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NOTES FROM BILL

Hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July. It has been some great weather so far this summer so everyone should have been able to get out and enjoy it. While you're out make sure you contact your candidates in your area. They will be out trying to get votes and this a good time to start a conversation. I personally went to the Jefferson City 4th of July celebration and got to talk to Mollie Freebairn who is running for the 6 district senate seat against Sen. Mike Kehoe. Had a good conversation with her. Also got to talk to Travis Fitzwater 49 representative district candidate that was Rep Jennie Riddle district. So they are getting out there campaigning and talking to their constituents. The primary election will be held August 5 we need to know how they stand and need to get out and vote. By getting out and voting that is the start of the process in getting into the capitol.

The MMMR is coming up quickly and this is the event that will help support the legislative agenda. We need everyone's support on this event. This can be a very good event with the support of the whole organization. Come out and enjoy some time with fellow freedom fighters. We have bands Friday Saturday and Sunday also field events and dirt drags. It will be fun for all.

The Meeting of the Minds will also be here before you know it. We are still looking for some help with this event also. They are needing security and other positions with this event to help make this event go off without any hitches. This will be a really big event with people coming from all over the world. So let's show them that Missouri has what it takes to pit this size of event on.

RIDE FREE RIDE HARD RIDE OFTEN BILL KEMPKER

2014 MEETING OF THE MINDS

Although the committee has not had a 'sit-down' meeting since the last report it does not mean we have been standing around twiddling our thumbs. Quite the contrary, as we are drawing closer to the MOTM we are even busier making sure that all bases are covered. We had a 'walk-thru' of the facilities with the MRF's Conference and Events Chairman, Carol Downs this past weekend. The layout of the Embassy Suites facilities is perfect for our needs and the hotel staff is very accommodating. The walk-thru served a dual purpose as it gave us some ideas on the expanding some of the 'festivities' of the Hospitality Room and the PAC Fundraiser(s). I can't explain them, you'll just have to be there to experience it for yourself. We have picked up a couple of more volunteers here and there but we would of course like to have more. As was asked in the previous report, we need donations of every sort, the aforementioned supplies for the Hospitality Room and of course we need auction items, both silent and live. If you have anything you can donate get them to a CC meeting or if you are planning on attending you can bring them to the MOTM. The MRF is working with H-D plant on a tour(s) of the factory for the 'Early Birds' on Thursday afternoon. As this is a work in progress, nothing is set in stone but it may require anyone wishing to partake in the tour(s) to register on-line via the MRF's website and request to take part in the tour. You will need to check with the MRF to check on the status of the tour(s), or you can contact me and I should be able to get you pointed in the right direction. As was in previous Freedom Press, you will find the MOTM flyer and registration info in this issue as well.

Hope to see you all there,

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The Silent Killer: Wind Noise & Hearing Loss

Submitted by Steve "Staples" Comeau

There are a lot of opinions between riders about whether or not wearing hearing protection while riding is a good idea. We've noticed that, like so many other elements of this sport, the use of earplugs tends to be a controversial topic. Users swear by them, but many riders refuse, wanting to be as connected their bike and traffic conditions as possible for their safety. In many cases, however, riders on both sides of the debate are under-informed.

So to clear up some confusion, and make sure you have the right information to make your decision, we've put together a few myths and facts about using hearing protection while riding. Most importantly, we focus on the often unnoticed, silent killer of hearing while operating a motorcycle, and it's not your exhaust or traffic; its ambient wind noise, which occurs at levels of well over 100dB at highway speeds! Find out how it can destroy your hearing, and what to do about it, by reading on.

Common Myths about Hearing Protection

Myth: You can't hear traffic hazards, sirens, your bike, or other important sounds while wearing ear plugs.

Wearing ear plugs does block sound, but the way it actually affects your hearing is counter-intuitive.

The real killer of hearing, and what we are trying to prevent while riding, is wind noise; a continuous, high-frequency sound. What we want to hear are low-frequency sounds, things like cars around us, engine RPM, and approaching sirens.

Because wind noise beats on your ears non-stop, it creates a condition called temporary threshold shift, or temporary hearing loss from continuous over-exposure (we've all experienced this at a concert, races, operating machinery, etc.) In other words, you go partially deaf after an extended period of riding.

That temporary deafness is even more dangerous to your safety on the road than wearing ear plugs, because it affects all frequencies of hearing. Proper hearing protection prevents that from happening, and cuts high-frequency wind noise while still allowing important low-frequency sounds to be heard.

Myth: You only need to wear ear plugs if you have a loud bike.

Again, the biggest danger to your hearing is wind noise, and it piles up a lot faster than you think. Whether you ride a thunderous V-twin or a stock 250, the sound of your bike is miniscule when compared to the volume of wind noise, which is usually around the 100-110dB range at highway speeds. It is a constant, high-frequency sound; the type that is the biggest threat to your hearing, as you tend to not notice it beating your eardrums to death

Myth: You don't need to wear earplugs if you wear a full-face helmet.

Wearing a full-face helmet cuts exposure, but to degree that is not significant with respect to hearing damage. Different studies show a reduction in the range of 5-10dB when wearing a full-face, but at 100dB-plus levels found at normal highway speeds, this is still well within the territory of permanent hearing damage. Some helmets flow air so well, the wind noise can actually be almost equal to that of not using a helmet at all. Myth: My windshield/fairings cut wind noise enough.

Much like the difference between full-face and half-helmets, there is a reduction in sound level, but not to a significant degree. Depending on the style of windshield or fairings, and the height of the rider and his body position, the resulting turbulence may mean there is no reduction in noise at all.

Facts You Should Know about Hearing Protection

Fact: Normal highway riding does irreparable, but imperceptible, hearing damage.

According to OSHA, up to 85-90dB of exposure for 8 hours a day is within hearing safety limits; however, when sound levels exceed 100dB, safe exposure time drops to only 2 hours, and at 115dB, is reduced to only 15 minutes!

What does that mean to us riders? 85-90dB is the level of noise you're exposed to in normal to heavy traffic, at speeds of under 40mph. Think city driving; car horns, big rigs, sirens and loud vehicles can strain your ears, but not to the level of permanent hearing damage.

However, at speeds of 65mph or more, wind noise creeps up past the 90db mark, and increases dramatically with speed. In other words, more damage is being done to your ears cruising on an empty highway at the speed limit than in the middle of a crowded city!

Fact: Some riders can hear better when wearing hearing protection.

This is completely counter-intuitive, but true. Recalling the TTS, or the temporary reduction in hearing that occurs from sustained exposure, we know that a rider that does not wear ear plugs will have worse hearing while on the road (whether he realizes it or not.)

On the other hand, by reducing that high-frequency wind noise, ear plug wearers are preventing TTS and retaining full hearing ability, still being able to clearly hear low-frequency sounds like approaching cars, sirens, and their engines. As a result, many users actually report feeling more in tune with the road, and especially their bikes, when wearing proper ear plugs, because they are less fatigued or distracted by the roaring wind noise that they probably didn't even notice before.

The important factor is choosing ear plugs that attenuate enough to take the edge off of high frequency wind noise, while still allowing important sounds to be heard. This is accomplished at 15-30db attenuation, the range most "foamie" style earplugs fall into.

Fact: Wearing hearing protection makes you less tired after a ride.

