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Letters to the Editor

Brothers and Sisters of FORR®, **The Main Purpose** of this organization is to **Guard the rights** of all motorcyclists, to keep them informed of laws that will help or hinder them as motorcyclists, to **Promote Safety, Rider Education, BROTHERHOOD**, and Freedom for all motorcyclists.

I posted our preamble as a gentle reminder of what we stand for and I highlighted the words I feel are the most important in it. In this issue of the freedom press you will find that I have 3 proposals for new or revised by-laws for this Organization. I encourage every member to read them over very carefully and ask questions, this is all about the future of this FORR®. We must remember that the main reason that we have a local chapter is to support FORR® as a whole in the political arena that should be first and foremost what each local is formed for. We all know that we are asked to donate \$15.00 per member per year in order to get supporter pins, but not all locals do this, and I understand that sometimes it is difficult to do but without this money we will not be around much longer. You will notice that our active membership numbers are continually dropping, we have over 30,000 members but only 2400 or so are active current members, we have got to fix this. This proposal would make the \$15.00's a mandatory donation per year and it would be required to be placed into the PAC Fund... The reason it must go into the PAC Fund is; the PAC Fund is what FORR® depends on to accomplish our main goals in the political arena. We don't have a Government Relations Specialist because we don't have enough money to even talk to anyone about taking the job. Another reason why this money must go into the PAC Fund is that the PAC Fund is the only fund that our elected treasurer can take money from and place into other accounts as needed; We have got to trust that the state treasurer knows best where the money is needed, If money is donated to other accounts it cannot be moved to any other account if it is needed elsewhere. Another proposal we voted on last year but it failed and I believe that it deserves a second look.. Article 2.2a would allow FORR®'s main office to keep all of the monies collected from dues.....Each local would get credit for the \$5.00 per member up to half of their state requirement, the difference in this and what was voted on last year is that the \$5.00 must be placed into the PAC Fund account only, and it will be credited to the local towards their yearly requirement, so this will help with smaller locals to meet the required donation, In essence it would take care of one third of a smaller local's requirement..Please understand that these two proposals are all about insuring the future of FORR®We all does a lot of events and get together with friends and family, but without this Organization. we would not be able to have our local chapters and get together without the risk of insulting , pissing off other groups...The last proposal has to do with our future leaders.... We believe that this is an opportunity FORR® to save money and still allow all members to enjoy the benefits of membership.....Please read these proposals carefully and ask your CC Rep any and all questions.....If you need to ask me anything about these proposals please contact me through Local 27's contact info listed on FORR®'s web site or in the freedom press.....

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Bill, Madd Dawg, Thornhill
CC Rep Local 27
Member #30603

I realize these financial requirements will be difficult on some but we must insure the financial future of FORR® ..If any local has difficulty meeting there requirement, We here at Local 27 would be happy to come to your Local and assist you in putting on an event to help raise the money needed. We are all Brothers and Sisters and there is nothing we can't accomplish if we work together..

I'd like to write a post about a problem that is not talked about nearly enough, in my opinion. That subject is hearing loss from riding motorcycles. I have paid a heavy price for my years of operating heavy

farm equipment and riding motorcycles without hearing protection. All of you that personally know me also know I have a severe hearing impairment. I have worn hearing aids for almost 20 years and have severe tinnitus, or ringing in the ears. Tinnitus can literally drive y...ou crazy, laying in bed late at night with incredibly loud crickets chirping in your ears. Please learn from my mistake and wear hearing protection, especially on long rides. I wear Hearos soft ear plugs and find them very effective. I am also wearing a full coverage helmet these days. No matter what type of helmet (or no helmet if we ever hopefully get freedom of choice in this state), please consider some supplementary protection. By the way, the major cause of damage, especially on open bikes is wind, not exhaust noise. I have some fairly loud Vance and Hines Longshots on my bike but I still have more trouble with wind noise and I use a windshield. I really am concerned about this problem. It's too late for me to be cured but I can protect what little hearing I have left. Younger riders, please take some advice from an old biker and save your hearing while you still can. Be free.....Smokey

2014 MEETING OF THE MINDS

On September 25th-28th, 2014 Freedom of Road Riders® will be hosting the MRF's 30th annual Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City. The Meeting of the Minds is an opportunity to bring motorcycle rights activists from across the nation and other countries as well, together to discuss the various issues being presented in each state and around the world. The seminars that will be presented will be able to provide the newcomers of the motorcycle rights movement as well as the veteran freedom fighters with new knowledge of current issues that affect the motorcycle rider. As of now there are over 30 stellar volunteers on the committee to make this event the best one ever but it will take more volunteers to make that happen. We will need volunteers for shuttle service, parking and security, registration and information, product line, hospitality room, timekeeping, PAC fundraiser, auction, and banquet room. Amy Allmon and myself have volunteered to co-chair the committee. Amy will be the 'Captain' of the Hospitality Room and is also FORR's Rep to the MRF, as well as being heavily involved with Oktoberfest. With that mind, if you would like to volunteer to help out in any way please contact me and we can get you on board.

Sincerely,
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Missouri bill increases fines for failure to yield

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A bill passed by the Missouri Senate would impose tougher penalties on drivers who run stop signs, if they cause crashes resulting in injury or death.

The legislation would increase fines and require the suspension of driver's licenses in certain cases of failing to yield the right of way. The bill would set a minimum fine of \$500 and raise the maximum to \$1,000 instead of the current \$200 for violations resulting in injuries.

For serious injuries, there would be a new minimum fine of \$1,000, and the maximum would rise to \$3,000 from the current \$500.

For violations resulting in fatalities, there would be a new minimum fine of \$5,000, and the maximum would be raised to \$10,000 from the current \$1,000.

The bill now goes to the House.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Notes from Bill

ARTICLE 6 LOCALS**PROPOSED BY LAW :**

Each Local will be required to donate to the PAC fund each year. Locals shall donate \$15.00 per member up to \$1500.00.

Upon fulfilling this requirement a Local will receive supporter pins for each member in said Local.

Any Local not meeting this financial requirement by the end of the fiscal year shall lose their vote on the CC floor until such time as they can meet their requirement Any further sanctions for Locals not in compliance shall be left up to the Central Committee board to bring to the C-C floor for debate.

EXPLANATION OF REASON FOR PROPOSED NEW BY- LAW:

The purpose of this change from a suggested donation to a requirement is to insure that the PAC fund is properly funded each year. It takes money to keep this organization operating and to achieve the goals set forth in our mission statement. Each local should be formed and ran with these principals in mind. We are not a social organization, understanding that bringing like minded individuals together is a very important part of what we stand for, we are first and foremost an MRO and that is what should be first on all Locals list's of priorities.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

TO CHANGE CURRENT 2.2A: Membership dues shall be \$25.00. The Central Committee treasury shall retain \$20.00, and the Local treasury shall retain \$5.00.

PROPOSED 2.2A : Membership dues shall be \$25.00, the Central Committee treasury shall retain the entire amount. \$5.00 from the dues received shall be placed in the PAC fund. Each local shall be credited the \$5.00 for the membership dues from there local members up to 50% of their state requirement, not to exceed \$750.00,towards there yearly obligation.

EXPLANATION OF REASON FOR CHANGE

Under this proposed change and given the total membership in Freedom of Road Riders® at this time, this would guarantee \$_____ to the PAC fund. As we all know the PAC fund is what we depend on to keep this great organization moving towards our goals in the Political arena. Without proper funding we cannot achieve the most important goals that will eventually insure our freedoms in this, The Great State of Missouri. The ultimate goal of each local should be to support the organization as a whole. The PAC fund is the only fund that money can be moved from and placed into another account as needed.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues for all members under the age of 18 shall be \$15.00 per year. The member will not receive a freedom press each month. The state treasurer will retain the entire amount and the local will receive credit for \$5.00 towards their state requirement.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED NEW BY- LAW:

We feel that this will save the organization a considerable amount of money on printing costs but still allow all members to benefit from membership. Most members under the age of 18 live with a member or members that will receive the Freedom Press Therefore eliminating repeat news letters delivered to the same household. This will save the organization a considerable amount of money on printing costs. The member will have the option of paying the full membership amount of \$25.00 if they wish in order to receive the monthly publication. This will also do away with the need to hold rallies that allow under age persons in to the event.

SB 696 has passed out of the senate and has been first read .Hopefully it will get second read and put into a committee by end of the week need to keep an eye on it .HB 1149 is still at the judiciary committee will try to get it to the rules committee soon HB1655 should be voted out of the house this week with any luck .then the work begins in the senate. HB1655 should be voted out of the house this week with any luck .then the work begins in the senate.
HB1735 has passed the house

SB696 - Schaefer (S19) - (5024S.01)

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

HB1149 - Hicks (107) - FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (4676L.01)

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

Last Action: 2/26/2014 - Public Hearing Completed (H)

SB604 - Holsman (S07) - (4323S.01)

Allows qualified motorcycle operators to operate motorcycles and motortricycles without protective headgear under certain conditions

HB1655 - Burlison (133) - MOTORCYCLE HELMETS (5478L.01)

Exempts motorcyclists age 21 and older from wearing a helmet when operating a motorcycle or motortricycle

Last Action: 2/18/2014 - Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB1572 - Cornejo (064) - MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRUST FUND (5572L.01)

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

Last Action: 2/25/2014 - Public Hearing Completed (H)

SB821 - Schaefer (S19) - (5740S.01)

Adds a motorcycle registration surcharge of five dollars to be deposited in the motorcycle safety trust fund

HB1517 - Cornejo (064) -LEMON LAW (5492L.01)

Adds motorcycles and mopeds to Missouri's Lemon Law

Last Action: 2/25/2014 - Public Hearing Completed (H)

SB861 - Schaefer (S19) - (6007S.01)

Establishes certain protections and remedies for consumers who purchase new motorcycles

HB1735 - Cierpiot (030) - MOTORCYCLE SALES ON SUNDAY (5860H.03C)

Allows for the sale of motorcycles on Sundays in Platte County and Jackson County

Last Action: 3/06/2014 - Rules - Reported Do Pass (H)

HB1618 - Jones (050) -MOTORCYCLE SALES ON SUNDAY (5510L.01)

Allows for the sale of motorcycles on Sundays in Platte County and Jackson County

Last Action: 2/27/2014 - HCS Reported Do Pass (H)

SB791 - Parson (S28) -(5585S.01)

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

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting #206

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Quality Inn in Columbia MO

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

Call to Order time: 10:01. Preamble, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Put cell phones on vibrate, Roll Call of Locals.

