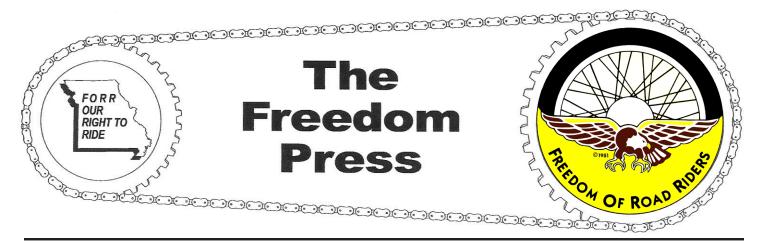
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Central Committee Meeting

American Legion Post 5 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd. Jefferson City, MO 65101-2839 (573) 636-2311

Central Committee Meetings are at 10:00 am on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered months of the year,

Next Central Committee Meetings: Nov. 9-10

ONLY current membership Central Committee Representatives can conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings. Please be sure your membership is current.

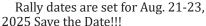
Committee Meetings are the Saturday before the scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

Saturday Committees

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

November VC report

Coming out of September CC meeting I'm hitting the ground running for next years Show Me Rally.



I've purchased a 2014 Sportster with 27,000 miles and a nice paint job for \$5,700.

I'll be adding an additional incentive this year for ticket sales. The giveaway will be as follows:

Tickets will be \$10.00 each 1,500 tickets in total = \$15,000

1st Place - Win bike

2nd Place \$500 Cash

3rd Place \$250 Cash

With Bike, Cash giveaway, bike registration, ticket cost all in around \$7,000. \$1,000 less than 2024.

With that being said, at the November CC meeting I'll be issuing each CC rep 50 tickets for their local.

If you'd like more that can be arranged. ALL tickets to be return to me by July CC meeting.

Krista has stepped down as Vendor corrdinator anyone interested let me know soon.

Lets work together and make Our State Rally a Bigger success in 2025!

Thank you all for what you do! *VC Fitz*. Thank you,

Jim Fitzsimonds - State Vice Chairman





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'NEW' Corporate Sponsor - November 2024 / October 2025



Central Committee Meeting #268 September 15, 2024

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at the American Legion Post #5. Jefferson City, MO. Corporate officers present were Chairman, Joe Karr, Vice Chairman, Jim Fitzsimonds, Corporate Secretary Amy Allmon, Treasurer Kathleen Karr, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Tricia Ruby, Product Line, Manager Shelly Payne, Sergeant at Arms Tim O'Connor, Membership Coordinator Tami McMinn, Events Linda Hawkins,

Chairman Karr called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

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

Location	Local	Count	Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	33	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Macon*	Local 02	29	1 Vote	Dennis Stevenson
Truman Lake	Local 03	42	1 Votes	Sasha Bowen
South Kansas City	Local 05	67	1 Vote	Duane Copowycz
St. Joseph	Local 06	112	2 Votes	Larry Gilpin
Lebanon	Local 07	51	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe*	Local 08	43	1 Vote	Absent
Lake of the Ozarks	Local 09	17	1 Vote	Josh Wiley
Jefferson City	Local 10	86	1 Votes	Marla Wallace
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	52	1 Vote	Shawn Pilcher
Glasgow	Local 12	63	1 Vote	Susan McDaniel
Mexico	Local 13	76	1 Vote	Kim Archer
Lexington	Local 14	64	1 Vote	Donna Hilburn
Branson	Local 15	138	2 Votes	Les Morris
SEMO	Local 16	38	1 Vote	George Reutzel
Dexter*	Local 20	33	1 Vote	Pam Harris
St. Louis	Local 24	34	1 Vote	Tricia Ruby
St. Charles County	Local 25	67	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville	Local 26	42	1 Vote	Kathryn Rice
Waynesville	Local 28	69	1 Vote	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	39	1 Vote	The Duycks
Springfield/Nixa	Local 30	36	1 Vote	Ann Kopp
Central Missouri	Local 31	57	1 Vote	Charlie Dowell
Highway 50 West	Local 33	53	1 Vote	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	67	1 Vote	Rod Huff
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	16	1 Vote	Stephen Gallus
Franklin County*	Local 42	23	1 Vote	Absent
Members at Large	Local 00	57	0 Vote	
Total		1,520		
Corporate Sponsors		5		

* Vote suspended due to financial reports

* Vote suspended due to member total less than 10

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Locals. Local 1 made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Local 14, 2nd. The Motion passed unanimously with no discussion. Please place phones on silent or you will be charged \$1 to the PAC fund.

Chairman – Joe "DC" Karr

A few words from BL McDonnell: Took over to ascertain what we can do for the Rider's Ed Program. Since we cannot get instructors, we have no Rider's Ed. We have a bid from Larry's Motorsports in Jefferson City to purchase the all the bikes, trailers, and all the equipment minus the items that belong to the MMSP. Also speaking to Ray Pierce is also interested in giving us a bid. Current bid is \$19,000, the bikes will need maintenance work and 4 of the bikes are 2002 brand new Royal Infields that costs us about \$16,000. We need to decide if we wish to wait for a second bid from MMSP. Local 11 made motion to wait for the second bid and Local 10 seconded the motion, motion passed by voice vote. We have titles to 16 bikes, and we have 17 bikes, titles for the trailers are held by the treasurer. The missing title is for a 2010 Yamaha that was donated, and Beth stated the cost of obtaining a lost title is more than it's worth. BL and Carl are going to check into that. BL believes the current bid is a bit low. Decision was held regarding other bidders and Local 1 made motion to revisit the bids at November meeting, 2nd by Local 10. Motion passed by voice vote. Motion was made by Local 13 to allow BL to decide if a bid is received and is acceptable,

2nd by Local 14. (over \$20,000) motion passed voice vote. Thanks to BL and Carl for taking care of the matter. Jim Sharp with Ozarksbiker.com, calendar of bike events. It has evolved into a social media platform. Need to create an account and free to use. We can post events for the organization and the individual Locals, etc. They are searchable. Check out the page, alternative to Facebook.