Many ear plug wearers report lower fatigue after riding versus when riding without them. This is due to the reduction in "noise fatigue," a condition of exhaustion and even pain that can result from sustained exposure to high levels of noise (a commonly known condition in the aviation industry, and other industries where loud noise is constant.) In other words, you may literally feel more energetic during and after a ride with ear plugs in, which is especially important if you're a motorcycle commuter. It can't hurt your riding ability either.

How To Keep Your Hearing

While there are many routes you can take when choosing ear protection, from bulk packs of cheap disposables to custom fit plugs made by a doctor, try the inexpensive "foamie" style ear filters (plugs). They come in multi-packs with attentuation levels from 26-33dB, they are the perfect way to inexpensively try out hearing protection on your next ride.

The Bottom Line

There is a lot of both anecdotal evidence and hard science that says there is a whole list of dangers associated with riding without hearing protection, and no net benefit. If you're not wearing ear plugs when you ride, give some re-useable foamies a try. Even if you're a skeptic, spending a few dollars to find out if they work for you is a cheap experiment. Compared to how much you value your lifelong ability to hear, earplugs are a pretty tiny investment.

While this debate will rage on in motorcycle forums and riding clubs everywhere, hopefully you have enough information to at least try riding with hearing protection. After all, nobody wants to be that rider in his older years, saying "if I had only known then what I know now." Besides, if you think reducing your ability to hear "the road" is unsafe; consider how dangerous actually being deaf is!

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

Howdy,

Hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July.

All is well with Local 1. I will start off by saying a big thank you to 'you know who' for taking care of the minutes from the last meeting for me. It was greatly appreciated.

Our 'problem' with delinquent tickets has been taken care of thanks to Dragon.

Octoberfest wood cutting party will be 9/20.

Dice run on 9/6. We will start at the Odessa VFW and end at Ricochet's. Contact Joe for more info.

Food at the next meeting bring side dishes and maybe a ride after the meeting. 12:00 lunch and the meeting will start at 2:00.

Hope all of you are well and enjoying the summer. So far the weather has been agreeable.

We have just moved into the 21st century and purchased 'smart' phones... man, do I feel stupid!

Continuously trying to see how far I can push the limits... almost at fifty, it's the pushing that's getting difficult. But you gotta 'Keep Pushin On' Wow sounds like a good name for a song!

Getting far too long at this point so I must say goodbye for this round.

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

See ya,

Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157

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

Howdy Local #3

Well our Annual Family Fun Day has been a big success, in my eyes at least. We had wonderful weather (it started out iffy) with the sun comin' out and makin our day spectacular.

There 43 bikes fixed up and three brand new ones donated to the event by Ray and Darla Burns (who also donated to the feast with hamburgers etc.), Dollar General donated one thanks to Lisa Motley and the third was from Myra and Steve Burrow. When all was said and done 36 bikes had new homes as we had a better turnout then was expected. I'd like to mention that without the help of Casey Singleton the bikes would have been slightly less operational.

The kids played several games, including the board run, the bike limbo and an obstacle course. We have voted on doing this again next year and

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want to thank all those around the area, including the township of Roscoe MO, that helped get this done. Special thanks to Ginger Culbertson and Rowton Home Center in Bolivar, Daphne Greenlee for the bike helmets and goodie bags and bringing safety awareness to the kids. Hawthorn Bank Clinton for the hotdogs. Cash donations from Webb Automotive, Steve Webb and Do it Best Osceola for the grill. A big THANK YOU to the Osceola Police Dept., The St Clair Co. Sheriff Dept. and Fire and Rescue, for bringing awareness to these departments in making themselves approachable to children AND showing off the Humvee.

The meeting was rather quick and not a lot of major items on the agenda. We got one renewal by Curtis Tyson and a new member David David while at the meeting. That's it for now.

Ride Hard or Stay Home,

Turk





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 to our Brothers and Sisters of FORR from L-5: All the locals within District 4 are gearing up for both Octoberfest and Meeting of the Minds which are going to be back to back this year. There will be a wood cutting party out at Octoberfest prior to the event date to prepare the bonfire and provide wood for individual locals attending. L-5 has already cut our wood for our use at this event and will transport it to the OF site on Thursday or Friday as usual but, we will ask for volunteers to help cut for this event. People will be able to come down Thursday to set up camp and if you are helping with the set up on Friday you can spend the night. L-5 will be working on a lot of the props needed for the western theme Meeting of the Minds hospitality hotel room. This meeting will bring bikers from all over the world here and we want them to remember this experience in Missouri.

I forgot to mention in my last post to congratulate our own Kim Tarwater placing first in the Freedom Rally Bike Show this year.

We had a good meeting in June and saw some old faces and had a couple of welcomed visitors attend. VFW Post 1829 is L-5's meeting place and on meeting day the bar opens at 2 PM. Until next time ride safe and watch out for careless phone talking, texting, self-absorbed cagers who believe it is ALL about THEM instead of their fellow Americans' safety first! Angel

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH

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



LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536

Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

Greetings Local 7

Alright summer is here. This month the weather has been great for riding and Local 7 members have had some rides to go on. First S.C.A.N had their Kids Bike Run. There was a good turn out and Local 7's own Spyder women won worst hand. Local 7 also donated \$200. Next was the U.S.O ride. 151 bikes rode down to Waynesville and over \$2000 was raised for the U.S.O. Rocky, Robert E and Charlie were there to represent Local 7 and help out. Don, Lee and I rode on a ride held by a Shriner motorcycle club raising money for kids backpack lunches. We also had members go on some rides across country. More details next month.

Be safe until next time, ride on.

Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

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

(Call for info - location varies)

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

Greetings from Local 8:

Summer is well on its way. Its not the same not starting the year with Spring Fling. As everyone knows Spring Fling is postponed until October 3 -5. The weather was beautiful for the first time in 5 years but due to heavy rains the previous week the camp ground was a swamp. We had to change a couple bands but they are all set. The new date is still had the same location at the Boat Club. Lets hope we don't have a wet fall.

We had some renewals. Susan and Gary Veach, Ronnie King, Jeromy Romesburg. Earl Bitzenburg and Kathi Lake. Thanks for supporting FORR.

Mid MO Rally is coming up Labor Day weekend. A large group of Local 8 members went last year and in spite of the "storm" we had a great time. Some changes have been made to make it better this year. It is a great camp ground . Lots of clean showers and plenty of room for RVs. We had our own pool as did others.

We are having ride in meetings so watch for emails for locations.

I hope everyone had a great 4th. I know my family did. Weather was wonderful. Mother Nature can be nice. I just wish she wouldn't make Spring Fling such a challenge.

Every one have a safe summer. Every week end there is news of several motorcycle accidents. Be aware and watch out for cars and deer. I believe in deer alerts. . We have given them to numerous friends and all the family. There has not been any deer encounters with vehicles that have them on. We did before we put them on.

Ride Safe, Foxy Gama

LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY

Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm

Kearney VFW 5717, 301 W Washington, Kearney, MO

Contact: Rob Hull 816-550-8162

Local 9 has positions up for grabs so if you'd like to become more involved with the local, now is your chance; secretary and newsletter are currently open. If you are interested, be sure to attend the next meeting. Thank you to John Carmen for stepping up as the new District 4 representative.