Approval of Minutes w/ corrections: add L15 to the list for attendance to all CC meetings for 2013 <Motion to approve -L28 2nd-L29 Passed by majority voice>

Location	Local	Members	Vote	CC Rep
West Central Mo	Local 01	56	1 Vote	ABSENT
Truman Lake	Local 03	64	1 Vote	Dean Singleton
South Kansas City	Local 05	49	1 Vote	Amy Allmon
St. Joseph	Local 06	114	2 Votes	Tim Etherton
Lebanon	Local 07	51	1 Vote	Charles Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	110	2 Votes	Layne Shady
Kearney	Local 09	31	1 Vote	Tina Hall
Jefferson City	Local 10	137	2 Votes	Randall Owen
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	34	1 Vote	Mark Capps
Glasgow	Local 12	69	1 Vote	John Stouffer
Mexico	Local 13	95	1 Vote	Raymond Palmer
Independence	Local 14	64	1 Vote	Mike Basso
Branson	Local 15	257	3 Votes	Duane Harrison
SEMO	Local 16	69	1 Vote	Melanie Coy
Kirksville	Local 19	127	2 Votes	Doug Years
Dexter	Local 20	43	1 Vote	Mona Morgan
Eldon	Local 21	17	1 Vote	ABSENT
Lincoln County	Local 23	11	1 Vote	ABSENT
St. Louis	Local 24	175	2 Votes	Kathleen Duncan
St. Peters	Local 25	76	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	53	1 Vote	Roy Brown
Sac-Osage	Local 27	58	1 Vote	Bill Thornhill
Waynesville	Local 28	171	2 Votes	Taz Moeller
North Kansas City	Local 29	60	1 Vote	Ursula DeMoss
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	58	1 Vote	Danne Roberts
Rolla	Local 31	20	1 Vote*	Debbie John
Highway 50 West	Local 33	97	1 Vote	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	43	1 Vote	Bob Hawkins
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	26	1 Vote	Steve Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	111	2 Votes	Keifer York
South Platte County	Local 47	37	1 Vote	David Veigts
Members at Large	Local 00	47	0 Vote	
Total		2,430		
Corporate Sponsors		5		
* Vote suspended due to financial reports				

Cynthia Cleary – Insurance Rep for American Income Life. Representative visited to explain the \$3000 insurance policy each member has when they sign up as members. FORR renews every 24 months, send in the beneficiary card for your choice of person to collect benefits or payment goes to the "estate". Any age is paid out if they are members. MRF has policy with the same company and American Income Life, will pay both for members of MRF. Members are covered even w/o visit, but must sign card for discount benefits i.e. discount on glasses etc. Benefits amount will be going up in April to \$3,500.00.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

Treasurer Adkins- Financial awards -Local 28 last month for turning financials. Awards for financial obligation- L1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 47. L24 Local with the largest contribution L24. Questions by L42 of them meeting obligation. Treasurer agreed to check files on the matter.

Financial Report – General Fund: beginning \$10,329.66, ending \$9,264.38. Riders Ed.: beginning \$13,801.04, ending \$13,734.08. PAC: beginning \$18,043.68, ending \$21,407.82. MMMR: beginning/ending \$6,251.77. Giveaway: beginning \$11,010.66, ending \$ 13,028.66. Freedom Park: beginning \$1,210, ending \$710. MOTM \$ separate from other, so they have a figure they can work with.< Motion L35 to accept financial report 2nd L24/L34 Passed by majority voice> There was discussion of buying a new PA system. <Motion L28- FORR buy a local PA system. 2nd L 30, Failed by voice> However we already have one.

Donations from Locals: Donations to PAC: L10-\$1500, to L15- \$500, L19-\$1500, L20- \$100, L29- \$1500, L41-\$152.50, L26-\$150. Donations to State Fair Booth: L33-\$40, L31-\$40, L15-\$50, L25-\$120, L41-\$40 L47-\$40 L16-\$100, Riders Education in honor of Joe Loyd: L47-\$50, L9-\$145, MOTM: L16-\$80. State obligations are figured by the number of members each local has on Nov. 1st and due by Dec. 31.

Vice-Chairman Felts -March Engineer Of Freedom Award – Amy Allmon

Corporate Secretary Singleton - 64 New Members, 250 Renewed Members, and 11 Life Members – Total of 334 Memberships Processed. Total Membership – 2,430 (an increase of 12 members).

Computers: need 5, these are from the late 90's <Motion L35 to buy new computers 2nd L25> Discussion: be sure to get external hard drive. L10 recognize 'The Gallery' Steve S has a website Microcenter, to get computers cheaper. Will also need 2-3 for Riders Ed. comes from different fund. Can get them from Wal-Mart all 5 for \$1500. <L29 Amend Motion: Cap amount for computers at \$1500 NO 2nd> <L27 Motion 5 computers and software with a cap of \$2000 2nd L30. Passed by unanimous voice>

Riders Education – Doug Clawson – Classes are scheduled for Jeff City and Trenton. Kirksville- TBA. Condolences to the Family of Joe Loyd, he was an instructor for FORR. Safety course information from GO (general office, go@forr.net)

Motorcycle for sale: 2001 Rebel @1500.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Deanna Rhodes – At the Capitol in Jeff City. April 29 is the 15th Annual Mike Sloan Memorial Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally (MAY Rally) Meet at Memorial Park 10:30 Parade starts at 12:30. Flyers available on line. Challenge: each Local bring 5 people, bring non-members.

Awareness Rides for Locals April 26-27, Local 16 is paying the Insurance. Must have sanction forms and flyers approved.

Motorcycle Awareness rides Dist. 1 & 2, both districts are having different ride routes and meeting in Bethany. An example of Locals working well together.

Tri-folds are being re-vamped and ideas are needed by end of CC meeting. Other Locals working together are L27 & L30, did Lincoln days and have other events planned later in the year.

Layne Shady has a letter to present to your local officials for Proclamation Day to explain why we are not gathering Proclamations, we are instead having (Proclamation) Motorcycle Awareness Rides. Contact secretary@forr.net for a copy.

We were at the capitol for Capitol Days with 119 people/members, this guy was there for some other reasons and he tweeted "there are a bunch of Harley riders at the capitol, they must finally be legalizing meth." The Chairman said "If you have something to say, say it on a personal level. We had an opportunity to make a difference and awareness but due to posts on Facebook we lost that for ourselves because of FORR comments. There are only 2 people in this organization who can speak for FORR, the Legislative Cord and the Chairman. Do not speak on behalf of FORR. You elected 2 people to do that for you."

MRF – Amy Allmon – Please sign up, cost is \$30.

LUNCH BREAK Motion L8 to table meeting and go to lunch back at 1pm 2nd L15

Legislative Cord. Kempker- notes for this report can be obtained from the Legislative Cord at legislative@forr.net or State Secretary at secretary@forr.net.

Lincoln Days – This event went very well and Bill thanked the locals that participated, Local 15, 27 and 30. More on Demo Days in the next report. Capitol Days – next one is April 29/May rally.

Product Line – Vote on purchase 500 coolie cups @ \$.99 <Motion L27 to order 500 2nd L8. Passed by unanimous voice. Motion L5 to do calendars again for 2015 by July for MOTM (local tourist spot with motorcycle). 2nd L27. Passed by unanimous voice>

Webmaster – Larry Scott-Chairman Duncan requested that anyone who has ideas on how to update the look of the website to please contact the webmaster and make it look FRESH and NEW.

Newsletter – G.O. Dallas Chapman- late delivery this month because the printer press went down. <Motion L27 Add the cost of insurance for events in the Press. \$109 2nd L28. Passed by unanimous voice>

Chairman Duncan – There is a problem with information brought up at the CC meetings not being taken back to the Locals.

General Office- Electronic Roster - Use PDF, Excel or USPS for locals to get and return the roster. More discussion with GO.

MOTM 2014 -<Motion L28: Locals will lose their vote on the CC floor if Local doesn't return tickets or money for MOTM Give-a-way. 2nds L29. Passed by unanimous voice>

3pm <Motion L27: to extend the meeting 2nd L8. Passed by majority voice>

FEW – Awards- Largest number of members attended L24, Largest 3 of 1st timers' attendees. Imagination & Creativity –L3, 4, 10, 13, 15, 24, 25, 27, 33, 35, 42. Powerhouse Award: Linda Hawkins. Young Engineer Award: Alyssa Duncan. Full Throttle Award: Dylan Bilbrey L20.

OLD BUSINESS:

Give-a-way project Proposal. < Motion L5: to Table Give-a-way Project proposal, 2nd L42. Passed by unanimous voice>

Local 33 State Fair Booth - It will be done with renewed interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local 35 web reimbursement for 2 years of website not working. <Motion L27: 2 year's reimbursement for web paid but didn't get to use. 2nd L16. Passed by unanimous voice>

Local 27 Presentation

Article 6 -Locals: Proposed New By-Law

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compliance shall be left up to the Central Committee board to bring to the CC floor for debate. <Motion L42, Moved to Print 2nd-L8. Passed unanimous by voice>

Article 2 -Membership: Proposed New By-Law

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-<Motion L15: Moved to Print, 2nd L42. Passed by unanimous voice>

Article 2 -Membership: Proposed new By-Law <Motion L29: to re-open, 2nd L8. Move to print. Passed by unanimous voice>

Membership dues for all members under the age of 18 shall be \$15.00 per year. The member will not receive a freedom press each month. The state treasurer will retain the entire amount and the local will receive credit for \$5.00 towards their state requirement.