Point of order: at May CC Local 9 was introduced as a new local. According to the by-laws it must be presented to the CC and voted on for approval. Local 1 made motion to approve Local 9 as a new Local. 2nd by Local 24. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Vice Chairman - Jim Fitzsimonds

Delivered the bike to the winner in Minnesota.

Engineer of Freedom Award – Jake High, Local 11 and Marty Marko, Local 25. Congratulations! When nominating someone please provide a complete story of all they do for the organization.

Department Reports

Treasurer - Kathleen "Duchess" Karr

A deposit from February is unaccounted for and Duchess and Tami are backtracking to determine where and when it was "lost". If can't be found they will contact the remitters of the missing checks.

Total Company Balance \$97,340.19

State Accts. Balances: August 31, 2024

GENERAL FUND: beginning \$5,139.44. ending \$5,083.25

PAC FUND: beginning \$36,375.10 ending 35,514.00.

RIDERS ED: beginning: \$7,816.89 ending \$7,455.90.

AWARENESS AND MEMBERSHIP Marketing: beginning \$4,614.70 ending \$4,274.34.

GIVEAWAY: Beginning \$2,063.36 ending \$14,150.36.

MEETING OF THE MINDS: Beginning \$15,939.47 ending \$15,431.17

Show-Me Rally: Beginning \$ 9,130.18 ending \$15,431.17.

Meeting of the Minds Fund is allocated money and is not available. Since Riders Education is on hold for the year that fund is for insurance and other incidental expenses.

DONATIONS: Awareness Challenge Coin income - \$160, Local 28 – \$500 final for 2024 obligation, Local 30 - \$355 ½ 2024 obligation, Local 33 - \$820 2024 yearly obligation, Local 26 - \$450 dealers' choice of fund. Tami sold 2 PAC Patches and turned in \$20.

For the last four years, Duchess has made the corrections on financial reports. Please take the extra time needed to reconcile the bank statement with the report. If the local treasurer needs help, please call. The treasurer handbook includes the order of the documents that needs to be stapled together in proper order. She will gladly provide a stapler and staples if needed.

<u>Secretary</u> – Amy Allmon	Membership Report July-August 2024		
Memberships Processed: July Total Life Members for January - 4	17 New Members	52 Renewed Members	
*Life Maint – 5			
August Total Life Members for February - 3 *Life Maint – 3	18 New Members	46 Renewed Members	
Life Members - 7	35 New Members	98 Renewed Members	
July-August 2024	140 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED 1520 Total Membership (decrease of 19 members) 459 LIFE MEMBERS		

Webmaster - **Kathleen "Duchess" Karr** - Currently Duchess is slammed with life details. Still working on getting past issues of The Freedom Press scanned into the computer. She has not received any complaints and will update the FEW page. Still need photos for the photo archive page (PG only please), please forward to webmaster@forr.net. Please try to label it with event, subject, year, or approximate year.

Mentor Program - Mark Capps - We have had several people step-up to be a mentor and any life members should be available to assist when help is needed. We need to train our members to be officers. The FEW was designed to assist but not all officers do not attend. This program is more of a one-on-one situation. This is a tool to grow this organization. Contact Mark through the chairman@forr.net or text (417) 439-5908.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – **Tricia Ruby** – Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest is happening now. Thanks to Local 9 for taking care of that. We have 175 challenge coins left. Offering sustaining membership to individuals, groups, clubs, and businesses for an annual cost of \$100. They will receive recognition in The Freedom Press, on the FORR webpage, a certificate and a decal or window cling.

Legislative Coordinator – **Joe Widmer** – We have lost some friends in the legislature due to the fact they lost their primary. General election is November 5, vote your heart, vote your conscience but VOTE.

Prefiling begins December 1 need to start thinking about our priorities for next year. Right to repair, driver education, and change the maximum CC for permitted riders from 250 to 300. We need to think about Lane Filtering, even though we are not too keen on it. Driver's Education is number one topic this coming year. It was well received and added to another bill, but it went nowhere. The younger generation needs to learn how to drive and stay off their phone. There will be several new reps and senators in the new year and Joe will need people to testify when called to action. Amendment for sports betting to fund schools if it passes, we could use some of the funds to pay for driver's education. Motorcycle profiling resolution will also be the agenda. Lighting allowing other than white and amber. Maintain vehicle choice not subject to the EV mandate. UTV liability insurance Statewide not just the individual municipality. Motorcycle fatalities have declined this year, and more helmeted riders have been killed than non-helmeted over 50% more.

Personal email jwwidmer2012@hotmail.com the password to the legislative email is locked and can't be changed.

MRF – **Amy Allmon** – How many are MRF members? Why are you not? Article in the American Biker Journal regarding Sweden's electric rail system embedded in the roadway causes a lower friction coefficient for the tires. And Sweden has banned motorcycles from using these roads. Meeting of the Minds coming up Sept 26-29. WE NEED YOUR HELP! I cannot emphasize how important this event is. I cannot do this alone; I do have a few people on tap. This is the 40th anniversary of the event that began in St. Louis. My phone number is (816) 536-1647, amyallmon69@gmail.com.

<u>Mid-South Mile</u> – Roy "Cowboy" Hoard – Will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 25-27. Need MILE basket items. Shaulene would like to video everyone reciting the preamble for a YouTube video for marketing. See her on the patio

<u>Riders Education</u> – BL McDonald – Report and discussion was included at the beginning since BL had to leave.

Membership Coordinator – **Tricia Ruby** – Heard some rumors of fighting, etc. We need to remember to put our petty squabbles aside and present a united front for the membership. Once we get the decals for sustaining membership, we need to promote it. If you meet someone that states they were a member at one time, we need to ask, "If you don't mind, can I ask why you are no longer a member?" One they explain ask "Is they any way to get you to rejoin?" Follow up questions need to be asked since we are moving into a new era.

Product Line – Shelly Noel - Contact her (660) 251-3904 or photobyshelly@yahoo.com. Silk screen items are in the works. Head bands, earrings, lapel pins, do rags, etc. Really good deal with large size hoodies heavy duty with moisture wicking, XL, 2XL, 3XL only limited edition. A friend has volunteered to man the product line at the Firecracker Classic while she attended the Meeting of the Minds

COC Liaison - Need a volunteer.