There are a lot of exciting events happening with other locals this summer, so be sure to keep an eye on other locals' events on a regular basis. It's a good idea to get to know other members and locals as well as keep involved with their events. We are a collective voice after all.

As you ride, be alert and remember to ride safe.

Happy Riding!

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

LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW

Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

Kuemmel Park., Glasgow

Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodtman1952@

gmail.com



Greetings again to all our friends out in FORR-land from all your brothers and sisters in Local 12, Glasgow. By the time you read this, the Firecracker Classic will be over but as it is written, we are still two weeks out. We are hoping for good weather and a great turnout to this one, one of FORR's premiere parties.

Well, the dog days of summer are here and I hope everyone is riding their bikes as much as possible. I'd like to mention one event here that we all need to support

because it was one of the best times I had last year. I rode it with John and Joyce and we REALLY enjoyed it. It's Local 13's Wonder Run and it is like no other event you have ever ridden. To start with, the route always includes some of the finest riding roads in central MO. My great friend and president of Local 13, B.L. McDonnell, lays out the route and it includes more curves, hills, and beautiful scenery than I ever imagined existed in this part of the country. Every stop includes a different game, games like you have never played before. I have seen this year's trophies and they are outstanding, like no others you have ever seen. I won't spoil the surprise by describing them here but, rest assured, you will be VERY proud to win one! The run will end in Mexico, where Local 13 has even more fun and games planned. There should be a flyer in this newsletter and also watch Local 13's site on Facebook. Don't miss this one, folks!

I have recently moved to Linn, MO and Laura has the minutes books with her so I don't have them to refer to give a report on our last meeting. I will try to get a report in on it next month, along with a Firecracker Classic report. My new address is Smokey Strodtman, 271 County Road 303,



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Linn, MO 65051-2677. I will have a long ride to our meetings now, but isn't riding what it's all about?

Please remember to ride carefully out there and be especially aware of distracted drivers, potholes, and deer on the road, especially early in the morning and around dusk. I've made too many hospital visits this year and don't want to make any more.

Speaking of downed brothers, B.L. and I had a most pleasant visit with Halfbreed at his home this week. As you may remember, 'Breed had a terrible accident in the Spring on his bike. I went to visit him the day after it happened and he was really in bad shape at the time with multiple serious injuries. I'm happy to report that he is home now, doing much better, and fired up to get better yet so he can eventually start walking again and riding his bike. We were probably there for at least two hours and visited with him and an old friend I hadn't seen for years, Tommy Fisher. We also got to visit with 'Breed's wife, Debbie. Here's a tip of the Local 12 FORR hat, 'Breed, for not letting anything get you down!

Well, that's about all I have for this month, here's a list of upcoming events:

Aug. 3rd- Local 12 meeting, top shelter house at Kuemmel Park, Glasgow

Aug. 16th- Local 13 Wonder Run, check flyer in Freedom Press for starting point

Aug. 29th, 30th, and 31st- Midwest Motorcycle Rally, Fairgrounds, Sedalia

Sept.. 7th- Local 12 meeting, Kuemmel Park, Glasgow

If you have any news you would like in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at smokeystrodtman1952@gmail.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month......be free, Smokey.

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

For further information about meetings or membership

call 573-291-1465

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



Dear Brothers Sisters and friends of Local 13.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us on our First Dice Run. We had over 60 sign in's and two of our State Officers came to join in this event and over four outside Local's including L-10, L-12, L-24, L-25 and L-00. Winner of the Dice Run are as follows 1st place Anthony Barnes ,2nd place winner Roger Gaston, 3rd place Pam Branson and the worst score went too

Karen Wills. Our surprise awards went to Mike Davis for longest beard, and longest hair Rachael Stoerker. We would also like to thank all who came together to help make this a success; including Larry Carson, Terry and Kim Archer, Bill and Kay Weldon, Bill and Misty Palmer, Raymond and Melissa Palmer along with their spirited and always helpful children Roston and Rylee, also Doc Dailing, Laura Williams, Kassy Polston, BL and Valerie, with the assistance of Rock Palmer for final count. Hat's off to everyone on a job well done. This was a first for some of us, and, all and all it was a great experience.

We will be having The Wonder Run later this month on the 16th. Also Local 13 will be giving out thirteen UNIQUE trophies for this event. We hope to see you there. Where you wonder where you're going and wonder what you may be asked to do too get to the next stop. All proceeds will be going to support the Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run. Providing toys and canned goods to the less fortunate children of Mexico. There will be food and drinks included with you entry fee of 13 dollars also extra game cards will be available for 2.00. We hope that you can stay around for awards and live auction which will be held after the last bike in. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow FORR members and share stories, while promoting Brotherhood at it's finest by sharing a meal and good times. Hoping to wrap things up around 5 or so depending on attendance, giving you plenty of time to enjoy your ride home.

On September 21st we are planning our Family Day. We are still looking for a place to hold this event. Any idea's are welcomed and will be finalizing the details at the Aug. 10th meeting at Plunkett Park in Mexico @ 3:00 pm (The meeting will be held on this date because of the Wonder Run falling on the day before our regular scheduled meeting.) Please plan on attending, we also be going over final details of the Wonder Run. Your opinions and idea's are always welcomed and encouraged. With any luck we would like to be able to find a place where we can hold bike events as well as children's events this way everyone can join the fun. Please keep this date in mind and bring a friend and introduce them to your Local 13 family, the more the merrier. I hope to see you all there.

Upcoming Local 13 events are as follows:

August 10th------Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico@3:00 August 16th-----Wonder Run, The Thirsty Hog, Fulton Mo.

September 21st-----Family Day and Local Meeting location TBA September 25th-28th Meeting of the Minds, Kansas City Mo.

November 1st-----Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run

November 16th-----Local Meeting and Nominations for Officers for 2015

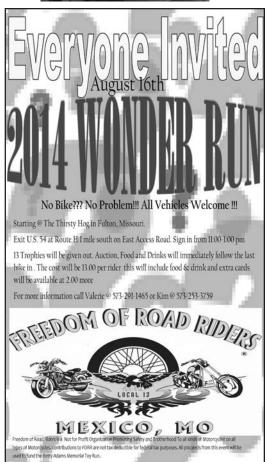
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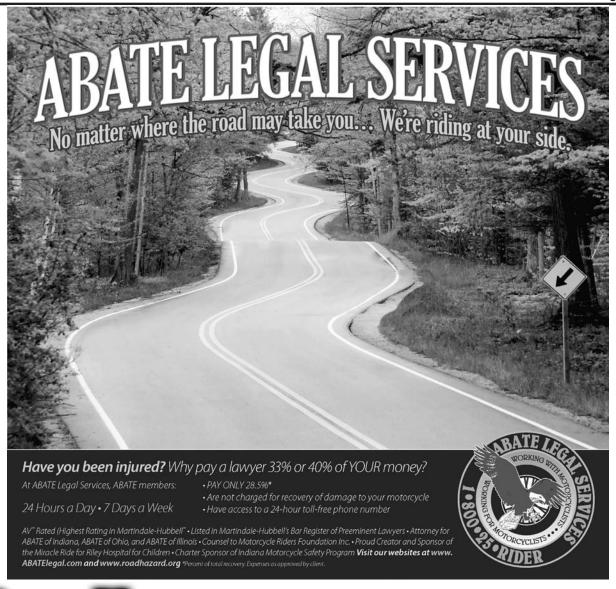
Until next time live life to the fullest stay Safe and FORRever Free, Valerie Taylor