<Motion L8: Move to print 2.2A, 2nd L24. Motion passed by unanimous voice>

CONNECTIONS

District Chairmen

District 1 – Steve Gallus, **District 4** – Amy Allmon

Local 27 & L15 Ozark Empire Fair Booth July 24-Aug. 2 (inside). Asking for \$ help.

Few Patches 2014– see Melanie Coy

<Motion L5 to Adjourn, 2nd L42. Passed by unanimous voice> 4pm

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 all,

Rebel here again... The weather has continued to improve since my last writing, which I am very happy to report. Lots of sand and 'stuff' on the roads, so as those nice days come about be REAL careful on those scooters. There is nothing worse than sliding down in some sand and rocks.

Not much going on with the local at this time. Want to thank Dallas for taking over for me at the March meeting. Our family is VERY serious about the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Every year starting about November we start planning our 'Float'. It's just total craziness until usually the day before the parade... and then it gets worse. Been doing this since I was sixteen, can't stop now! Also, just and FYI - The Mike O'Connor Clan, (that's us!) received 2nd place in Family Division for 2014! Yea!

Please remember our May meeting is a little different, any questions contact our VP Joe at 816-517-4048.

Soooo many events coming up, and so little time - guess we'll just have to do them all, or at least try to.

Not much to say for now, will follow with more later.

So have a good one, then have another!

See ya, Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157

MAY 2014 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Quality Inn

Mid-Missouri Motorcycle Rally
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 12 noon

F.E.W. Seminar
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 1 pm

Legislative
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 2 pm

Mid-South Mile
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 3 pm

Meeting of the Minds 2014
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 4 pm

Officers Meeting
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 5 pm

Central Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 4, 2014 10:00 am



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LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or****Vice-President: Ray Burns 417-324-5596**

Hello Local #3

We would like to welcome new members Kody Lee and Tony DiMaggio to the local. Our meeting went well and had several items up on the hit-list, one was a redo of one of our t-shirt designs (wording was changed), we will be having a motorcycle awareness ride Saturday, April 26th and ride to the capitol for the MAY Rally (Mark Sloan Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally), Tuesday, April 29. Details TBA at our next meeting.

There is an event that we will be supporting a Family Day at Roscoe on the 7th of June. A few members have gotten together to have games and prizes for the kids, I heard something about Bicycles as prizes for the winners, so hope we have a great turnout. The rest of the meeting we talked of upcoming votes at the CC meeting and voted on pending issues hopefully for the betterment of the members as well as the whole of FORR If you have anything that you would like to add or have added please contact our President Dean Singleton or get ahold of me thru Dallas our editor. Thank you all and enjoy the almost warm up.

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

Greeting Local 5 Members and Others,

We are gearing up for the best part of the year, the riding season! With any luck there will be no more winter weather and we can all get back to the two wheel rides we have all been waiting for. The weather is looking good and nearly every weekend you can attend a FORR event if you're game. Check out the pocket calendars that we have for 2014 in our product line. These calendars are really handy with contact information for all the FORR state officers and a host of other information. They have events throughout the state on the calendars and if you don't find something in the calendar, the back of the Freedom Press has even more events listed that may not have been scheduled at the time the calendars were printed. Let's all try to support the other locals in District 4 as well as the State.

We had a good meeting in March with good attendance and great reports. Local 5 received our State supporter pins for 2013 at the meeting and if you were not there to get yours, be sure and come to the next meeting. We have new Local 5 patches now. We would like some ideas for a fund raiser for the Local to have. So give us your ideas and we will see what we can do to make some money to help support our cause. A busy time of year is coming up with bike shows and the kids Easter party so get up, get out and have fun.

Don't forget to take your camera when you are out and about this spring and summer and on vacations. Shelly, our FORR product line officer would like some pictures taken of motorcycles in front of or next to some monuments for a calendar she plans to make for 2015. Be sure and get them to her as soon as you can so she can get the calendars ready for Meeting of the Minds in September; her e-mail address is in this publication.

A special GET WELL wish goes out to Hoss who has been battling health issues and hospitalized for much of the month of March. We hope you are up and about soon and we are seeing your smiling face again! If you have any information you would like to be included in the Local 5 news, be sure and e-mail Angel at angel.spitfire@sbcglobal.net and he will try to get it in.

Try to get to our local meetings so we can see your windblown faces.

We usually have real good attendance but we haven't seen some of you for a while and miss you. We always have a good time and everyone is welcome. Remember to renew your memberships before you are moved to "Archives", we miss you when you are gone.

This is Spitfire filling in for Angel, Ride Safe and Free!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****VFW #1668, 821 N 4th St., St. Joseph****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

FINALLY... maybe we have seen the last of old man winter!! We had a few great riding days in March for NW Missouri area. Hopefully you got to be out with your knees in the breeze and a wide grin leaving all those winter time blues behind you.

There are lots of things going on at the FORR upper levels. Come to the meetings to get updates and read this entire newsletter, not just your own local write-up. Become active and get your voice heard. There is plenty to do to keep us proactive on our rights. Even a few well placed phone calls help more than you realize.

Hopefully you receive this in time for the April 26th, Motorcycle Awareness and You Ride, as the meet time has changed to noon, but still meeting at the Remington Nature Center. Local 6 will be riding through Savannah, Union Star, King City, and Stanberry, ending in Bethany at Camaro's Bar and Grill between 4 and 5 pm. We will be meeting up with the rest of District 1 and District 2. FOOD, FRIENDS and FUN. There is camping available behind Camaro's for anyone who wants to stay or there are a couple of local motels. Call ahead to make your reservations. April 29th is the Mike Sloan Memorial Ride to the Capital. The Central Committee would like to see at least 5 bikes from each local to be present. That would make a great representation of FORR forces. We are meeting at the park in Jeff City at 10:30 to ride to the capital building together. On May 17th Local 6 will be having our annual Cabin Fever Bike Show



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down at Jackson's Cycles. This year will be a little different by the way of food. There will be a CHILI COOKOFF instead of hamburgers and hotdogs. So, if you didn't perfect your pot of chili this past winter you'd better get to cooking! There will be 3 place prizes, all people's choice. \$1.00 per bowl. Hopefully Mother Nature will be nice enough to have a slight breeze going thru to move along the after effects of all the beans.

Upcoming events or rides that I know of:

- April 20th – Local 6 meeting
- April 26th – MAY Awareness Ride to Bethany, meet at Remington Nature Center @ noon
- April 29th – Mike Sloan Memorial Ride to the Capital
- May 4th – CC Meeting, Columbia
- May 17th – Local 6 Cabin Fever Bike Show and Chili Cook off
- May 18th – Local 6 meeting
- May 23rd to 26th – Mid-America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn
- May 30th to June 1st – Black Top Rally, Pony Express RV Park, Maysville
- June 1st – Local 6 Biker Sunday
- June 15th – Local 6 meeting

That's all for now. Let me know if you want something in here, 816-284-9653.

Be safe out there.
Sheila E

LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

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

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:

I think Mother Nature is finally giving us a break. As I write this the sun is shining and the temp is rising. The plans for Spring Fling are well under way. The location is Chillicothe Boat Club. Five miles south of Chillicothe on 65. There is limited room for RVs and restrictions on length. You must call ahead if you want to take an RV. Glenda's number is 660-247-5713.

Thanks to us voting on Spring Fling location we had more than double the members at our last meeting. Lets hope everyone keeps involved. We have new members Zach Bloxt, Robbie Watson, Cameron Fast and Lori Brown. Renewals, Glenda Ely 11 yrs., Bobby Gall 10 yrs. Chris Houck 7 yrs, Heidi McDonough 4 yrs., Tim Ogle 16 yrs. Gerald Olney 17 yrs, Dale Palmer 13 yrs. Layne Shady 9 yrs. Barry Smith 2 yrs.

Dale Palmer missed out on the membership drawing of \$82. Fergie donated part of his winnings from the ticket drawing to the toy fund.

We had a good turn out for Cabin Fever party. After the long winter we've had I think everyone was ready to let their hair down and have fun.

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BRC classes are scheduled to start later this month. If you know of any one wanting to learn to ride or just polish up on their skills, this is the way to do it.

Mark your calendars for June 13-15 and get ready for 28th Annual Spring Fling.

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

April was a tremendously busy month for Local 9! We had the Mystery Ride, the First Annual Pool Tournament, the Kearney Bike Show, and of course M.A.Y. District 4 also had the Easter party for the Salvation Army kids. No wonder we're all so tired!

Now it's time to look forward to some awesome riding weather, Meeting of the Minds, and October Fest!

If you want to sign up to volunteer at Meeting of the Minds or at Mid-America Freedom Rally, Leah has the sign-up sheets or knows who to contact. We need to be sure to support our other locals.

Don't forget, the Joe "Puddy" Loyd patches are still available. The cost for each patch is \$7 which includes a \$1 donation to the "Puddy Pot" as it makes its final ride to the MRF September 25-28. To order your "Puddy Patch", contact Vinetta Loyd Garnett or Leah McDonald.

Upcoming Events

- May 3-4: CC Meeting (Jefferson City)
- May 13: District 4 Meeting (Bates City)
- May 27: Local 9 Meeting (Kearney)
- May 23-26: Mid-America Freedom Rally
- September 25-28: Meeting of the Minds

LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 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.****Fish Beak Saloon, 1st St., Glasgow****Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com**

Greetings again to everyone in FORR-land from your brothers and sisters in local 12, Glasgow. I think Spring is finally here, did anyone get out and do any riding on those great days we've had lately? I put about 85 miles on the old Drifter last Sunday with a special treat of a new Michelin Commander II on the back and did some back road board scraping. Boy, those tires corner good, now if they'll just last and most of the feedback I'm getting says they will.