The Freedom Press – **Michelle "Rebel" O'Connor** - We can accept advertising from outside organizations for their rallies, poker runs or other events. We are cheap advertising. When sending photos send each photo separately and jpeg is the preferred format.

<u>Marketing Coordinator</u>- Shauleen Capps – Contact Shaulene at secapps3@gmail.com (417) 439-0399 call or text. There is interest in purchasing about 1,000 more of the new trifolds and posters. State Facebook page, "Freedom of Road Rider, Inc". has had a small amount of engagement on the page. Please share our information and promote our issues. Sat with Carl Hammond, BL McDonnell and Halfbreed Mullinax and recorded stories of our history, brotherhood and freedom. Their message is "Don't Give Up" they are handing the reins over to us and it is our responsible to continue the fight.

FEW Seminar – **Trisha Ruby** – March 8, 2025, Back to Basics. We need to relearn how to function as an organization. A topic will be how to talk about what we do at awareness booths. Suggestion that we have open session regarding officers instead of separate classes. So that new members get an idea of the responsibilities of each. All officers' handbooks are available on the website. Also, there are descriptions of all the awards and directions on what to include in the nomination submission. Need instructors for secretary, Roberts Rules of Order, and CC representative. And since I am busy coordinating and instructor for Awareness. Assistance with the silent auction is needed. Just helpers all around. Need live and silent auction baskets. Also, the point person for the "Buck Stops Here" nominations, Email: Ranchodeluxe1@hughes.net, mail to 10968 El Dorado Road, Greenridge, MO 65332.

Meeting of the Minds – Amy Allmon – Reiterate that we need workers. FORR members are welcome to attend the seminars and classes but would need to pay for the banquet if you wish to attend. You can also order the event T-shirt. We need baskets for the auction: Emily has volunteered to store, contact her at harleyindian6@yahoo.com. Any liquor or food donations are more than welcome. Shaulene has volunteered to be the hospitality room bartender.

Show Me Rally – Jim Fitzsimonds - Show Me Rally profit was \$1,537.18. The tarp donations from the locals were \$800 of the \$1,500 cost. We had 1,500 tickets printed for the bike giveaway and 1,218 sold so there were 282 unsold bike tickets with 111 returned and 171 tickets that were not returned and unaccounted for. More activities are needed on Friday, Band budget needs to be increased. Cost across the board have increased. Can we streamline our costs in anyway? Overall, it was a success. Start searching for another bike for the giveaway. Get the tickets out by November CC meeting and all sold or unsold tickets should be returned by possibly the July CC meeting. Attendance: 273 total with 136 nonmembers and 137 members. Locals that had more than 10 members attend: Local 3 – 14, Local 11 -19, Local 14 – 15, Local 35 – 28. Date for next year August 22-24, 2025. Question asked, how long are we going to continue with this rally when the monetary profit is so minuscule? Valid question. However, there is more to gain from the rally than money, brotherhood, membership, awareness of the organization. Motion made by Local 15 that other FORR events cannot be scheduled during that weekend, and 2nd by Local 16. Motion passed with only 3 nays.

Paul is going to check on the cost of extending the wi-fi. If possible, we could take credit/debit cards without a problem. We could possibly offer to split the cost for the time we are there. Local 15 was able to secure an upgrade for the Hootentown Rally for only \$80.

Old Business – Responsibility for lost tickets. Local 1 made motion that we bring the motions off the table for further discussion, Local 16 2nd the motion. 1st is the individual is responsible and 2nd would be for the Local is responsible. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote. 2nd motion, the final vote is the Local would be responsible for the tickets, 15 yes and 7 nays. That vote nullifies the 1st motion.

New Business – Local 30 – October meeting is Oct 20, 7pm at the Barnhouse, 5484 W. Sunshine, Springfield, MO extended to all members because of the badmouthing when recruiting attempts are made. If there are any problems or issues other locals may have can bring to the meeting. This is your chance to bring it all out and be done with talking down another local. Give away account has \$14,150.36. Most recent give away brought in \$12,187 cost was \$8,036.64. Local 1 made a motion to leave the money in that account until a new bike is secured. Local 15 2nd motion. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote. Local 20 made a motion to set a \$7,000 budget for the purchase of a bike for give away, 2nd by Local 30, 9 yes votes and 11 nays. Local 11 made a motion the set budget of \$8,000 and 2nd by Local 20, motion does not pass.

Local 14 made motion to allow Jim to locate a bike for the Giveaway that is not over our expectations, 2nd by Local 16. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

District 4 made improvements to the sign in booth, well Local 1 did most of the work. Thank you, Local 1. Does District or Locals need permission to create their own QR codes? Not needed do what needs to be done.

Good of the order/Connections

Kat's Wedding - Oct 26, 10am 444 N. Scott Ave, Belton, MO (816) 400-6100. Open bar and food. District 4 – Octoberfest, Oct 4-6, Grain Valley Local 24 – Fun Run Sept 21 Local 20 – Memorial Ride Sept 21 Local 5 - Game Night Oct 19 Local 11 – Halloween Bash Oct 26 Local 15 – Toy Ride Oct 6 Statewide Scheduled Fun Toy Rides Nov 2/3 Local 11 – Food Drive Nov 2 Local 3 – Tickets for Henry Big Boy lever action November 11 Local 16 – Christmas Party Dec 6 Local 14 - Christmas Party Dec 7 Local 12 – Christmas Party Dec 27 Local 30 - Leather and Lace Feb 15, 2025, venue change to the Foxhole Local 12 - Firecracker Classic - Sept 27-28 Local 13 - \$2,000 cash giveaway Drawing is Dec 1

Last call for incentive drawing, collected \$203 winner is Mark Roloff of \$101.50

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded Passed unanimously.

Next meeting

The CC meeting will be November 10, 2024, at American Legion, 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City.

A Few Minutes with a Mentor

In this organization, We have many types of people. We are a group that represents a larger population of motorcyclists. Within this group of ours, we have many different personalities. Each with its own approach to situations. Some are calm and logical, some are loud and social, some react with outbursts, some are firm and bullheaded, and some quiet and timid. Along with each of the personalities come a great skillset.

