists on the road and calls upon federal agencies, automakers, technology companies and software developers to ensure that AV technology is thoroughly vetted and capable of protecting all road users, including motorcyclists.

Another Biker Killed By Tesla Utilizing Automated Driving Mode



Once again, Tesla is in the news and there is tragic news for bikers. A fatal crash involving a motorcyclist and Tesla near Seattle, WA, made national news when the driver of the Tesla admitted the incident occurred while the Tesla was operating in “autopilot” mode. According to the police report, the driver looked down at his phone, “the next thing he knew there was a bang and the vehicle lurched forward as it accelerated and collided with the motorcycle in front of him,” killing the motorcyclist.

When will policymakers wake up and realize lives are at stake?

Just last week, a group of six (6) U.S. Senators sent a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on this exact topic. The letter, led by Ed Markey (D-MA), outlined several growing concerns with this new technology. The letter dated April 18th states,

“We remain concerned that Autopilot, and features like it in other vehicles, could lead drivers to become overconfident and distracted, putting them and other road users at risk.”

We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) wholeheartedly agree! For years bikers have sounded the alarm about the deployment of these vehicles on our roadways.

During meetings with NHTSA, the MRF has complained about the marketing of these vehicles, which can lead to disastrous results like the one seen in Washington State. It appears that some in Washington, D.C. are starting to take notice. The letter also points out that,

“Drivers who utilize partially automated systems often become distracted or unaware of road risks due to overconfidence or overreliance on the system. In fact, many consumers are confused about or misunderstand the limits of partially automated driving systems, sometimes due to manufacturers' misleading names for these systems.”

Thank you to Senators Markey, Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Peter Welch (D-VT), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for raising these issues with NHTSA.

The MRF is working on a similar version of this letter from lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives. Stay tuned for how you can educate your member of Congress on this issue.

Let's not forget what former NHTSA official Missy Cummings said last year, “It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas.”

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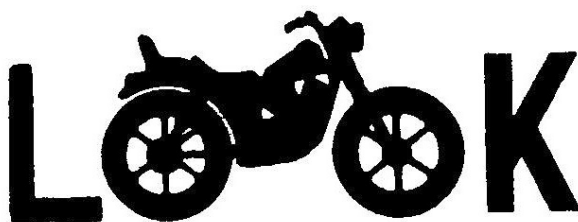
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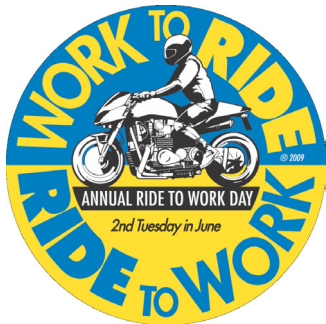


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MAY

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JUNE

- 8 / Local 14 Crash Run
- 8 / Local 25 - Pool Tournament
- 15 / Local 1 - Lime Run
- 15 / Local 15 - Cruzin Into Summer
- 15 / Local 29 - Memorial Ride
- 15 / Local - 28 - USO Ride
- 22 / Local 6 - Family Picnic & Poker Run

JULY

- 4 / Car & Bike Show
- 6 / Local 11 - Christmas in July
- 19-21 / Local 15 - Hootontown
- 27 / Local 3 - Swap Meet
- 27 / Local 35 - Memorial Ride

AUGUST

- 23-25 / State - Show Me Motorcycle Rally
- 24 / Local 13 - Soybean Festival Car Show

SEPTEMBER

- 27-28 / Local 12 - Firecracker Classic

OCTOBER

- 4-6 / District 4 - Octoberfest
- 6 / Local 15 - Stone County Toy Run
- 26 / Local 11 - Halloween Bash

NOVEMBER

- 2 / Local 11 - Food Drive
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