I would like to start off by correcting a mistake I made last month. Boz, our president, would like to schedule a group ride on the THIRD SUNDAY of every month with decent riding weather. We can go for a good ride and have a nice meal at a good restaurant. This should help the local become even closer as a group and sounds like a lot of fun to me. Count me in, Boz! We will meet at Stump Island around noon at the main shelter house. So how about it, folks? Isn't riding what it's all about?

We had a great meeting on Sunday, March 16th, with 20 members present. Boz called the meeting to order at 3 pm and we observed a moment of silence in honor of Woody, a local 12 member who had passed on and also in memory of Chastity, a very active local 13 member. The minutes and treasury report were both approved as read. John gave his report and we are tabling the proclamation ride until the April 6th meeting.

John reported that in January, we had the legislative meeting on the first Friday and the F.E.W. seminar, which was a great success, on Saturday. On Sunday, the C.C. meeting was held and all the new officers took over. All of our bills have been filed. Local 33 is asking for some help at the FORR booth at the state fair. The Meeting of the Minds is coming up this fall in Kansas City. This is a wonderful event, I have been to two of them and recommend them to everyone who will be able to attend. Our 2015 calendar needs bike pictures donated.

Boz in his report proposed having a ride on the third Sunday of the month, starting at Stump Island around noon. We could ride to a nice restaurant and have a good time shooting the bull with everyone in attendance.

In old business, we voted to donate the funds donated in honor of P.J. Wilder to three charities: the Marshall Food Bank, the Glasgow Food Bank, and the Diabetes Foundation. Steve McQueen Days will be held this year on April 26th in Slater on Main St. The Firecracker Classic for 2014 will be held on Friday, July 11th, and Saturday, July 12th. Sponsor forms will be available next month.

We will have our second Hwy. 240 trash pick-up on Sunday, April 6th, at 12:30 pm. We will meet at the west end of the Glasgow Bridge and, after the trash pickup is done, will have our regular meeting at the Fish Beak at 3 pm. We need to put stain on our bandstand but we will postpone that until a later date. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm and Pork Chop won the membership pot.

Here's the answer to my trivia question last month. We had our first helmet law modification hearing in March of 1982 and it was held right at the top of the capitol dome, right underneath all that beautiful stained glass. It was held around a very long and impressive walnut table. Representative Richard Beard from Sedalia was our first primary sponsor and Dennis Bitner was our first state legislative coordinator. One of our best friends at that hearing was Representative Glenn Binger of Blue Springs and he spoke extensively on our behalf. Unfortunately, we didn't make it out of committee that year and the bill died, but it was a start.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 4th, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon- local 12 meeting
 Sunday, June 1st, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon- local 12 meeting
 Sunday, July 6th, 3 pm, Fish Beak Saloon- local 12 meeting
 Thursday, July 10th, 7 pm, special Firecracker Classic meeting,

Stump Island shelter house.

Fri., June 11th, and Sat., June 12th- Firecracker Classic, Stump Island Park.

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

LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Audrain County Courthouse Community Room in Basement****Contact: 573-291-1465 or 573-881-7410**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

OK, so I was a little premature with the happy wishes of spring last month. I guess my California side was showing again. Hopefully this edition finds us all out and riding. I for one am very excited about the Freedom Rally coming up this month. As some of you know Local 13 is a part of this event this year after being out for

a few years. So we are counting on members to show up and help us keep up our obligation for it, in the form of structured play time. I know, but it does sound better than work shifts doesn't it? Thanks Anita, just love your play on words. Many people have put a lot of thought and time into this years Freedom Rally, so I do hope to see many of you there. Not to mention the band line up, it's going to be a great time.

By now I will have taken the Safety Course and I encourage everyone to do the same. We have to already lost too many lives this year on the roads due to others negligence. I can not stress enough how important it is to be aware of your surroundings and others on our roadways, who for whatever reason may be unaware or simply unconcerned with you as a rider. There are so many people before us that have put many countless hours into making this program something to be very proud of. It is something I hope you put serious thought into. In our preamble it is clearly stated that we promote safety and rider education. Many people like Smokey Strodman, BL McDonnell, Doug Clawson and let's not forget Carol Harrison, our first woman instructor for FORR who have put their heart and soul into this program. Although some may not teach anymore, their main concern was making us as riders more aware and safer on the roadways. This program is not just for beginners it is for everyone. For more information on all courses you can visit the forr.net site for the schedules and locations or you can simply visit one of our many Face Book pages. Someone will be more than happy to help you.

This brings me to another point which I feel needs to be pointed out. BL and Smokey would still be teaching today if it weren't for Failure to Yield accidents. Proving that no matter how well you're trained it can happen to you. This is just another reason why the Legislative part of our Organization is so very important. People are dying to heard on these issues and one life lost or a life forever changed is wrong. What can I

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do, you might ask? Let your voices be heard by either placing a polite yet informative phone call to your local legislator or write them a short note. It's OK to let your feeling show, they work for us. If they know your feelings towards these issues and how it does effect you personally, the better job they can do. We have to stand united in order to make any kind of change, it is a matter of our FREEDOMS and even more so our SAFETY. By the time you are reading this my hope is that SB 696 and HB 1149 (these are two of the Bills FORR is sponsoring concerning the Failure to Yield) will have passed. Because no matter how well trained you are as a rider, there are those who are simply unaware of our presence, so bottom line is be safe out there.

Our last meeting we had 25% of our membership in attendance and we would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and say how very much we missed those who couldn't make it. We had a special guest appearance from our very own Chairman Treetop and his first Lady Kathleen Duncan along with their family. Ken and Kerri Lewis the President and his first Lady from Local 24 it was a pleasure to have you. Katherine Fox was also in attendance and as always we loved having you. Crystal Turpin, also came by to visit and we sincerely hope she considers membership. We have 4 new members including Larry Carson, Cindy Briggs, and Darrel and Lora Madden. We are so glad you choose to be part of our Local 13 family. There were also 4 renewals including Melissa Palmer, Josh Herdeg, Tim Yancey and Cynthia Polston. Also returning to the Local 13 family, Bill and Misty Palmer.

I am very excited to announce that we were able to get a schedule worked out for this years events and it is as follows:

May 3rd----Benefit for Teddy Joe Wieberg (This is not a FORR event)

May 18th---Local Meeting Plunkett Park Mexico @ 3:00 pm
Bar-B-Que to follow.

May 23rd-26th----Freedom Rally

June 21st----Dice Run

June 22nd---Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico @3:00 pm

July 11th-13th----Fire Cracker Classic L12 Glasgow

July 20th---- Local Meeting Plunkett Park, Mexico @3:00 pm

August 10th---- Local Meeting at Plunkett Park, Mexico @3:00 pm

August 16th----Wonder Run

September 21st----Family Day and Local Meeting TBA

October----TBA Halloween Party L10 Jefferson City

November 1st----Toy Run

December 6th--Christmas Party TBA

Till next time Live Life to the Fullest and Stay FORRever Free,
Valerie Taylor

FORR Secretary Local 13

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact me @ taylor.valerielocal13@yahoo.com or 573-291-1465

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

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

Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618

Greetings, fellow freedom fighters,

Thank you's are extended to the following for their renewals: Ron and Carolyn Keese, Doug and Donna Hilburn, and Joe Widmer.

Things are moving quickly in the legislature this year so keep an eye on-line on FORR pages and an ear open for updates. Right-of-way legislation has a chance this year so keep those cards and letters coming.

Local 14 is hosting a dance with VFW Post 3976 in Sugar Creek on May 10. \$10.00 cover charge, 7 PM-12 AM. See ya there.

Active riding season is upon us. Make sure you and your motorcycle are ready. Take a safety course and do your maintenance so you can reduce your riding risk. Remember, you and only you, are responsible for everything that happens or fails to happen while you are on the road.

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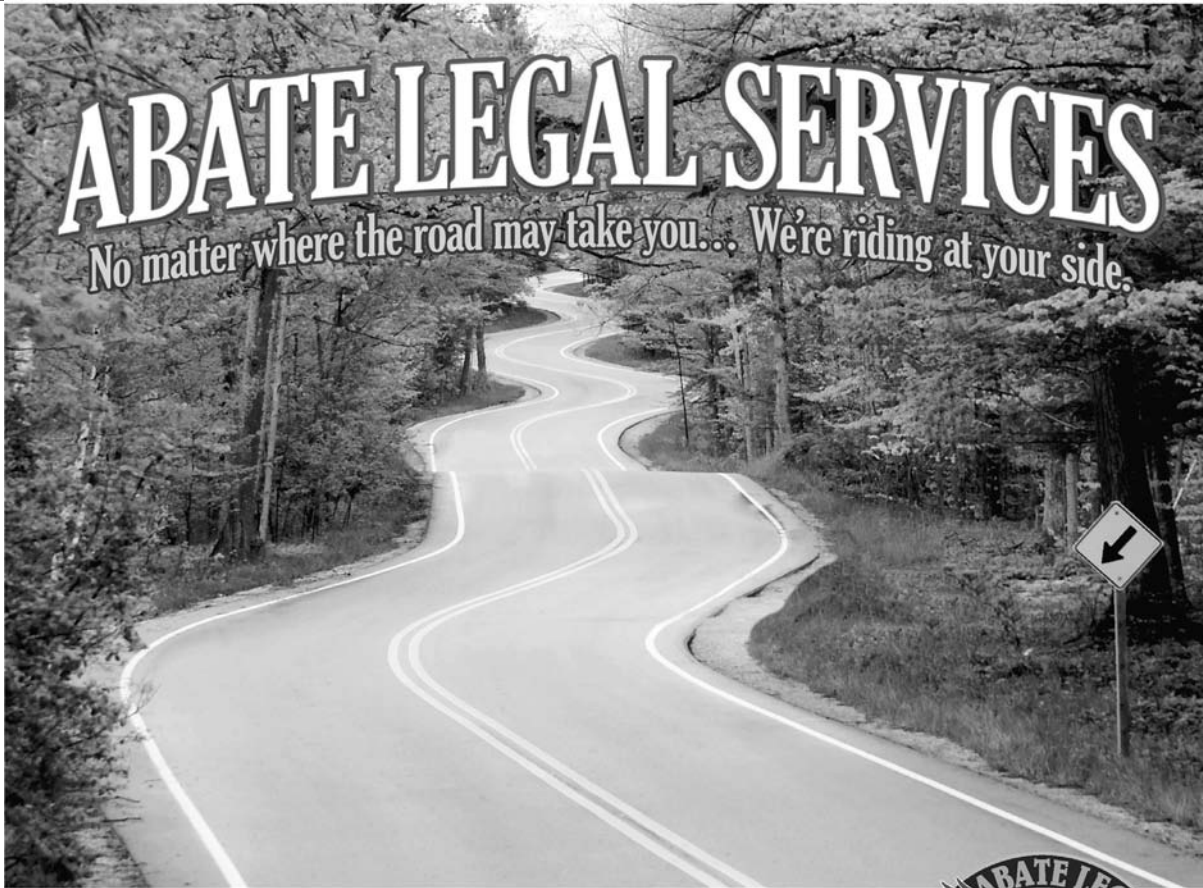
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LOCAL 15 - BRANSON**Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.****Location Varies - Call for info****Contact: 417-334-0775**