Everyone has a place in this organization, it is up to the mentors and members to help find the right place for everyone. We all need to work together to keep this freedom train on the right track. and the key to working together is RESPECT. Communication is key, almost everyone can communicate effectively. If you are leading a conversation or responding to a topic, it needs to be done with respect in mind. so much more get accomplished by having civil conversations, and believe it or not, we can have civil disagreements, and compromised solutions. I understand passion in what we do, however we must be able to communicate effectively. This applies to all business within our organization and all communication outside our organization. We represent FORR in our everyday lives, Be Respectful.

The Mentor Program is growing, we have several members who have reached out and joined the mentor program, we have several members willing to assist however they can but prefer not to be named. Mentors are all across the state, most of them just wear a winged wheel and are an active member of your local. As Members of this organization, we are helping our members grow and become freedom fighters.

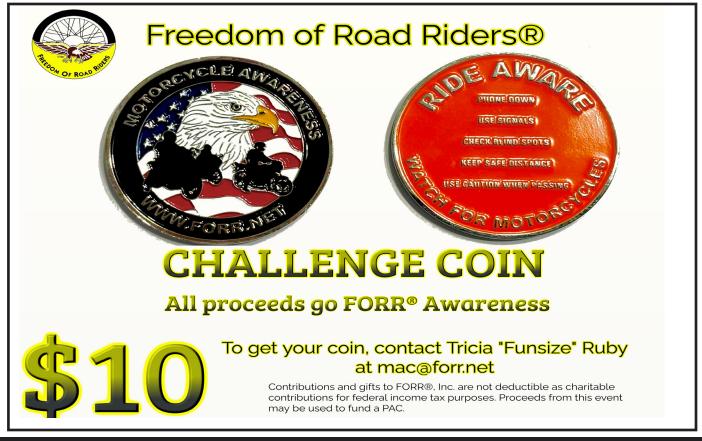
For those who want to reach out personally to a mentor here is the list of those who have stepped up for the program and the contacts for each of those. Feel free to contact any of the mentors here, or the state cabinet for assistance. It doesn't matter the reason: If you want the help growing the local, grow personally as a member, or achieve great heights in this organization. We are here to help you do just that.

Mark "Sparky" Capps Local 11, Southwest Mo 417-439-5908 MACapps73@yahoo.com

Casey Singleton Local 25, St. Charles County 660-924-1693 Tim "Dragon" O'Connor Local 1, Lee's Summit, Mo 816-547-4906

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Jake "Breeze" High Local 11, Southwest Mo 417-540-3620



Local 1 – Lee's Summit (March 1980) Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1pm - Location Varies Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906 Facebook: FORR Local 1

Howdy All!

By the sound of it the Meeting of the Minds gathering went off very well! Got some good pictures of it somewhere in this issue – so check them out. More on Facebook as well.

As I write this Octoberfest is this weekend!!! Already starting to do some packing. Getting the building ready for travel. Sounds like the weather is going to be Perfect. We are due for a good weekend for the DRAGS!!!! I have some excellent pictures for you too! Had to take a break to say my buddy HANK had an excellent time again this year! Huge thanks to all of our vendors and participants that helped make this year another GOOD one! It was great to have someone to do some patch sewing after so many years – strictly on donation – Thanks Theresa from Local 1.

At the last meeting a motion was made for Local 1 to donate \$100 bucks for the 2025 FEW Seminar – maybe those that can, will match us?

October 20th meeting will be at the O'Connor's Lair 1pm (1170 SW 225 Rd., Holden, MO)

November 3rd will be our Harley Rhoades Memorial Toy Run. Pease bring what you can and have some breakfast with us before the ride. *(See flyer in this issue)*

November 17th meeting will be at the Ferguson's 1pm. (1352 NW 100 Rd., Holden, MO) Hope to see some of you there.

December 7 is the Local 14 - Christmas Party & Auction in Wellington – SUCH a good time!

Well, I guess I should get back to getting ready for the weekend – just heard the tractor fire up!

So, as I always say... have a good one – then have another! See ya, *Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157*

Local 2 – Macon (November 2020)

Meetings: 3rd Sat of the month 10am @ Apple Basket Café in Macon, MO Contact: Big D 816-805-7746 Facebook: FORR Local 2

Local 3 - Truman Lake (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sun @ 1:30pm Call for 'new' Location Contact: President John Bowen 417-321-4090, Vice president Sasha Bowen 417-309-0039, Secretary Marcia Rogers 417-309-1669, Treasurer Walter Quick 816-223-0918, CC rep Sasha Bowen 417-309-0039, Newsletter Pattie Scott 417-306-0260 Facebook: FORR® Local 3

Local 5 - South Kansas City (June 1981)

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 4pm VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)

Contact: President Kieth Cronin 816-377- 0645 and VP Duane Copowycz 816-217-1812

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

Hello to all, I would like to welcome 4 new members to our Local. Welcome Aboard Michael Leap, Jennifer Jensen, David Gann, and Kristen Vantine. Looking forward to working and playing with all our new members.

Reminder that our meeting time has moved to 4 pm. Same location and still on third Saturday.

Following October 16th meeting we will be having a lazy fundraiser. (Continued)











A few of Local 1 members went to the Tool Shed in KCMO for Friday Bike Night. Set up with 'Grab Life By The Handlebars' folks. They are giving away a nice trike! Put out some Motorcycle & FORR Awareness 'stuff'. Had a good time. Saw some GREAT bikes and met a few new friends -'Hi Dremel' !!!

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We will be playing various games, Incentive, etc. We have a \$15 door charge with funds going to pay annual state dues. We are doing this instead of having to sell tickets for something. VFW will be selling food and drinks. So, bring your favorite game and celebrate that no selling is involved. Hope to see you there!

Mid-South Mile is being held in Hot Springs, Ark. October 25-27th. Come and join the fun. November 3rd is the annual toy run to Sunshine Center. Starting at our VFW #1829. See flyer in The Freedom Press. It's always a great worthwhile cause.