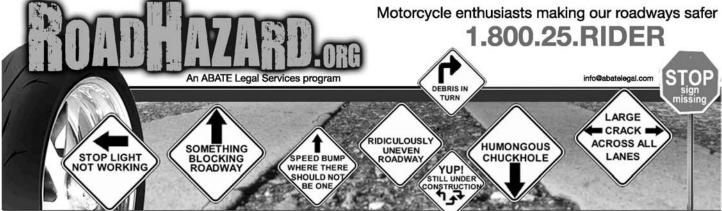
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If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me @ taylor.valerielocal13 or 573-291-1465









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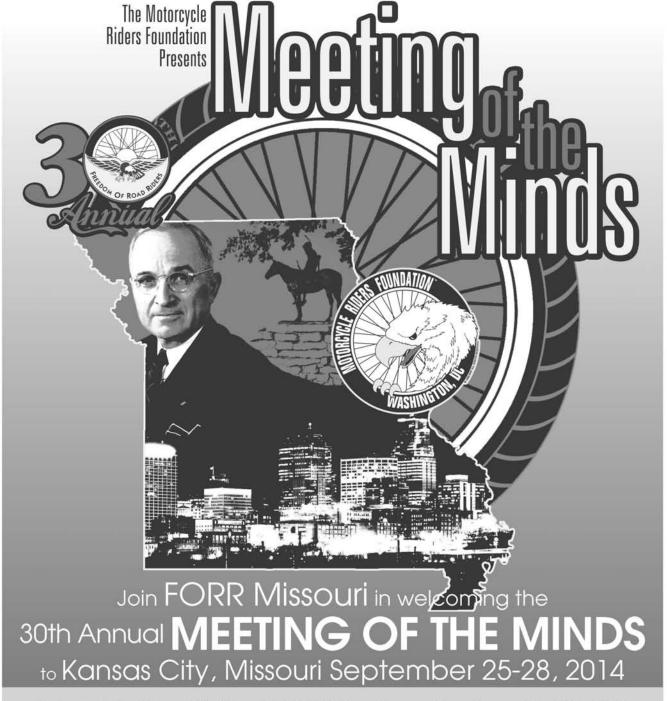
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LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618

Local 15-Branson

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Charlie's Steak & Ale, 3009 W Hwy 76, Branson

Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

Hope you'r enjoying the wind in your hair and the sun in your face. I love it!!!! A lot of our members are getting together for fish fries, weddings, congratulations Tito and Tina, Ferry rides, Birthday Parties or just sitting around the campfire in their yard. I hope all other Locals are enjoying each others company as much as we do in Local 15! This has been a fun filled summer so far!!!

I can't wait to tell you about the fun that we had at Hootontown, but that will have to wait until our next newsletter, because we still have 2 weeks before the big weekend.

Remember to go on Facebook regularly to see what's going on around in our area. Terry Willey, Tami McMinn and a few other always have updates on rides or events from other groups like The Patriot Guard. I do want to say thank you to them for getting the word out to all of us!

I haven't heard how our last BS meeting went at The Roadhouse, so I can't share that with you. But I know that our next BS will be back at The Pizza Cellar. Yeah! There's always a good time there! That's Aug. 5th. My husband and a few others will be at Sturgis, Yeah!!!!!! But I always love our get together's at The Pizza Cellar!

We are still having our business meetings at Charlie's Steak and Ale. It's always the 3rd Monday of the month. Please try to make it there.

One last thing. A big shout out to Larry Glover. He organized a fund raiser for a small child that is fighting for his life, Zeke. Larry's heart was all in this. He put it together in just 2 weeks. I know Zeke's mother really appreciated everyone that came out for the Poker Run, live Music and all the other activities that were there.

Hope you guys stay safe out there! And I hope to see you all soon, Lou

LOCAL 16-SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Danny 573-270-6430

Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

At the time of this writing we have just enjoyed Spring in July. I'm afraid to even speculate on what August holds for the Bayou Field Days but my guess is L16 will make it rock. Thank you again to the Bayou for going above & beyond when it comes to hosting events, you are the best!

We also send our thanks to Whitey and Sarah for hosting July's meeting at their home. Proof positive everything is cooler in the country.

With August comes the 2nd annual Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally Labor Day weekend. The work schedule will be handled differently this year as the old lottery system is no more. Instead, when you enter the fairgrounds you will find a sign up sheet with available times and duties. Decide what you want to do and let them know on the spot. You'll find the flyer and schedule of events in this issue of the Freedom Press. The MMMR event will be very different from last year's and I think you'll find when Layne Shady of L8 puts on a party it's one to remember.

L16's next event will be the Louis Run in October. This event will undergo a sort of face lift and for all members interested in having a hand in the changes the plans will begin during our August meeting. At this time I do not have a definite time or location so once again call Whitey or Danny for the details.

The rest of this entry goes to George. What a surprise to see you at

our June meeting. Whether you know it or not you were a very large part of why that meeting was so productive.

In November Local 16 will celebrate its 30th anniversary as one of a handful of Locals to have never closed. During the 2014 FEW Seminar we returned to the roots of this organization by enlisting the wisdom of our "Greybeards" & "Silver Highlights" who began FORR way back when....we know how we got here and in 2015 we will explore Where We Go From Here. As the co-chair of the 2015 FEW I can't begin to tell you what it means to have you and Martin presenting the session Leadership by Example. There are no two members with a better grasp on what is required to stand firm in the cause of fighting for what is right as represented by Freedom of Road Riders.

It has been a long road for you both and L16 will be honored by your presence at an event which has renewed the spirit the founding fathers (and mothers) envisioned so many years ago. Thank you my brother for agreeing to make the time to not only attend but stand again with BL, Smokey and we pray Half Breed and share the wisdom that has made this organization stand strong for 32 years.

Until next time stay aware to stay alive! Melanie





LOCAL 19-KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm Meeting Location Varies

Contact: 660-988-1708

Hi Everyone,

June's meeting brought bad news in a couple of different ways. First, as it stands right now, Local 19 will not be providing Motor Cycle Safety Courses due to discrepancies at the State level. For more than 20 years our local held safety courses at the same location, and now it is inadequate even though there were massive improvements to the site. Members present at the June meeting are requesting all 122 members of Local 19 to send a letter to the Central Committee Corporate and Cabinet offices requesting why this is happening. We need involvement from our members. Second, our C.C. Rep Doug Yearns has resigned from his position. A big thanks goes out to Doug for all his time, energy, and efforts!! If anyone is interested in filling his position, please contact Klon. Let's keep Nate Walker in mind at the primaries, he is a friend of our organization. Local 19 donated 200.00 to his campaign.

August meeting will be 8/2/14 at Action Cycles.

And on a good note.....Congratulations Berry and Trudy!!!!!!!

Ride safe! Nancy

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Eagles Club on Hwy 25

Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428



Hello to all of my FORR Family

Thanks to all of the members that have renewed it is great to have you still hanging in there with us. Happy Birthday to those that celebrated in July and to those

celebrating in August, congratulations to Josh Miller and his lovely bride they were married in June.