Hey everyone,

Riding season has begun. I'm sure we're all trilled about that! Our Local is in the middle of off a few things.

Next week is our Charlie Dawn Ride to benefit the Ronald McDonald house Charities. And in a few weeks we will have had our Swap Meet. So I will let you know how everything goes.

Right now we are looking forward to our Annual Hootentown Rally. It is July 12th and 13th. We partner up with Local 30. It is a lot of work and we need a lot of hands. We have had one meeting so far to start planning the Rally. I'm not sure when the next meeting is, but Bryan Crone is in charge of it at our end or you can find out at your Local meeting or on Facebook. It's a great Rally. So plan on coming out, and helping to make it even better.

Thank you to all the members from all of the Local's for going to the State Capitol last month. I know that is informative for us. We are an active rights organization and it is our right to know what our representatives are talking about, voting on etc. It also impacts how they vote or understand our thoughts when they see that we are involved.

Our next meeting is April 21 at Charlie's Steak House in Branson.

Our BS Meeting is at The Black House Saloon in Hollister.

Here are a few pictures from our last Trash and Treasure pick up a few weeks ago.

See you soon, Lou

**LOCAL 16 - SEMO****Meetings: (Call for meeting info)****Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Danny 573-270-6430****Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com**

First I must apologize for almost missing last month's Freedom Press deadline. Thank goodness Dallas knows me well enough to send reminders. My only excuse is planning three large events. I will try to focus better.....

One of the things missed in last month's entry was a special thanks to Bill's Place in Biehle and another thank you to Bill himself for the conversation during the meeting. Never be afraid to ask questions or get involved. That's what being a member of Freedom of Road Riders; Local 16 is all about, well done!

By the time this entry is read, we will have the first Awareness Rally

behind us. I have no way of guessing at this time whether it was a success or not. If we were responsible for making even one person aware of the challenges faced by riders, then it was certainly not wasted effort. Awareness and education are the greatest tools in any cause and Local 16 has not ignored that responsibility.

Thank you to our sister Local 20-Dexter for sharing in this event and to all our guests who made the event memorable you are the best.

We send our deepest gratitude to Lawless Harley-Davidson for hosting this event and a spectacular welcome from the riding community of Southeast Missouri. We wish you nothing but the best for the future.

To the Bayou, there is no way to ever thank you enough for the support of our Local. You never fail to provide exactly the right blend of hospitality to insure success.

Upcoming events on the calendar include Bikers on the Square in Perryville. We will be taking a more active role in this event and are looking for volunteers to help us take a more active role. If you are unable to attend meetings, don't hesitate to contact Whitey or Danny for details and ways to help. If you missed last year's event saying it was a success doesn't begin to describe this venue. The organizers and Perryville itself proved they have the formula to present a motorcyclist's event.

The Bayou Run will also undergo some "expansion" this year. The field games proved to be exactly what the riding community needed. You can read about them or you can come out to participate. I'm not sure I've ever met a member of this Local that prefers to just read about events. For the details come to the meeting at the Social Club on May 17 at 6 pm and share in the plans. This is one you won't want to miss. For directions you'll definitely want to call Whitey or Danny. Martin is the only reason I'm not hopelessly lost somewhere on the Cape Girardeau/Perry County lines.

Our April meeting was hosted by Paul & Kris and as always the hospitality was top notch....thanks you two.

Until next time, May is officially Motorcycle Awareness month thanks to the efforts of Freedom of Road Riders. Be proud that your efforts could well mean more riders will arrive alive. We are our own first line of defense and raising awareness will insure our passion for the road is not marred by tragedy.

Knees in the breeze folks!
Melanie

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

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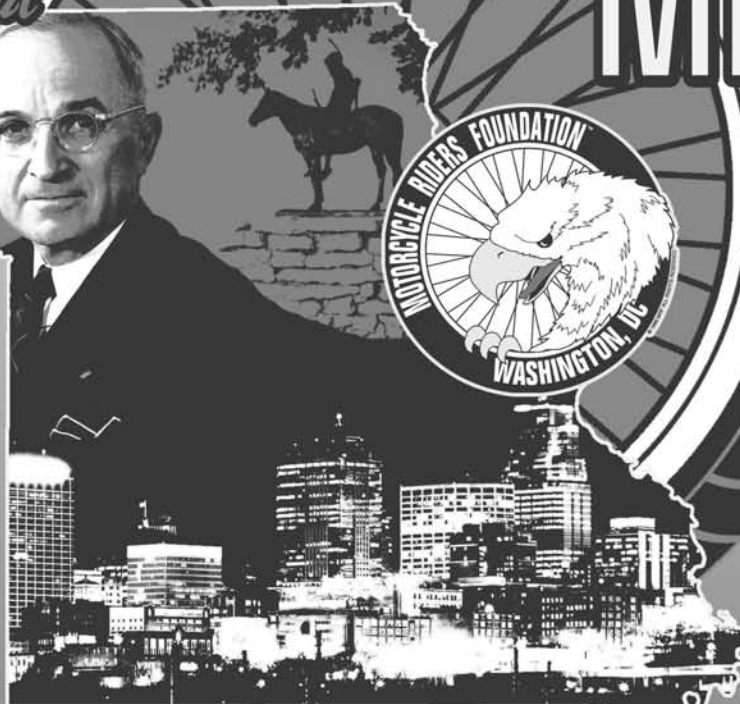
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LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

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

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

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

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

Happy Mother's day!!!

It is getting warmer out and it is time to make sure you have done your TCLOCK on your ride!

Chek over your motersykle xtra gooder.(had to do it G.G.)

Did you make it to the St. Patty's day massacre?

WOW did you miss a great time, thank you all who came out and supported local 24.

Big warm and fuzzies to all of the St. Patty's committee members who

set up, worked the event, and cleaned up after the dance. Rumor has it the 2015 party is already in the planning stages

Hope you were able to attend the Blessing of the bikes, in memory of Rev Bud Ball.

The membership awareness committee is off to a great start, getting the word out about FORR is the main focus of this committee, signing up members is a bonus.

Always remember that when you have something on that has the winged wheel or FORR on it your actions will reflect on the organization as a whole.

Hope you have been watching the legislation that FORR is supporting and keeping in touch with those in Jefferson City.

When the 2014 legislative session comes to a close, send a thank you note to your elected people who supported FORR's bills.

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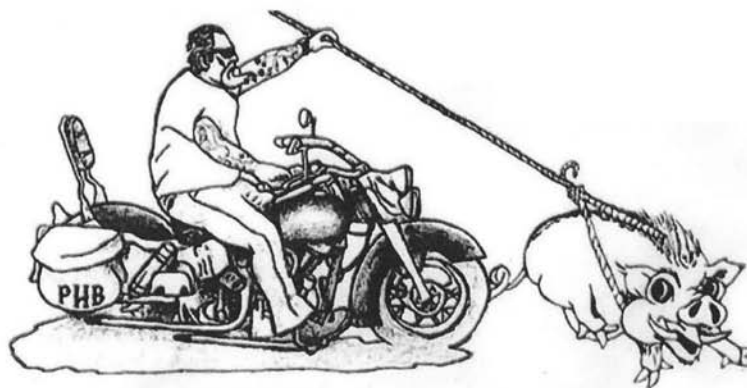
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LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268**

Hello All,

Upcoming Events...

Sunday May 18th is Chariots of Fire's Swap Meet
Monday May 19th Run for the Wall will be coming through

Wentzville

Our Local 25 Annual "Bear Run" will be on **Sunday June 1st**

Starting at Chariots of Fire LLC 216 North Lincoln

Drive Troy

Missouri 63379. Sign Ups are from 10:00 am – 11:00 am with the last bike out no later than 11:30 am. The last stop will be Tattooed Lady Bar & Grill in Moscow Mills Missouri.

Saturday June 7th is Chariots of Fire's Annual Motorcycle Show.

Susan's Safety report:

We as riders cannot rely on other drivers to comply with traffic laws, stop signs, yield signs, or notice us no matter what the situation, we must take on this responsibility ourselves to avoid accidents.

Meeting of the Minds will be in Kansas City September 25th-28th. Contact Mark Roloff for more info (636) 578-1707

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

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599**

Greeting from the semi-frozen NW corner of Missouri,

It looks like we've had our last snow and may eventually thaw out completely. Spring has finally arrived and maybe we can get back into the wind. Hopefully after a rain or two washes the sand and salt off the roads. Be careful, sand on the corners can be as hazardous as ice. We had our first Eat & Ride of the year on April 1st. Made a quick trip to Braddyville, IA for dinner and camaraderie. It was a balmy 57 when we left under cloudy skies, but 9 of us April Fools decided that it was time to ride. The trip home was just a bit over 40 and a bit windy and dark. A bit nippy, but wearing enough leather to make cows nervous, blocked the wind and made it a bearable trip. Good times.