Just an update the State Facebook page is Freedom of Road Riders, Inc.

Our own illustrious Duane Copowycz has arranged to have posters printed with Local meeting time, place, etc. They are perfect size to display in bars etc. Available for free from Duane or pickup at a meeting.

Thank you for your time, *Rebecca*.

Local 6 - St. Joseph (March 1982) Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30pm VFW Post #1668 821 N. 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501 Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenbwitch@hotmail.com - 913-645-1570

Sorry about last month, I had a family emergency that needed dealt with.

On August 10th 25 Members from the Local joined up with other local MRO's for a benefit to help support a local business owner with medical expenses. The day started out with a great poker run. (See photos) Leaving the American Tavern, with stop's supporting the cause in the local community. A dinner was served at the American Tavern which was the last stop. An auction was held, then a silent auction was held from donations from local businesses.

After everyone was able to get their bellies full, from the great food provided,

a pool and a dart tournament was held. With a packed house everyone had a great time. And was incredible the amount of people that came out to help with this event.

It turned into a standing room only event to help out a small business owner in hard time.

On August 18th we had a meeting with 24 members and 1 guest present.

On August 24 we had our social gathering and had 20 members show up and 13 bikes. Had a great time with great friends. (See photos)

On October 11th the US Navy is celebrated its 249th birthday.

On September 15 our meeting had 26 members present.

On September 21 we had our annual Hog Roast, we had 32 members and 5 bikes. It was a beautiful evening for friends, food, fun and a few shenanigans. It was great to see everyone there.

October birthdays are Jane Rudolph on the 13th, Mary Jackson on the 16th, and Darrell Coy on the 19th. Happy birthday to you all.

November birthdays are Tom Etherton on the 1st, Sonja Gladden Ruhnke on the 5th, Angie Parton on the 8th, Sandra Bembrick on the 17th, Christine Bell on the 23rd and Ronnie Gilbert on the 25th. Hope you all have fantastic birthdays.

Don't forget, Veteran's Day is November 11th. Thank you to all who have served.

















Congrats to 'Geezer' for being the recipient of the 2024 MISFIT Award!

Local 7 – Lebanon (January 1983) Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4pm T'S Redneck Restaurant Lebanon, MO. Contact: Robert Young 417-426-5627

And here we are almost Halloween Our vice President Tammy is going to the Buckhorn bash and get together with local 28 and decorate. The way I get it is local 28 & local 7 are joining up to scare people. I don't know how many of each local will be there. I guess we will find out at our next meeting October 6th.

The Halloween Bash will be on Saturday October 26th. We had our poker run for Sound House 360 on September 15th we had good donations and raised a fair amount of money. We went to the Octoberfest and set up a info booth and helped Sound House with some things that needed done. I want to





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thank our members that came out and helped with info booth and sound house chores. Our next thing to do will be our family fun day which will have been here and gone by the time you get this letter. Then the next to do will be our toy run Sunday November 3rd at the American Legion in Lebanon Mo. Kick stands up at 1:00 pm. And then our

Valentine dance which is February 8th 6:00pm American Legion in Lebanon.

I am out of words now so, ride safe. *Sir Robert*

Local 8 – Chillicothe (March 1986)

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

Local 9 – Lake of the Ozarks (May 2024)

Meetings: 2nd Saturday of the month @ 6pm - location may vary. Contact: Christabel William 417-718-5946 Email: FORRlocal9@outlook.com - Facebook: FORR Local 9

Local 10 - Jefferson City (March 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30pm at the Third Base in Apache Flats (5515 business 50 west, Jefferson City, MO) Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005 or Secy. Julie Loveall 573-645-7106 Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889 Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539 Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR) Local 10

Local 10 is Thankful to be part of our FORR family,

Well, here we are going into the season of thanksgiving and pumpkin pie. Time sure does seem to fly by. Like so many other things we care for and nourish through our lifetimes. If we don't take the time to acknowledge our truths and find better ways to communicate throughout. Not placing blame or success on just one that would be really silly. We as a collective members need to band together and remember why we wanted to be a part of our beloved FORR. I have seen in this Organization embrace new members with so much love....but as with anything else I have witnessed others be torn down by ego and so-called clicks. Both of which can be toxic to any group trying to work together. How can it be avoided. By addressing the conflict,

acknowledging the complaint and seeing all sides. This is what we have asked of our Central Committee Members, pretty tall order and completely unrealist, if we are not willing to help them. Our Central Committee members are also volunteers.... This is volunteer Organization It takes work and dedication, not ego and pride. We need to rethink our approach. To survive as an organization, we need to learn that everyone has a place and it starts at the Local level. Simply show interest in visitors try to connect with members that have similar interests I honestly feel that the pandemic has taken its toll on our Freedom Fighters as it has everyone and everything else. We managed to get the repeal on the helmet law but that is not where the story ends. Take a minute it took over 30 years to repeal.... How long will it be that the insurance companies come back with Stats that will try to use as evidence that the motorcyclist is not Adult enough to make their personal choice to wear or not to wear a helmet. We have to remain on vigilant for just those reasons as well as maintaining a strong presence at the Capital. Meaning working for the safety of Missouri Riders As our mission statement states "To protect and maintain the rights of ALL Motorcyclist"..... yes, that is what we pledge when we are members or it is how I have always felt about it, I can't be alone in this belief. I have to admit the rallies are totally worth it too!

Happy thoughts, Wyndy

Toy Run will be Nov 3rd watch our Facebook page for times and place. Meetings have been changed for the fall and winter months @Third Base in Apache Flats at 6:30 pm

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri (February 1984)

Meetings: Normally the 4th Sunday of the month @ 1pm. See Facebook for possible changes.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO 64801

Contacts: President, Mark Capps @ 417-439-5908 or Vice President, Jake High @ 417-540-3620 Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 11

Hello Local11.

As we are writing the submission for November. I am looking at the calendar thinking about all the fun that we are getting ready to have in October. Wrapping up the year's events. Which I know will be great.