Once again there are folks out there making it difficult for us to recruit members in our area and unfortunately it is members of the Local. More than once I have heard the phrase "FORR has never done anything for me". Let's look at that statement for a minute. FORR along with other Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs) have kept the bikes on the roads, we don't have to be concerned about motorcycle only check points, we don't have to carry a special insurance and finally there is some action being taken on the failure to yield the right of way just to name a few actions that benefit everyone. I usually follow that statement with the question...did you let anyone at the State level or local level know that you needed assistance and by the way "What have you done for the organization as a whole or the local"? At that point the conversation usually ends with the person stomping off with a red face and cussing. I am constantly running damage control and that is OK because those that do the most talking I can count on one hand as to how many meetings and events they have attended over the years so when you hear certain people talking remember it is usually those that have no idea what is going on in the first place. My new attitude is...... Tell me I CAN'T and I will show you I CAN. Kick me again and I will get back up just to Piss you off.

Until Next Time..... Keep it Between the Lines Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan – L20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

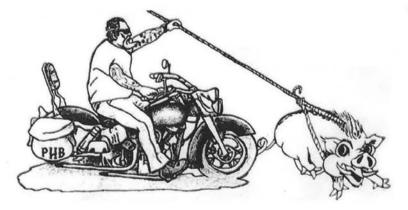
Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m. Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

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Local 23 - Lincoln County

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.

Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369

Contact: 636-665-5004

Local 24 - St. Louis

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114

Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624

Attention Local 24 and all the ships at sea!!!

STL is on a roll but, not the dinner type!

Membership awareness committee will be attending all sorts of events in the area to get the word out about how membership in FORR is a life changer!

The June assembly was short, business covered, plans made. Thank you to all the local members, guest, and that guy from Local 5, who take time out of their busy schedule to attend these monthly assemblies.

Did you get your gun safe ticket yet? Contact the local VP if you are interested.

The event that we have coming up next is the RED NECK BIKER GOLF!!! Sunday August 24th!! Sign in 1100-1300 at VFW post 3944, you know the same place we have our meetings, invite your friends, even the people you do not like! Donation of \$10.00 per game is requested. Cars, bikes, 3 wheelers, and all other mode of transport are welcome. Trophies by Noid and Noidette. Come on out and see the crazy stuff the stops come up with as "holes" Call pinky @314-57-5929 for more info.

Labor Day weekend the MMMR is at the Sedalia state fair grounds, come out and SUPPORT FORR! This is the big fund raiser for the PAC fund; you know the fund that keeps the laws that hinder our lifestyle in check.

MRF meeting of the minds is next month in KC; go to MRF.ORG for more info on this stellar event. If you have never been you need to take the trip across the state, I guarantee you learn something or your eyes open up to things that may be coming our way from across the pond. FORR is the host SMRO; let's show the nation and world that we are the premier SMRO here in the State of Missouri.

Get out to any political activities your State Representative or Senator is holding, so when they get a call, letter, or email they can put a face with the correspondence.

8-17-14 is the Heartbauer/McBride poker run. Sign in from 1030-1200 at Doc's HD. and Ted's HD. Come on out and support bikers helping bikers. The Rat family will be leaving from Ted's.

NOW get out and sign up someone for Local 24!

Do something nice for someone,

Sylvester O'Rourke



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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,

Our Big Rodeo is August 16th.. for more info call (636) 274-9145

Also be sure to contact Local 33 president Bo Smith (660) 441-0625 about volunteering at the Fair booth in August.

As always... remember ... Leather Up & Rubber

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m. (Call for info location varies)

Contact: 660-582-4599

Greeting fellow riders.

Another month has come and gone and it looks like we are finally getting decent weather to ride. Our last Eat&Ride was one of our better turnouts lately. At last count, we had 35 people show up for the dinner ride. Can you believe appreciating having your jacket on July 1st? In the 70's on the way home and mornings in the 60's. I'm sure it will get back to normal soon, but enjoying it while we can.

A casual reminder to the members, if you want to see something in the newsletter, get it to me, the Secretaries, or the Chapter President. If I don't have the information, it doesn't get into the newsletter. Sometimes I still forget, but it's still your best shot.



Activities coming up:

Across the Border rally July 31-Aug 2nd Brad Peve Run July 19th at Beal Park 1 pm

Nodaway County Fair Bike Show July 19th reg till 5 pm

Freedom Rock Tour July 26th @ 9 am 257 miles Will visit 3 rocks; Greenfield, IA, Kimballton, IA and Corning, IA.



Speaking of Freedom Rocks; we visited one on our July 1st ride. It was in the town of Diagonal, IA. We have a group shot of us in front of it, but it hasn't made it to me yet. However, attached is a picture of the front of the rock I do have.

The weather is great for now, but it will be getting hot again. Remember to hydrate. Drink often and cool down when possible. Dehydration will slow your reactions. Not a good thing on two wheels.

Enjoy the summer and watch for night time animal movement.
Safe Journeys,

Harold.

Local 27 - Sac-Osage

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

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

Contact:: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; Vice-Pres. Leland Seymour 636-497-2814

Greetings family , I see motorcycles everywhere I look these days. Seems like mother nature is being friendly , for now , LOL. Well we have been very busy lately here at Local 27 , we had several awareness events locally and we will have had our booth at the Ozark Empire Fair by the time you are reading this, I'm sure it was a great success, and a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the Locals that contributed to this venture... We have been working with other Locals a lot lately and it really is nice to see that within this organization...We hope that every one out there has a great summer and ride, ride, ride...LOL For now just keep the shinny side up and enjoy the ride MLLH&R

Madd Dawg

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

Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July. As I sat watching the fireworks on the fourth, and listening to the conversations of friends, I realized that despite how upset we are at the state of economy, our government, our lives, our freedoms, etc... we still live better than a large percentage of the world population. We have the right to choose our religion, our livelihood, and the way in which we live. We have the right to vote and change the representation that we receive in Congress. If we do not like a law, we have the right to complain to our representatives or demand to have a law relooked. Many countries do not have that right. We live in a wonderful country and should feel blessed with the directions of our lives. If you do not like the laws that Missouri has passed recently or is considering, you have the right to talk to your representatives and express your opinions to try to enact a change. You have the right to be a member of the FORR. Remember this the next time you are unhappy with a law and call or write your representatives.

I am going to get off of my soap box now. I hope that everyone is having a good riding season. For those of you taking the trip to Sturgis, or any other rally, be safe on the road. Remember to keep hydrated on those hot days. Make sure to get plenty of rest on those long rides.

But, most of all, enjoy yourselves!

Notes from this month's meeting:

Once again, the newsletter needs to go to press before the meeting is held. For a complete listing of the minutes, visit the Facebook page. 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. Dallas has also told me that we can create a form letter and consolidate names for removal of duplicate issues. If you are interested, please let me know and I will take care of this. 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@local28forr.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@local28forr.com.

Check out the Local 28 FORR web site at http://www.local28forr.com or stop by and visit us on Face Book at https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Local-28-Freedom-Of-Road-Riders/119989188055150

Upcoming Events:

11 July 2014 FORR Meeting

1 August 2014 FORR Meeting

27 August – 1 September 2014 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally

5 September 2014 FORR Meeting

3 October 2014 FORR Meeting

25 October 2014 Halloween Bash

7 November 2014 FORR Meeting

29 November 2014 Walmart Toy Ride 5 December 2014 FORR Meeting

1 January 2015 Polar Bear Run



Local 29 - North Kansas City

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.