Not much else going on yet to report. Remember Motorcycle tags in Missouri are due in April, so if you didn't get a two year tag last year, you are probably due. Make sure everything is working before you get

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it safety inspected. You can even do it online most of the time.

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 brothers and sisters...

I hope this finds you all in good health and spirit. We have been really busy here at local 27. First, with our first annual Blessing of the bikes and Fallen Brothers run, which was a great success; we had approximately 27 bikes, loads of riders and passengers. A big thank you goes out to the CMA chapter in El Dorado Springs, as well as the Bolivar and Clinton chapters. What a blessing it was. We had KY3 TV from Springfield there and got a real nice story on the boob tube. They stayed and did a live shot as well as a story on the 10 o'clock news. If you would like to see the story and interview with our President Olin, go to KY3.com and check out the full story. We have a few more community events coming up that will probably be over with when your reading this but here goes; on the 12th of April we will be at the Lucas oil speedway in Wheatland Mo. to volunteer to help with games and activities for kids big and small.. Then on the 26th of April we will be having our annual Local-27 yard sale, this year we will be having it in Bolivar, this has been a great success in the past and I'm sure it will be again.

On the 29th of April we will be at the Capitol for the MAY rally. In May we will be doing a business expo at Lucas Oil Speedway and handing out motorcycle awareness and FORR info. On the 11th we will have our 2nd annual mothers day cookout, place to be determined. And of course there will be the Mid American Freedom Rally at Buckhorn from May the 22nd till the 26th, always a great time. And then on May the 31st we will be participating in the Dallas County breast cancer awareness ride in Buffalo, this ride is very near and dear to L-27 as it is being put on in part by our very own, Goldie and we hope that we can get all our brothers and sisters to participate.

Well that's probably plenty for now so I'll leave you with this; We are a motorcycle rights and awareness organization, please remember this when planning your events, everything we do, the public is watching.....which means the voters are watching.....MLLH&R .Dawg

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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**

The days are getting longer, the temperature is climbing, and the plants are starting to bloom. The cabin fever has got all of us just a bit stir crazy. That first nice day when you think it is finally warm enough to break out the bike and take a ride has hit, or is on the way depending on your tolerance. Steve, the Safety Officer, reminded everyone at the meeting last night that now is the time to prepare yourself for the riding season. Take out your safety checklist and review it before getting on your bike. Look at your tires, battery, cables, etc... and get it fixed before you dust off the bike and go riding. Be aware of the weather and prep your saddle bags. It might be sunny in the morning and storming in the afternoon. Remember to pay attention to the roads. Not all of the roads have been repaired after the long winter and you may well encounter pot holes, sand, salt, or other debris. Most of all, when you do dust off that seat and back that bike out of the garage, go out and have fun and enjoy the ride!

I am just as guilty as the next person when it comes to complacency while driving in my car. I know that there are days when I am just driving home from work on autopilot and not paying attention to my surroundings. With the return of good weather, I have been trying to be more vigilant about my surroundings. Animals are waking up, kids are out playing, and bikers are shaking the dust off. May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Help spread the word to all of those non-riders who are sharing the road with us that we are there. Stop by and pick up a yard sign for display. Let Larry know if you would like one. When you get out there, wear bright colors that would attract attention. I don't know about you, but when I see bright neon orange or green going down the road, I am watching! If you happen to be out and about and see a fellow biker next to you, along with that driver on their cell phone not paying attention, get loud with the pipes. The noise you make may be just enough to make the driver aware that you are there. Help each other out while on the road. Notes from this month's meeting:

The biggest topics from this month's meeting were the three items that were being discussed at the CC board. Merle introduced the items for discussion:

1 – A \$15.00 donation per member from each local, up to \$1500.00, would be made to the PAC.

2 – FORR would keep the \$25.00 for each local member until the PAC donation reached \$750.00, and then credit back to each local after that limit had been reached.

3 – Children under the age of 18 would have their membership cost be reduced to \$15.00. They would have no vote in the local, but do count towards the membership numbers.

After discussion on all three items, the local voted yes for item number one and no to the other two. Remember that next month is the rally. There were still ten slots left on the sign-up roster, so it was passed around during the meeting. For a complete listing of the minutes, please visit the web site at www.local28forr.com.

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

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

2 May 2014 FORR Meeting
 23-26 May 2014 Freedom Rally
 6 June 2014 FORR Meeting
 5 July 2014 Buckhorn Blast (Poker Run)
 11 July 2014 FORR Meeting
 1 August 2014 FORR Meeting
 27 August – 1 September 2014 Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally
 5 September 2014 FORR Meeting
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 25 October 2014 Halloween Bash
 7 November 2014 FORR Meeting
 29 November 2014 Walmart Toy Ride
 5 December 2014 FORR Meeting
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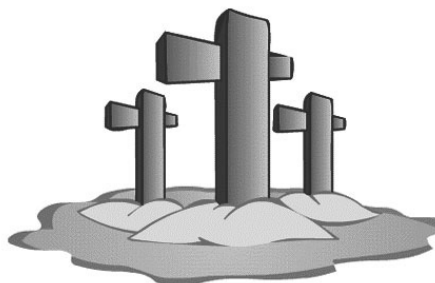
LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook: FORR Local 29**

Greetings from Local 29.

May will be a busy month for us. The weekend of May 9-11th is the Local 29 Buckhorn Work Weekend. We camp for the weekend and clean up our pavilion from the winter. It is a fun and relaxing weekend with camping, light work, great food, and evenings spent enjoying conversation and brotherhood around the campfire. The weekend of May 16-18th is the MAFR work weekend. Members of the MAFR committee, including Local 29, prepare the grounds for the Mid-America Freedom Rally, which is the next weekend. Again it is a fun and relaxing weekend with camping, light work, great food, and evenings spent enjoying conversation and brotherhood around the campfire. Then May 23-26th is the Mid-America Freedom Rally. Local 29 is responsible for working about 35 shifts during the rally. This is our major fundraiser each year and we encourage participation from as many Local 29 members as possible. As a reminder: If any Local 29 member works two shifts at the rally Local 29 will pay for your FORR membership renewal. If a L-29 member works three shifts we also reimburse you for your entry fee to the rally, and if a L-29 member works four shifts, we reimbursed them for part of their gas money. This rally is the biggest motorcycle rally in Missouri and it is a great time. Local 29 has a good camping area and our pavilion makes this rally a really fun time.

Local 29 members and friends are invited to join us for any and all of these weekends. We would love to see you there.

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LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA**Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.****Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd****Contact: Mark 417-887-2923**

Hello all of my FORR brothers and sisters. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Our group is currently 58 members strong, and 23 were in attendance at the March meeting. In addition to Local 30 members, we were happy to see a few members from Local 15 join us for food and fellowship. Our CC Rep, Danne Roberts, brought us a Certificate of Appreciation for the 2013 year. Danne shared with us the many bills that are considered this year in both the house and the senate. If you're still unfamiliar with the issues at hand, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the bills being presented. House Bill (HB) 1655 and Senate Bill (BS) 604 continue to address the "no helmet" laws. The bills propose changes that would allow riders over twenty one years of age, with first party insurance and special plates to ride without a helmet. HB 1572 and SB 821 propose creating a trust fund and regulatory surcharges for safety courses. Other bills that are noteworthy include HB 1735, regarding cycle sales in Platte and Jackson Counties and SB 791 regarding penalties for sales on Sundays. I present this information to you in its simplest form. Again, remember what we stand for, the motorcyclist's freedoms, and read the bills, write your representatives, and make a change.

As FORR members we join together not only for advocacy, but to support our communities and fellowship with our brothers, sisters and families that ride. In the next few months, there are many opportunities to gather. We hope you'll join us in supporting Local 15 on April 27th for their spring Swap Meet at Shadow Rock Park in Forsyth. April 29th is the state Awareness ride to the Capital, May 4th is the annual Awareness ride in Springfield. Plans are also in the works for the Hootentown Rally this summer. Thanks to Channy Partridge, EC for Local 30, for already nailing down the date (December 13) and place (the Hangout) for our 2014 Christmas party.

I often feel like my contribution to the Newsletter is a punch list of things to do and places to be. I also believe it's a nice concise way to get the information out. Thanks for reading, and hope to see you all soon.

Ride happy, ride safe,
Christine S.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA**Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.****Location varies - call for info****Contacts: Debra John 573-647-0129 or****Sabrina 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**

Howdy all. Hope this finds spring has finally sprung and we're all out enjoying some quality time on our bikes after the long winter. There's just nothing quite like a ride down a twisty curvy road to clear your head and help get you ready for whatever life throws at you.

We had a great time at the last Shuffleboard and Stuff Your Crock get together. We got a chance to meet some old members that we hadn't seen in a while as well as some newbies. Thanks everyone for coming out and sharing in the fellowship and brotherhood of Local 33. We will be having a monthly social get together on the Saturday before each local meeting at AmVets starting at 5:00 pm. Bring a pot luck dish or your favorite stuffed crock. And yes, the crock needs to contain food, not motorcycle parts. But then that's another story. In addition to great eats we will be having friendly contests of pool, shuffleboard and whatever

else we can come up with. Congrats go out to Dave Tuttle for taking first place in the Shuffleboard tourney, Mike Rogers was 2nd and Granny took third. Yep apparently Granny's been doing some practicing. Shelly Kurtz won the crock cookoff with a terrific noodle dish.