A hand full of our members made it to the Meeting of the Minds in St Louis. DC was able to make an

appearance and join the fun for a little bit before heading home for Joeys big game. Harley and Ashley attended for the first time. Along with Mark and me. It's always interested to attend events that are made up of so many people and different points of view when it comes to Motorcycle rights and our fight at a national level. Big thank you to Ken



and Keri Lewis for letting us all stay at their place while in town. Another benefit to brotherhood in this organization is reach out and you have a place to stay anywhere in the state.

This month of course is filled with our annual Food drive for Soul's harbor Nov 2nd. Always a humbling moment to give back to those in our community. Along with supporting local area toy runs. November 24th we will have our Local monthly meeting and elections for 2025 officers. Hope to see everyone there! Please make sure that you are following the facebook page for events. We have so much going on for the final months of the year.

So, to wrap up this submission with Local members birthdays. Happy birthday to the one and thankful only Joe Karr. You have put so much of yourself into our local and on the state level and we thank you for that! Also, our very own Tammi Mort who has come back as an active member in the recent months. We are all glad that you are back around.

Much Love till next time, Shaulene "Lizzi" Capps

Local 12 – Glasgow (April 1994)

Meetings 3rd Sunday @ 3pm Location varies Upcoming meetings: Nov. 16 (SAT) Bud's Bar/Cafe 1PM Dec. 7 (SAT) K-Bar Emma, Mo (Christmas Party) Contact Tami Adcock 660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024 Facebook Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Firecracker results: Friday night Vendor to Vendor dice walk, Winner Peggy Parks Left Right Center game, Winner Charisse Gay incentive drawing, Winner Jim Ussery Saturday night: Dice run Winner, 1st Place Todd Jenkins. 2nd Place Jim Ussery Bike Show Winners: Mild Custom, Terry Archer Full Custom, Kenton Freeman Antique, Randy Elmore Metric, Dalton Still Touring, James & Missy Phillip Stock, Ben Meyer Trike, Jene

Alexander Best of Show, Kenton Freeman Bike Games: Cone race, Todd Jenkins & Brenda Williams Weenie bite, Elizabeth & Melissa Ball toss, Todd & Brenda Board race, Todd Jenkins Slow race, Elizabeth Incentive drawing Deb Dobbins Cash Giveaway: \$500 Jason Crank - \$200 Ruby Schmidt - \$100 Deanna Quick \$50 George Turley, \$50 Norma Sanders, \$50 Sally Schmidt, \$50Pops Special Thanks to the following: All that attended! Local 13, Security! DJ, Chad Garnder! Bands and Vendors! Till next time Stay Safe! Fitz.

Local 13 – Mexico (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @1pm For Meeting info or Membership Call: President Steve "DUTCH" Dailing @ 573-933-0044 or Terry "PAPA-T" McCameron @573-931-1239 Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13

Hello FORR, Well the year is about to wrap up, it's time for toy runs and Christmas parties already. But I want to take the time to put this out for everyone to see so here we go. As some of you know Bubba and I stepped out of 13 for a year due to work obligations for me after getting thrusted into a new position and having a major overhaul of the company to deal with. And yes, the rumors are true we were also unhappy with the way things were going in 13 at the time and felt it was no longer a place for us. We came back in to find allot of brand new members and I have to say.....I AM VERY PROUD OF EVERY ONE OF THEM on how they all jumped in with both feet and have worked their butts off this year to get 13 back on its feet. A true meaning of FRAMILY as we had a lot of strangers come in at the first of the year and they all worked side by side to make things happen, I was thinking it would take us a full year to make even partial headway back, but here we are with 2 months to go till the end of 2024, and they have all rocked it. So here's a big pat on the back for a good ending to 2024 and to a *(Continued)*

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wonderful and strong start to 2025, I can't wait to see what our 13 Framily will make happen next year. I will end this episode of HOW 13 TURNS, with a reminder that our Betty Adams Memorial Toy Run will be on Nov 9, 2024. See you all next year, just in case I get side-tracked and forget to send something in for December's issue.....lol *Stampede*

Local 14 – Lexington (September 1989) Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2pm VFW Post 4052 3109 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243 Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Hello brothers and sisters!!!!

Well Octoberfest was a success and had so much fun!!!!!!

Elections for officers are scheduled for November meeting. All meetings for rest of year are at the hall.

Just want to give a heads up on upcoming event. Christmas party is December 7th. You don't want to miss this. It's always and great time. If you have any donations, please bring to local 14 meeting.

We will have our gun giveaway at this time. If you haven't bought your tickets, get ahold of a local 14 member. There are limited tickets left.

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

Steph "Puff" Foulks

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

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7pm Call for information Contact: Cyndi Barker 417-339-1679 Facebook: FORR Local #15

Local 16 – SEMO (December 1984)

Meetings: 7pm, 4th Friday of the month The West End Tavern in Frohna Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494 E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com - Facebook: FORR Local 16

As most of you in Local 16 know by now, we did not have a September meeting as it would have conflicted with the MRF's Meeting of the Minds in St. Louis. That being said, I really do not have any 'new' news regarding the happenings within Local 16. The annual Toy Run will be on the first Sunday in November at the Cape Eagles. Please bring at the least, one toy and one nonperishable food item. At this point, nothing new has developed with the Christmas Dance at Perryville VFW. The band is booked, the Gun & Quilt giveaway tickets are printed and are available – some are already checked out and in circulation. As this is Local 16's biggest fundraiser, donations of auction items would be greatly appreciated. Handcrafted, homemade and items with a personal touch or connection always seem to be the best.

George, Denise, Doug, Lisa and myself attended the MRF's 40th

annual Meeting of the Minds. We helped Amy out where & when needed and we were still able to attend the live auction, banquet and some of the breakout sessions. A big thanks to Amy for taking on such a huge task! I hope she got to enjoy the Chiefs game in peace and quiet when she got home. For those of you who missed the MOTM, you missed it! You missed a golden opportunity to participate in the

country's premier motorcycle rights organization's most prolific event of the year. You missed the opportunity to sit down with members and

representatives of various motorcycle rights organizations from all over the United States to share thoughts, experiences, strategies, and a lot of good times, by simply just getting to know each other a little bit. You missed the opportunity to listen to the most dedicated and passionate group of people that you will find deliver top notch presentations on a wide variety of topics regarding the motorcycle rights movement. Maybe we'll see you next year in Shreveport.