Alamo Restaurant, 5010 NE Parvin Rd, KCMO Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or

Bob Neal 816-809-7184 Facebook: FORR Local 29

Our June meeting was attended by an even dozen members. Among other things we discussed the Plum Run, which is scheduled for September 20, and the Meeting of the Minds, which is scheduled for September 26, 27, and 28th. After much discussion we voted on some proposed bylaw changes. We voted not to support the mandatory donation of \$15 per member to the state. We felt this is a volunteer organization and that forcing locals to do this was wrong. We also voted not to support the state keeping the \$5 local portion of the membership fee and crediting the local up to 50% for their state donation. We would have supported this bylaw change if not for the 50% cap. We also voted to recognize any Local 29 life member who attends at least 50% of our meetings and who participates in at least one event a year, with a special award when attaining their life membership.

Had Brad Bolten been present he would have won the attendance incentive. Shirley McCormack won the membership incentive and donated her winnings back to the Local. Thank you Shirley!

Saturday, June 21, several Local 29 members put on the Thunder Run Orrick Disaster Relief Fundraiser at Sneaky Petes in Liberty. Before the event we took our motorcycle picture for the FORR calendar. Then we had the event. It was very successful and \$327.38 cash was raised along with \$110.00 in Wal-Mart gift cards, to be donated to the citizens of Orrick to help in their recovery from the tornado that hit there the evening of May 10th. Participating were our President Paul McCormack, Shirley McCormack, Don and Sharon Jackson, and Jim and Donna Duyck. Thank you for your participation. I would like to give a special thanks to Paul

LOCAL 28 MEMORIAL RIDE

Formally known as Annie's ride August 9th, 2014 A day to remember



Local 28 sets aside one day a year to remember brothers and sisters who have left this plain and are riding in a better world.

There is no cost to this event, The event consists of a cemetery run, and afterward we will honor them by taking a ride of our own.

Remember, we never morn their deaths, we celebrate their lives.

Please come out and join us as we honor those that set the path for others to enjoy the freedom we enjoy on two and three wheels'

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for all the work he put into planning and collecting for the event, and to Jim for providing the music and MC services at the event.

That's all for this month. Ride safe.

Honest Bob

Local 30 - Springfield/Nixa

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m. Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd

Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

I hope you all had a wonderful Independence Day! There is nothing like fireflies and fireworks to make it feel like summer. As always at this time of year motorcyclists have an array of rides and events to choose to participate in. There's so much going on that it's difficult to attend all of the benefits, poker runs, rallies and bike nights, but it's always great to see everyone and we hope you're all getting involved in the events that your locals support.

Local 30 is proud to be a part of collaborative efforts with Locals 15 and 27. In June, 17 bikes and members from several locals rode to the Peel Ferry in Arkansas. We participated in Bikes, Blues and Hot Cars, a new Springfield Rally at Summers at the River on Hwy 160, and Honda of the Ozarks customer appreciation days celebration. As I write this, Local 15 and 30 are finalizing plans for the Hootentown Rally, July 11-13. We will also have an "Awareness" table at the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield, from July 24 - August 2. We hope to educate those in our community about the FORR mission and make a few new friends along the way.

As we move into the warmest, OK, hottest time of the year, we'd like to remind you to take a few heat related precautions. Stay hydrated. This means plenty of water. Even warm water tucked away in the saddlebags will help prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke. The National Safety Council reminds us to also rest frequently in shaded areas and avoid excess alcohol. Alcohol is a diuretic which dehydrates. Combined with the heat, alcohol may have more of an effect on our ability to use good judgment or recognize heightened health risks associated with diabetes or high blood pressure.

In addition to keeping internally cool, remember to apply sunscreen with a high level SPF in order to avoid melanomas, which usually develop in areas that have the most exposure to the sun such as your back, neck, arms and face. To help you identify characteristics of unusual moles that may indicate melanomas or other skin cancers, think of the letters ABCDE:

A: for **asymmetrical** shape. Look for moles with irregular shapes, such as two very different-looking halves.

B: for irregular **border**. Look for moles with irregular, notched or scalloped borders

C: for changes in **color**. Look for growths that have many colors or an uneven distribution of color.

D: for **diameter**. Look for new growth in a mole larger than 1/4 inch (about 6 millimeters).

E: for evolving or changing (Mayo Clinic, 2014)

If you notice changes to existing moles contact your physician. As with any cancer, early detection of melanomas can be lifesaving. Until next time...

Ride safe, ride happy 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

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

Well all summer is flying by at light speed. Seems like the older I get the faster time goes by. Maybe it's because there is always so much more to do than time available, or maybe it's just that it takes longer to accomplish the task. Whatever it is I wish it would slow down.

Some local members and hopefully a few guests just enjoyed a great Got Lost Run. Heard they got to go to Oklahoma this year. Unfortunately JR and I didn't get to make the trip. Too many other obligations to be gone for a third weekend in a row. Rumor has it that once again you better be on your toes if you're traveling with a group of Local 33 members because you just might get left behind. Apparently the group stopped for a pit stop, everyone got saddled back up and took off only to realize a while later that someone was missing. Yep better make sure you're tied off to your partner or have your own way home if you're out with Local 33. Thanks to Billy and Sherry for stepping up to fill some pretty big shoes as our new primary reps for the Mid America Freedom Rally. Thanks a bunch to Randy and Deb for all their years of work and dedication to the rally. They will still be involved as the alternate reps but will be taking some much deserved time off.

The local is actively working on the State Fair project and hopefully by the time you are reading this we've been able to fill all of the work shifts with the help of other locals around the state. Remember this event benefits everyone since the state fair draws participants from all over the state.

We've got quite a few events coming up in the next couple of months and hope to see a lot of you in attendance. September 24th - 27th FORR will be hosting Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City. We need

people to help with the event. Its not really working because you have so much fun meeting people from all over the nation who have one thing in common, motorcycling.

September 6th will be the Dice Run

September 21st will be the local picnic

October 3rd-5th is District 4 - Octoberfest in Grain Valley, Missouri

October 10th is our Adopt a Family Color Run.

In between all those events don't forget our local meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Hope all of you have had a terrific summer so far. Ride safe, watch out for those four legged terrorists and see you down the road.

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735 Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6383

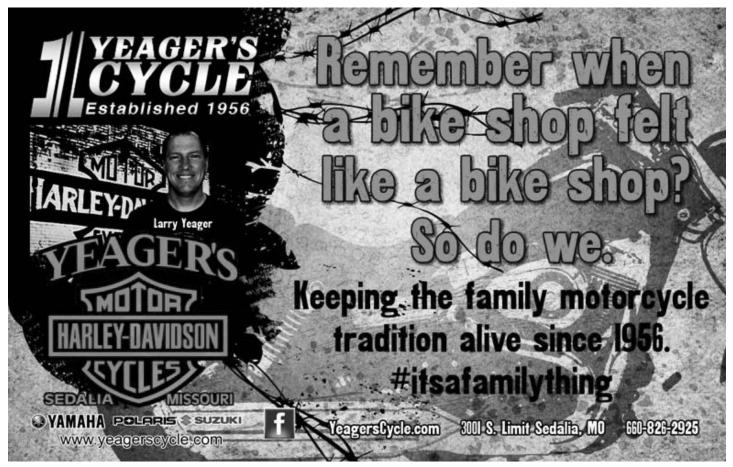
We have had some nice days for riding.