I am pleased to report the State Fair booth project is back on thanks to the hard work of Randy Farris, Bo Smith, Roy Hoard. Because of their dedication to the project and FORR enough money has been donated by other locals to cover the cost of the booth rental. I've heard told that 25 of 31 locals contributed to this project. But getting the booth paid for is just a start. We still need people to man the booth during the fair, items to hand out, tri-folds, etc. Local 33 will be taking the lead on coordinating the project with the help of a lot of other individuals from around the state. If you're interested in helping with this project contact Bo Smith at 660-441-0625 to get your name on the list.

Our adopt a family fund made significant growth early this year thanks to the efforts of DD Smith and the officers wives at Whiteman AFB. Thanks to everyone for their hard work during the year to make Christmas special for some needy families in our area. Randy has reported things are in the works for a great Freedom Rally again this year. Bands are all set. There will be several new vendors. They will be giving away a free t-shirt to the first 1,000 people in the gate. Should prove to be a good time for all who attend.

The local would like to welcome our latest new members: Brian Burnap, Bob Mobley, Kim Mobley, Garry Canaday, Doc D'Errico, Dawn Canaday, Don Hannum, Skip Moon and Gary Hunt. We'd also like to welcome back Stormy Allen, Mark Allen and Robert VanDeWiele. Thanks for your support of Local 33 and FORR.

I'd like to remind everyone that our May 18th meeting will be a rolling meeting. This means we will all meet at AmVets and leave as one for a group ride. We will hold different sections of the meeting at stops along the way. All bikes, cars, trikes, trucks, minivans, you name it are welcome to join us as we share the open road.

OK it's time to give you the rest of the story about Granny since some of you apparently had your minds in the gutter after the last article. Granny use to work in some type of factory or something where she had to hook two parts together (thus she was a former hooker) and she also had to use a tool to make a furrow in another part (thus a hoer). So now you know the rest of the story.

For those of you that know Cowboy Roy you may have heard the story about the time everyone got together after the committee meetings in Jeff and went to a local restaurant for drinks and dinner. Well everyone had a good ole time drinking, eating, joking and laughing except for Cowboy. Cause you see Cowboy apparently wasn't at the top of his game that night, or there was some type of a conspiracy going on because everyone left the restaurant and went back to the hotel. Except there was one slight problem. No one seemed to miss Cowboy in the shuffle back to the hotel. Seems like he was left at the restaurant. Lucky for him there was a Local 10 member eating there at the time who was nice enough to give him a lift back to the hotel. Confucius says "always be aware when traveling with a band of brothers for they just might leave you behind. Surely by accident."

Until next time. Keep the rubber side down, watch out for sand and enjoy Missouri's spring riding season.

Kathy

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW, 510 W Allen St, Clinton, MO 64735****Contact: Pat Green 660-885-6383****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 Everyone,

Let me start off with an apology for last months newsletter. Apparently it got lost in cyberspace.

Looks like the warmer temps are finally starting to take over. Now mind you I said (warmer) not to be confused with warm!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Leather and Lace from donations to donating your time. Because of you, once again it was a huge success!!

Here is what is going on in May:

May 17th- Black Jack Run (sign up at Stouts 5 pm-6 pm)

May 18th-Monthly Meeting (3 pm @Pacific Eagles)

May 22-26- Freedom Rally in Buckhorn

Until next month. Hold Please.....

Paula

LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY

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

DISTRICT 1

Meetings: 1st Wednesday
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
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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

WHAT'S UP WITH THE OHIO CRASH REPORT FORM?

Q. I was involved in a crash on my motorcycle and afterward obtained a copy of the Ohio Traffic Crash Report. I see where it lists that I had no helmet at the time of the crash. Since I was legally not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, what difference does that make? And isn't that discrimination and are they trying to make me look like I did something wrong? ABATE MEMBER.

A. Many states, including Ohio and Michigan, continue to make book on non-helmet use by inappropriately highlighting that information in their crash reports. Other states like Indiana and Illinois have taken the high road and eliminated this prejudicial comment in their crash reports. Some insurance companies still try to punish motorcyclists for not wearing a helmet in non-helmet states by claiming that the motorcyclists could have lessened their injuries by wearing a helmet. Many say that if you are going to get hit, a Mack truck is a good place to be, as is a Crown Vic, a Ford 350, etc, but that ignores the fabric of American life and our right to ride and all the other things we do as Americans. And most importantly, it ignores the laws allowing us to ride without helmets. We will gather a list of states that continue this dubious practice and update this article later.



Local 33

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GOOD TITLES MAKE GOOD FRIENDS

Q. I bought a motorcycle from a friend and paid her in full (\$1000) and was given a bill of sale when I took possession. She had misplaced the title, but promised to apply for a lost title and get that to me asap. I have since learned that she financed the bike through the local bank. It has now been over four months and I do not have the title. What can I do - riding season is here? ABATE OF INDIANA MEMBER.

A. Meet with your friend at the bank and make sure that any lien on the bank has been paid. If she has applied for a lost title, request a copy of the paperwork that was submitted to the state. Times are tough for most governmental agencies and many are running behind, but four months is out of line. If you learn that your friend has not submitted the "lost title paperwork", then I suspect the loan to the bank has not been paid. If that is the case, confront your friend with the facts and insist on a lien release and title as that was the deal. If unsuccessful in that request, file suit in small claims court. I am sending you the link to small claims procedures for you to follow when you file your claim.

EXTENDED WARRANTY BS - HARLEY SAY IT AIN'T SO

Q. I bought a 2010 Harley and an extended warranty at the time of purchase. And have been a loyal Harley Davidson customer all my life. The engine on my 2010 has developed a problem and my Harley dealer says it needs replaced. I called the extended warranty folks and they will not honor the extended warranty. Here is the reason: they say that since I do not have a copy of the receipt for the oil that I bought for the 900 mile oil change that I did, the extended warranty is no good. As you know, a Harley does not take many quarts of oil and I keep oil on hand. I told them the oil change was done as required and I recorded that it was done in the service portion of my Harley owner's manual, but they will not budge. The problems with

the engine did not surface until 2013, but the 900 mile oil change that I did occurred in 2010. Until this fall the engine ran perfectly, so I do not see what the oil change receipt has to do with the current engine problems especially if I used oil on hand that may have been purchased earlier. Are these guys jacking me around? If so, what can I do as I paid good money for the extended warranty and have never had a claim until now? Kenny Roberts, ABATE member.

A. The extended warranty requires you to maintain your motorcycle and for you to keep records. You did in that you recorded the oil change in the maintenance record of the manual supplied by Harley with the bike. The extended warranty provider should be familiar with that manual. So I say that you complied with that requirement when you recorded the 900 mile oil change. Obviously you had to have oil in order to complete the change. We Harley owners are known to be fastidious oil changers, and these guys surely know that. I will write a letter demanding that they comply with their promises under the extended warranty agreement. If they fail to pay for the new engine we will help you sue the bastards. Where are these guys from anyway? New Jersey? If anyone else out there has had trouble with them, call me - 800 25 RIDER. We will appeal to their better angels, or at least help them go there with some legal persuasion.

THIS JUST IN - HARLEY EXTENDED WARRANTY ISSUES FIXED.

Rod, after I reported that your office was going to help me with this matter, guess what? The extended warranty folks advised that they will honor the extended warranty and are replacing my engine at no charge. Thanks for your help. Kenny Roberts ABATE member.

SEASONAL INSURANCE - USUALLY A FRAUD ON BIKERS

No biker worth his salt can resist a 70 degree day in January. But insurance companies, including those that say they are our friends,

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will sell us seasonal insurance on the guise of saving us money and doing us a favor. And sometimes they don't tell us. And who reads the fine print anyway? Usually, they knock off three months worth of coverage, but only knock off one month of premium. By any definition, that is an insurance company rip off. Always run the numbers and keep them honest - that is IF you know you have seasonal coverage. Check your policy to be sure.

Every January, I cringe, anticipating a call like I received a while ago. A good ABATE member with a son heading to college took the insurance company bait on seasonal coverage to save a few bucks. You got it, it was a 70 degree day, and all he was going to do is go around the block. The little old lady with blue hair got him at 5 miles a hour—mashed his leg up against the primary cover. He is now missing a leg. Since he had no underinsurance coverage and the lady had minimal limits, he got \$25k for a leg - not good.

It takes a different kind of insurance company to offer seasonal coverage—and I think it is not our kind of insurance company. Well-meaning state legislators should disallow this type of insurance coverage. In a future article, I will print a list of insurance companies that allow this type of insurance coverage and you can decide if they are your friend.

NO FEET AT A STOP? DID YOU RUN THE SIGN?

Q. I have been an ABATE member and rider for more than 20 years. Last week I was riding and came up to a stop sign. I was able to stop without putting my feet down. The local town cop saw me and arrested me for "running the stop sign." I thought all you had to do at a stop sign was stop. The cop laughed at me when I used that excuse. Should I fight this or let it go? P.S. I have a CDL license and this could affect my job. ABATE MEMBER.

A. FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT. You are a CDL holder and you have no choice but to fight. Serious points will be assessed against your CDL license if you don't. (It has always stuck in my craw that the points are assessed against your CDL licence when you were on your motorcycle - not your truck). The cop is just plain wrong and needs educated. This case reminded us of one in Springfield where a bicyclist was ticketed by a cop for running a stop sign when the two wheel operator failed to put his feet down at a stop sign. The cyclists argued with the cop that he merely balanced the bike at a full stop and then proceeded through the sign. The officer did not buy it nor did the judge, who could not believe that a cyclist can balance a bike at a full stop. The cyclist offered to demonstrate his ability to the court with the bike. To the judge's surprise, the balance was shown and the case was ordered dismissed.

Many of us get very good at stopping with no feet. The slow ride at biker events allows most of us to practice this to perfection, but most cops are under the illusion that if you don't put your feet down you did not stop. There is a presumption against us that there is motion unless one foot is on the ground. THAT IS NOT THE LAW. Usually there are two defenses to this type of allegation; 1. I had my foot down and the cop didn't see it or the cop is lying (judges usually don't go for the last one) or 2. I don't have to put my foot down because I can balance the bike. WARNING: be prepared to demo your balance skill to the court. ADVICE: if you are short on time, it is easier to put a foot down.