By the time this gets to your mailbox it will be only a matter of a few days before the next election day. Most folks would encourage you to simply "get out and vote". I am not going to *(Continued)*



Congrats to Art & Shelia Gentry with their marriage at Octoberfest 2024

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do that. I would tell you that if you are informed about the candidates and the issues at hand, do your civic duty and definitely GET OUT AND VOTE! If you are going to vote just because you do or do not like one of the candidates, or one of them sent out a mean tweet, or one of them is the first this or that and will make history by being elected, STAY HOME AND DO NOT VOTE! IT'S NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST! Both Presidential candidates have had four years to show you what they can do for our country. Did they do such a good job in the past term to deserve another term? Did they do such a good job the last four years that they deserve a promotion? If they both owned a restaurant and you had patronized both, how would you rate them? Was the food good and the prices fair? Or was the food bad and the prices high?

Well, we all have already eaten at their respective restaurants for four years. With respect to all, *Martin Lee King of Pocahontas*

Local 20 – Dexter (September 1985)

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

Local 24 - St. Louis (October 1986 / Closed 2006 - reinstated January 2009) Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7pm Amore Pizza 450 Rue St., St. Francois, Florissant, MO Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624

Salutations from Local 24. If you were not at the Meeting of the Minds, then why not? Ken, Kerri, and I, did our volunteer work for the event, but still was able to retain some of the breakout session classes. Finally got to meet Matthew Schroeder, a long-time member of 24 who moved away. Hospitality room was busy and hilarious. Made lots of new friends, which who made me do bad shots with them. But all in all, it was great to see so many different bikers there.

Stay tuned for location change and/or officer cabinet change, since nominations and voting need to be completed by the end of the year.

If we don't stand up and support our organization or even our locals, how are we going to survive as an organization down the line? In other words, get out and make your voice heard. Don't to forget to vote in November.

Pay attention to our state Facebook page, Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Lots of information coming your way.

Now for a happy thought..... It doesn't make any cents, but volunteering is rewarding. (Those of you who don't care for DAD jokes, just move along).

Yours, Funsize Ruby



Local 25 - St. Charles County (November 1986) Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11am St. Charles Music House Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693 - Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

Well, here we are, again another month has flown by. I would love to say I have a lot to report for our local, but alas I do not. Last I heard Kirby had surgery, I assume he came through ok, I tried to call, but no response. Brian had another heart attack, and again, I am hoping he is ok since I have not heard otherwise. I knew a lot of our members were sick, but I was thinking more like deranged, not ill. LOL All jokes aside I hope that all of our members are doing well or recovering at the very least. I want to talk a minute to say THANK YOU!!!!! to every member of FORR that showed up to help and support the Meeting of

the Minds. Everything you did was greatly appreciated!!! I think we had about 30 FORR members show up to help. By the time this comes out, our Leaves in the Breeze poker run should be over, and I am sure a good time was had by all. I did

make a couple of route changes, the changes I made were for safety, and also to make it a little longer of a ride, I hope everyone liked it. Our next event will be the Pool Tournament on Nov 23 @ Redbirds Sportsbar and grill in St. Peters. Hope to see you there.

Elections are coming up - PLEASE get out there and vote, your voice matters!!! Now I am going to take up some space by copying an article from the American Bikers Journal: *(Continued)*

If you think about it, the evolution of the internal combustion engine is closely tied to increased freedoms for Americans. From the early 1900's, motorcycles and cars opened new means of travel to more places. At the time the internal combustion engine won over electric and steam engines.

Back then there were no mandates. There was evolution, the market and a battle of innovation and resources to achieve the best result. There was no infrastructure initially to support motorcycles and cars. People were not told they had to give up their horses and carriages in favor of potential internal combustion jobs and economic expansion. Internal combustion engines, roads, bridges, and geographical expansion evolved over time at a natural pace.

The American dream did not come from an easy sleep. It evolved from inventions, hard work and every generation up until the most recent was able to pass on greater opportunities to their children for a better life.

Today, our government (government agencies and some politicians) think we're doomed, therefore they must mandate us to act. The current mandates for manufacturers to increase electric vehicle production with no national infrastructure in place to support those mandates is absurd and will put stress points on existing infrastructure and citizens alike. Added to the mandates are the timelines to kill the internal combustion engine long before an electric charging infrastructure is in place. In the short term, politicians and regulators are trying to make owning or even working on an internal combustion engine restricted. This is a not-so-subtle attack on our freedoms.

We must protect the Right to Repair, protect the Right to Modify, protect the right to own and operate a vintage motorcycle (among others). By joining together to protect our lifestyle and freedoms we are putting regulatory agencies and Congress on notice, these freedoms are valuable and worth protecting.

Today's internal combustion engine runs cleaner and more efficiently than at any time in history. Eliminating internal combustion will not change climate. CO2 is not only good for the planet, but vital. When you look at global warming for the past couple hundred years, the records show that the temperature is getting warmer. However, when proxy data from prehistoric times is examined, there's a much different story. Cold is way more dangerous than heat. More CO2 benefits life on earth. Less CO2 can and will kill plant life and us. 100 years ago, the planet starved for more CO2. in a sense the Fossil Fuel industry saved the planet.

Forced "solutions" behind an unproven doomsday scenario won't solve anything.

We should continue to co-develop internal combustion, electric and hydrogen technologies. If electric vehicles do indeed solve a problem, let it prove itself in a real-world open market. Evolution does not happen overnight or because of government or bureaucratic mandates.

Evolution caused horse and carriage jockeys to switch to internal combustion cars and motorcycles. And

evolution may cause many of us to switch to vehicles powered by alternate means other than internal combustion if they work.

Barely 100 years ago, cities as large as New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles had stables close to houses and feed bins in work environments. There was no "movement" to force horse owners to get rid of their horses as the internal combustion gradually replaced horse drawn carriages.

The Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket was formed to protect our choices and keep government mandates at bay. Together with Motorcycle Riders Foundation we will protect our lifestyle and our way of life!