Right now we are up to 47 members with three new (Doug Miller, Gary Swope and Mike Maurer) and two returning (David and Jennifer Nelson). We want to say welcome to the new members and glad to have you back to the returning members.

We made our trip to the Veterans Home in Warrensburg and I think all that was there really enjoyed the time there. There was man that was 91 years old and had been on the beaches of Normandy. They said he had never talked much about his time in the war, but he did that day. Thank GOD for our heroes.

We are planning a fun run so that we can take some pictures at different location of our bikes for the calendar.

There are some plans in the works for the Meeting of the Minds in



September in KC. We are getting a few things together for a small wagon or basket and also some items for a basket for the Mid South MILE in October. We are wanting things for around this area.

A few weeks back our local had some T-shirts printed that were a light gray and some got long sleeves and some short so now we are going to get some more in black, red and blue.

Our fall poker run will be a summer poker run on August 2nd with sign in from 4 to 5. We could not find a weekend in September that would work and in October could be cold or rain.

May the road angels watch over you no matter how you travel. 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

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 42.

I hope everyone is staying cool and getting out to ride. We had to cancel our last school supply collection due to lack of participation. We have over 100 members in our local but it seems that the same handful of people are the ones who are dedicated into volunteering for everything! WE NEED HELP!! We need a break for those handful of people who come out and help for everything. I Personally am writing this news letter and I want to give a big THANK YOU to that handful of people for their dedication to the local.

If your not receiving text messages or e-mails from me about upcoming events means I no longer have current contact information for you so please give me a call 314-221-7164.

Please come out and help we still have a lot of events this year and would love to see you if only for 15 minutes to give someone else a break.

Thank you to everyone who made to Meerchaums Corn Cob Factory for our group photo. Sorry the meeting was so hard to hear that will not be an issue at our next meeting.

August upcoming events:

July 27th - Meeting (Pacific Eagles @ 3 pm)

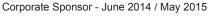
Aug. 10th - Trash Bash (Tri-County truck stop 10 am)

Aug. 31st - Meeting (Pacific Eagles @ 3 pm)

Your prez,

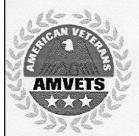
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LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

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

We're bigger than we ever dreamed....Local 47 had our meeting on June 21, 2014. We had a few changes in officers due to family problems, but we are running smooth and fine. Jack brought in some really sweet hats. There is white and black for \$20.00. And of course they have our local 47 on them what else... pretty soon there will be pink ones!!!!!! So excited. Few Seminar is coming up in January. Catch you later with the date.

We have new members.. (drum roll)

Tia Hernandez Jamey Howell Bob Kilgore Carol Gish

Welcome ya all!!!

Sturgis is here so get the bikes ready and maintenance. Call Russell. Spring Fling and Octoberfest this year will be on the same weekend. To bad RedJack won't be playing but I guess we can try next year.

Freedom of Road Riders will be hosting Meeting of the Minds this year at the Embassy suites by the airport in Tiffany Springs. Please sign up to help. Get your cowboy hat and boots out. Let's have some fun.

Mid-South Mile will be in Wichita, Kansas. Let's support them too. Let's go all the way!!

Remember your sunscreen and drink plenty of water. Pretty hot days out there. Be safe.

Let us live that fantasy! Nancy aka Skittles 12303

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 2nd Thursday

Check with your local rep for location

DISTRICT 4

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Bates City BBQ, 313 Market St, Bates City, MO 64011

Contact: 816-536-8147 or 816-728-6389



"ENGINEER OF FREEDOM" AWARD

How many FORR® members do you know the really exemplify the spirit of freedom? The member who has belonged for so many years, no one can keep track. The member who, when the call went out for a work session or a shift at an event, has always been there. The member, who has held every office in a Local and has been in one or the other as long as anyone can remember or the member who has jumped in there and helped to spark a Local to success, seemingly overnight. We all know these members, we see them every time there's a Local or CC meeting, or we go to an event and it's their smiling face that greets us and signs us in. And now there's a way to recognize those special members who have made up the heart and soul of Freedom of Road Riders®, the "Engineer of Freedom" Award.

- Q. Who may receive the "Engineer of Freedom" award?
- A. Any member in good standing of Freedom of Road Riders®.
- Q. How can a member be nominated for the "Engineer of Freedom" award?
- A. Any member or Local may nominate a member for this award. Simply write a letter to the Central Committee Cabinet of FORR® outlining the contributions of the nominee to the cause of freedom and mail it or e-mail to the FORR Corporate Secretary, Cheryl Singleton, 5985 SE 1401 Rd, Weaubleau MO 65774-92058 or secretary@forr.net
- Q. How are nominees selected as an "Engineer of Freedom"?
- A. The FORR® CC Cabinet will review the nominations prior to each Central Committee meeting. Only the contributions of the nominee will be considered; the name will not be divulged to any officer besides the Corporate Secretary. The recipient(s) will be announced at the CC meeting following their selection. Nominations for those who are not selected will be reviewed again at the next meeting.
- Q. What does the recipient get for being selected as an "Engineer of Freedom"?
- A. Recipients will receive a red, white and blue "Engineer of Freedom" patch (which will be one of the rarest patches around FORR®) and their names will be listed on the roll of "Engineers" maintained by the Central Committee and published in the Freedom Press.

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

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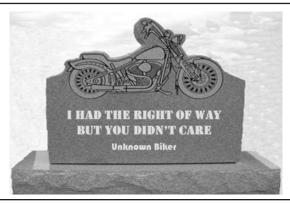
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HR 4745 Walberg Amendment Passes

On June 9th the United States House of Representatives agreed on the Walberg Amendment to the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill by voice vote on the House floor, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The Amendment offered by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with Mr. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Mr. Ribble (R-WI), eliminates a provision in the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act that would have allowed the Secretary of Transportation to discuss motorcycle safety initiatives with state legislators.

In 1998 Congress passed a law that made it illegal for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to lobby state legislatures. Prior to 1998, according to the Government Accountability Office, NHTSA had spent tens of thousands of dollars traveling to states whenever a state debated changing their own state helmet law. Seeing this as a waste of taxpayer money, the congress prohibited anyone from NHTSA to lobby states uninvited.

Mr. Walberg had this to say "This money should go to fund eliminating distracted driving, motorcycle rider education, and motorist-motorcycle awareness campaigns."

"Put simply this is a states rights issue", said Jeff Hennie Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Rider Foundation. He added "With such limited, precious funds they need to be used in areas of safety that are proven, not for bureaucratic waste." The amendment was opposed on the floor by Ed Pastor (D-AZ).

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) thanks everyone who made calls on this important issue, your participation was key in getting this amendment to pass.

The full bill was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives the evening of June 10th with the Walberg amendment enacted.

From Hardtail

Gone. Done. Thanks!

That is the short and sweet of it.

In 1998, the bikers of this nation wrapped up a two-year lobbying effort with the signing of the TEA 21 (Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act reauthorization bill which became Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century). In this bill was the work of the collective "we". A ban on NHTSA lobbying states to enact laws. The prohibition of motorcycle bans on highways and roads that use federal monies. A change in NHTSA's mission statement to include "accident PREVENTION". Also, the inclusion of motorcycles in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System.