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CDC Task Force Pushes Universal Mandatory Helmet Law

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that a task force that is funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued its findings statement for motorcycle safety, with the singular solution being universal mandatory helmet laws.

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

The CDC asserts that fatalities have nearly doubled since 2000 while failing to take into account the increase in registered motorcycles. In fact, in 2000 there were 2,862 fatal crashes for 4.9 million registered motorcycles. That means in 2000 .058% of all registered motorcycles were involved in a fatal crash. In 2010 there were 4,502 fatalities for 8.4 million registered motorcycles, which puts just .053% of registered motorcycles, a slight decrease in the ratio of registered motorcycles to fatalities with 3.5 million more motorcycles on the road. These are just some of the facts about the CDC research that have been presented in all four MRF conferences going back to fall of 2012.

The Task Force report claims that they used data from 69 studies, but only lists seven in the reference section of the finding statement. The MRF is investigating this and is in talks with the Task Force staff about how they came to the conclusion that enacting universal mandatory helmet laws is the only way to save lives.

"It is deeply troubling that some of our brightest researchers refuse to acknowledge rider education and awareness campaigns as effective means to saving lives," said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relation and Public Affairs for the MRF.

Also of note is why the CDC would only focus on head injury. J. Lee Annett, the Director of Statistics and Programing for the CDC, informed the motorcycle community that the CDC does not keep information on motorcycle fatality by body part and that in motorcycle fatalities there are usually multiple injuries, with the primary body part affected difficult to determine. Yet the only solution that the CDC has ever presented in its history is universal mandatory helmet law..

The MRF worked with the House of Representatives to send a letter to the CDC asking them to not focus on motorcycle safety, but rather leave that to the relevant transportation agencies. The CDC's response was that they needed to be involved in all preventable injuries, because they have the newest research available.

Use the MRF's latest "Fact or Fiction" piece, which was made public at this past year's "Bikers Inside the Beltway" event in D.C. in May of 2013 to educate your legislators. The one page document has information about the CDC and the misconception related to the effectiveness of helmet laws.

You can view the "Fact or Fiction" piece here:
http://www.mrf.org/pdf/MRF_FactOrFiction2013.pdf

Bikers Inside The Beltway National Lobby Day

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that the 6th annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside The Beltway will be held Thursday, May 15th in the nation's capitol, Washington D.C. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will have secure free parking for motorcycles just steps from the U.S. Capitol Building.

Last year this event drew hundreds of motorcyclists from across the country. Don't miss out on the greatest gathering of politically active motorcyclists in Washington, D.C.

9:00 am to 11:00 am is arrival, registration, instruction and lobby material pickup. Meet at the motorcycle parking area on 3rd street, map below.

The MRF encourages you to schedule appointments with your Representative and Senator's offices.

Plan your appointments according to your arrival time. If you plan to arrive promptly at 9:00 am, you can schedule meetings anytime from 9:45 am on. If you plan on arriving at 11:00 am at the latest then you can schedule meetings from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm and of course after the Congressional Program.

Should you not be able to get an appointment, plan on dropping by as many offices from your State as you can during that time. Feel free to contact the MRF office with any questions about scheduling or otherwise.

Unfortunately the House of Representatives will not be in session the day of our event. The meetings with staff still carry significant importance. The Senate will be in session that day.

The MRF has secured free parking from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm just steps from the U.S. Capitol and the House and Senate office buildings. The exact location of the parking is on 3rd street SW and NW between Madison and Jefferson drives. A map can be found here:

<https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=3rd+St+SW&daddr=3rd+St+NW&hl=en&sl=38.890302,-77.015195&sspn=0.003148,0.008256&geocode=FW5IUQIdU9do-w%3BFtBsUQIdbdo-w&mra=dme&mrsp=1&sz=18&t=m&z=18>

An event flyer for Bikers Inside The Beltway National Lobby day is also available on the website here: <http://motorcyclridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pagelId=1654837&eventId=798760&eventViewMode=EventDetails>

This year we will feature something new! Bikers Inside the Beltway Follow Up - Follow Through Seminar. It is going to be a one-day event on Friday, May 16th at the Baltimore Doubletree BWI Airport, 890 Elkridge Landing Road Linthicum, Maryland, 21090. There is no charge for this event. Please be sure to register via the MRF website. An event flyer can be found here: <http://motorcyclridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pagelId=1654837&eventId=798755&eventViewMode=EventDetails>



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ICYMI: Bureau of Land Management Increased Special Recreation Permit Fees

Effective March 1 and noticed in the Federal Register on March 3, the minimum fee for both competitive and organized group activities or events on Bureau of Land Management lands is now \$5 per person per day, and the minimum fee for an assigned site is \$210 per permit. The new special recreation permit minimum fee for commercial special recreation permits is \$105 per year. The American Motorcyclist Association believes you will want to be aware of these new federal BLM fees when planning your off-road recreational activities.

BLM director is authorized to adjust fees periodically. In coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, the BLM automatically adjusts the minimum commercial, competitive, organized group and activity special recreation permit fees and minimum assigned site fee every three years.

The previous fee schedule went into effect on March 1, 2011, and the next fee adjustment is scheduled for March 1, 2017.

Commercial and reserved site fees are rounded to the nearest \$5, while competitive and group use fees are rounded to the nearest \$1. The BLM says the fee calculation process is intended to ensure that fees cover administrative costs of permit issuance, provide a fair return to the U.S. government for use of the public lands, and -- in certain cases -- approach free-market value.

For more information: Contact David Ballenger with the Division of Recreation and Visitor Services of the BLM at (202) 912-7642.

Support Bill Requiring Public Input for the Creation of New National Monuments

On March 26, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on H.R. 1459, the Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act.

The American Motorcyclist Association asks you to urge your representative to support H.R. 1459 by clicking the "Take Action" button, filling in the form at the bottom of the page and clicking the "submit" button to generate a prewritten message.

This bill, introduced by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), would ensure that local residents and officials, business owners and landowners are afforded the opportunity to comment on the designation of new National Monuments. This would be accomplished by using the process set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act.

Additionally, the bill would limit the number of new National Monuments a president could designate in a four-year term.

Currently, under the Antiquities Act of 1906, no public consultation is needed before a president can unilaterally limit access to America's public lands.

Creating new National Monuments has great implications for outdoor recreation and for local economies that rely on those recreation dollars. The AMA supports a designation process that allows for full public involvement, so residents and tourists are not unfairly denied access to America's public lands.

The AMA believes H.R. 1459 will help achieve this goal.

Protect your ride from E15: Keep the pressure on the EPA

The official comment period has ended for the 2014 EPA ethanol mandate. But the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency still needs to

hear from you.

Why?

Because the EPA is hearing from well-funded pro-ethanol groups urging the agency to reverse its decision to lower the ethanol mandates. Tell the EPA that you support its proposal to reduce the total amount of ethanol required in transportation fuel nationwide in 2014. You can send a prewritten email to the EPA immediately by clicking the "Take Action" link. To send a Tweet to the EPA, click here.

The American Motorcyclist Association supports this proposal, because it could slow the introduction of E15 into the marketplace. The AMA opposes E15 – a fuel containing as much as 15 percent ethanol – because it can cause engine and fuel system damage to your motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle. And void your manufacturer's warranty.

The EPA heard from more than 10,200 motorcyclists during the official comment period! Now we need to keep the pressure on the EPA to stick to its proposal to lower ethanol mandates, which are known as the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Help us counter these pro-ethanol groups with more messages from motorcyclists.

You can tell the EPA to stick to its proposal that will help protect the 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in America – and the riders who depend on their safe operation – from inadvertent misfueling.

The EPA is expected to make a decision soon! Act today to ensure your voice is heard!

For the latest information on the AMA's efforts to protect your access to safe fuels, go to <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/amafuelthought.aspx>.

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 and ATV riding. 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 at AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join

U.S. Rep. Cook introduces bill to designate Johnson Valley as a national OHV recreation area

U.S. Rep. Paul Cook (R-Calif.) has introduced H.R. 4371, which would designate the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

This bill, introduced April 2, would make California's Johnson Valley the nation's first national OHV recreation area.

Take Action

Please click the "Take Action" link and then use the form at the bottom of the page to send your congressional representative an email urging support for H.R. 4371.

Take Action

According to Cook, "it will show that Johnson Valley is of national significance, raising its profile for economic purposes and within the federal government, which owns the land."

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management estimates that the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area generates \$71 million in economic activity annually. The annual King of Hammers event alone brings in more than 30,000 people.

Last year, Cook – working with the AMA -- was instrumental in negotiating an agreement between local stakeholders, the U.S. Marine Corps and the BLM to keep Johnson Valley open for OHV use.

The agreement to keep Johnson Valley open to OHV enthusiasts was included as part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

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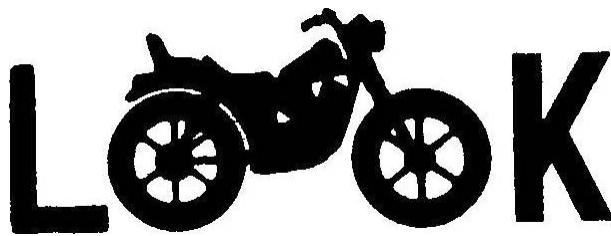
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18 Local 33 50 Hwy West Fun Run & Picnic 660-441-0625

JUNE

- 1 Local 25 St Peters Bear Run 636-542-3530
8 Local 7 Lebanon 2014 Kids Bike Run 417-532-4731
21 Local 28 Waynesville/ Local 7 Lebanon USO Military Support Run 573-586-7291

JULY

- 5 Local 28 Waynesville Buckhorn Blast / Passport Run 573-586-7291
27 Local 33 50 Hwy West \$1,000 Poker Run 660-441-0625

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