Each time some of this hard-gained ground has been threatened, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has rallied constitutionally-minded motorcyclists to contact their legislators.

The MRF issued a Call to Action on Saturday, June 7 regarding an imminent vote on an appropriations bill, Monday, June 9. With not even 48 hours with which to work, we saw a swift surgical strike by the bikers of our nation once again.

Thank you - to the constituent bikers who called U.S. Congressional House members and let them know that Section 102 of HR 4745 was inappropriate; that you considered it a violation of previous agreements, and an infringement upon the 10th Amendment of our U.S. Constitution. Thank you - to U.S. Congressmen Walberg (MI) and Sensenbrenner (WI) for offering up an amendment to the bill language.

Thank you - to the bikers of Michigan and Wisconsin for cultivating and maintaining relationships with your U.S. Congressional Reps and Senators so that quick resolution, when needed, is possible.

We are small, but we are mighty. You are why. Thank you.

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Support amendment that will help prevent E15 availability

Tell your representative today!

On June 11, the U.S. House will consider H.R. 4800, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

The bill, in part, funds the U.S. Agriculture Department's Rural Energy for America Program, (REAP) which provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers or small rural businesses for renewable energy systems such as solar or wind projects, energy efficiency measures. In the past, it also has provided funding for special ethanol blender pumps.

These pumps would be a key component in helping to expand the availability of E15 fuel, a blend of gasoline that includes as much as 15 percent ethanol by volume.

The American Motorcyclist Association opposes E15 because misfueling can cause engine and fuel system failure to the 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles currently in operation and its use can void manufacturers' warranties.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has publicly acknowledged that E15 in gasoline can damage internal combustion engines by increasing exhaust temperatures and indirectly causing component failures. In motorcycles and non-road products, EPA raised engine-failure concerns related to overheating.

This is why the AMA worked to eliminate funding for REAP to purchase and install ethanol blender pumps. The Agricultural Act of 2014, known as the FARM bill, also contained a provision that would deter distribution of E15 fuels into the U.S. marketplace.

Despite congressional intent to stop blender pumps from being funded, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has stated he will use other programs within his department to fund blender pumps.

U.S. Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Jim Costa (D-Calif.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) will offer an amendment that will ensure that the USDA follows the will of Congress. A similar amendment passed the U.S. House in 2011.

The AMA is urging all those who want to protect their motorcycles and ATVs from unsafe fuel to contact their representative to support the Goodlatte/Costa/Welch amendment.

You can email your representative immediately by entering your information into the form below and clicking the red "submit" button. A prewritten message is available.

Now more than ever, it is crucial that you and your riding friends become members of the AMA to help protect our riding freedoms. More members mean more clout against the opponents of motorcycling. That support will help fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. If you are a motorcycle rider, join the AMA.

Today (6/19/14), the U.S. Senate is beginning consideration of an appropriations bill, which would provide funding for fiscal 2015 for several federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Transportation. U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) have submitted and proposed an amendment to the bill that would end federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Senate Amendment 3265 states: "No funds made available under this act may be used to create or operate a checkpoint that exclusively targets motorcycle operators and motorcycle passengers."

It is unclear if Senate leadership will reach a deal that will allow the amendment to receive a vote before the full chamber.

Please ask your senators to support S. 2078, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act, by clicking on the "Stop MOCs" link and entering your information and clicking the red "Submit" button.

For more information on motorcycle-only checkpoints please visit the AMA's MOC webpage.

Senate bill may put motorcyclists at risk

On June 19, U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) introduced S. 2505, the Wi-Fi Innovation Act. The bill would set deadlines for the Federal Communications Commission to develop and publish a test plan for the use of unlicensed devices in the 5.9 GHz band.

The American Motorcyclist Association opposes the bill and shares the Intelligent Transportation Society of America's concerns. The ITS of America stated, "But this process [test plan for the use of unlicensed devices in the 5.9 GHz band] should be allowed to proceed without arbitrary deadlines, restrictive parameters or political pressure that could influence the outcome."

The AMA is concerned that over-reliance on technological driving solutions could increase the risk to motorcyclists by lulling motorists into a false sense of security and reducing their overall awareness of their surroundings while behind the wheel.

Tell your senators that you oppose S. 2505. Send a prewritten email by using the easy-to-use AMA Action Center.

Before allowing unlicensed devices to operate within the band, the U.S. Department of Transportation needs to test them, without any political pressure or deadlines, to ensure that vehicles using advanced crash-avoidance and vehicle-to-vehicle technologies are not compromised.

To date, the DOT has been unable to guarantee there would be no interference.

In testimony before the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology Gregory D. Winfree said, "We have very serious concerns about any spectrum sharing that prevents or delays access to the desired channel or otherwise preempts the safety applications. At this time, the department is unaware of any existing or proposed technical solution which guarantees interference-free operation of the DSRC safety-critical applications, while allowing Wi-Fi enabled devices to share the 5.9 GHz spectrum" (emphasis added).

The DOT believes these technologies will reduce the 6 million crashes and more than 30,000 fatalities that occur annually on U.S. roadways. According to a National Telecommunications and Information Administration report, and highlighted in an ITS of America letter to the FCC, connected-vehicle technology "will enhance safety on the nation's highways," potentially addressing "80 percent of the crash scenarios involving non-impaired drivers." The report also cites National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research showing that connected-vehicle technology "could help prevent the majority of types of crashes that typically occur in the real world, such as crashes at intersections or while changing lanes."

In a landmark study published in 1981, the "Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures Volume I: Technical Report" (popularly known as the "Hurt Report"), the single most common multi-vehicle motorcycle crash involves a car making a left turn into the path of a motorcycle at an intersection. Additionally, in a "Motorcycle Accidents In-Depth Study," researchers investigated in detail 921 crashes in 1999 and 2000 in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Italy and found that 54.3 percent of the accidents happened at intersections.

Vehicular intersections already pose a well-documented problem for motorcyclists. Imagine how much more dangerous intersections would become if drivers begin to rely on advanced safety technologies that are not thoroughly tested? Drivers may believe these technologies will protect them and other road users, and may not be aware that these technologies could possibly malfunction at a critical juncture.

Help ensure that future high-technology solutions for our roadways make the riding environment safer for motorcyclists, too. Tell your senators that you oppose S. 2505!

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- 2 Local 35 Golden Valley Poker Run 660-351-3373
- 9 Local 28 Waynesville Memorial Ride 573-336-7291
 - 16 Local 13 Mexico Wonder Run 573-301-7139
- 16 Local 25 St Peters 7th Annual Motorcycle Rode 636-274-9145
 - 24 Local 24 St Louis Redneck Biker's Golf 314-578-5929
 - 29-31 Central Committee 2014 Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally 800-309-7433

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Local 33 Hwy 50 West Back to School Dice Run 660-441-0625
 - 21 Local 15 Branson Swap Meet 417-334-0775

OCTOBER

- 3-5 <u>District 4</u> Octoberfest 816-536-1647
- 3-5 Local 8 Chillicothe Spring Fling 660-247-5713
- 5 <u>Local 15 Branson</u> Stone County Toy Run 417-334-0775
 - 12 <u>Local 33 Hwy 50 West</u> Adopt-A-Family Color Run 660-441-0625
- 25 Local 28 Waynesville Halloween Bash 573-586-7291

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