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Think about your freedom with this quote from songwriter Billy Joe Shaver, "With a pocket full of cash and a tank full of gas, you're free." With an electric vehicle and digital currency, you're controlled.

Written by Bob Kay, Chairman Independent Motorcycle Council It is not about the destination, but the journey, until next time!! *Emily*



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The last weekend in September, Freedom of Road Riders hosted the 40th Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds, in St. Louis, Missouri. This annual event allows motorcyclists' rights advocates the chance to share the legislative accomplishments of their states, shape the MRF's federal legislative agenda and learn from leaders in the movement about how to be effective voices for motorcyclists.

As Fred Harrell, MRF Director of Conferences and Events stated at the event opening, "We are getting better with age, as we embrace the future." Part of that history and forward vision is a growing belief that building and maintaining partnerships across the motorcycling community is vital. An impressive number of groups were represented at the conference, including 40 state motorcyclist rights organizations, the American Motorcyclist Association, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, the National Council of Clubs, the National Council of Informed Riders, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, and hundreds of freedom fighters who all have a shared passion for defending our lifestyle.

These partners participated in developing and strengthening our federal legislative agenda for 2025. This agenda ensures that we are fighting for the priorities that matter to you in Washington, D.C.

The MRF has come a long way in 40 years! What started in a crowded hotel room has become a powerful force in our nation's capital. Nothing demonstrates that more than a message sent to the MRF from Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan. "As a lifelong motorcyclist and the Co-Chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus, I am glad to see so many bikers engaged in the political process. Millions of Americans share my passion for motorcycling and events like Meeting of the Minds educates bikers on how best to protect our motorcycling lifestyle and heritage."

Thank you to the Missouri Freedom of Road Riders for hosting this year's event and to the Missouri Council of Clubs and Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club for providing extra resources. Finally, thank you to the hundreds of bikers who journeyed to St. Louis.

Let's keep fighting!

We look forward to seeing you next year in Shreveport, Louisiana, for the 41st Meeting of the Minds!

Local 26 – Maryville (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6pm Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742 Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

Local 28 – Waynesville (March 1990)

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7pm Pulaski Shriners Club. Contact: President - Mike Bennett - hdrider2u@embarqmail.com - 573-774-8620 V President - Mayra Preble - mayrapreble@yahoo.com - 573-528-0963 Secretary/Treasurer - Sue Miller - suehus2003@yahoo.com. - 573-346-3147 Membership - Marta Bruno / CC Rep.-Merel Johnson / Shrine Club - 573-774-5454 Facebook - Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

Hello Motorcycle Lovers

The Hat Man here behind the old laptop and addition 17" monitor attempting to come up with something to write about. Well, our meeting doesn't come up for another week. We decided to postpone until our president could be here. It turned out to be a bad move for me. Soldier coming home from Korea finally since he was killed at the begining of the Korean conflict. He will be escorted by several Motorcycle Organizations and Missouri HP from the St Louis Airport to Camdenton. Welcome home soldier.

On a lighter note, the Shriners and Local 28 Halloween Bash will have come and gone hopefully the kids and some adults had a ball with bunches of goods. The weather has been great, and I hope all of us had a chance to get some wind therapy in. I know I did. Fall is here so I hope everyone watches out of roadkill and leaves on the roads. I am getting old, but I still got a lot of time left and I want to keep seeing friends. I do know one thing though it is getting harder to do maintenance on vehicles getting down and them back up is tough.

If you have a special day this month, let me wish you Happy Birthday or Anniversary.

If you have a special event or concert you are attending have a great time. Say hello to a friend, or call a relative you haven't seen or talked to in a lot time.

DON'T THINK YOU ARE GETTING OUT OF A HISTORY LESSON, November history: Birthday - American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania. November 4, 1842 - Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois. November 6, 1860 - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican. He received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote. November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies. November 11, 1918 - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiegne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 a.m. – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed. November 11, 1938 - Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed. He had written the song especially for radio entertainer Kate Smith who sang it during her regular radio broadcast. It soon became a patriotic favorite of Americans and was one of Smith's most requested songs. November 11, 1972 - The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War. November 11, 1973 - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S. November 11, 1987 - In Russia, Boris Yeltsin was removed as Moscow Communist Party chief for criticizing the slow pace of Soviet reform. What is it about November 11th.

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Keep the wind and sun to your back, both wheels on the ground and God as your co-pilot. God Bless Everyone. *Merel "Hat Man" Johnson, Local 28 Freedom Press Reporter*

Local 29 - Kansas City North (February 1988)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2pm (Location Varies) Squirrely's Bar 4545 N Brighton Ave, Kansas City, MO 64117 Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566 or Randy Adkison 816-217-8794 Facebook: FORR Local 29

Hello people! Here we are again with another month gone by. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and don't even talk to me about Christmas! Everyone enjoying this cool weather? I am.

Well, by the time this goes to print, Meeting of The Minds will be over. I wasn't able to attend but I'm sure everyone that went had a great time. Octoberfest will also be a part of the past. I usually work the sign in on Friday night and Saturday evenings and I always have a good time doing it and I'm sure everyone who attended did as well. Sure hope everyone got spooky for Halloween!

We are still working on the 2nd annual memorial Poker Run. Enough planning time to make it a great day! Our new meeting place Squirrely's is working out just fine with great hospitality. As always, we still meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Well, that's all for now. Be safe out there in whatever you do.

See ya when I see ya! Shelly Bryan

Local 30 - Springfield / Nixa (January 2007)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month at Brotherhood - 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm The Barnhouse 5484 W. Sunshine, Springfield, MO 65807 Subject to Change (see FB Group Page for details) Contact: President - Kevin Kopp 239-600-2829 or VP - "Slick" Rogers 417-309-3900 Treasurer- Mark Anthony Capps aka Sparky 417-439-5908 New Facebook Group Page: Freedom of Road Riders Local 30 Springfield/Nixa

Happy Fall! We had good meeting, for September. Had few more people show up and our numbers are slowly growing. We have some positive ideas moving forward in L30 for the future in the next few months. Keep an eye on our FB page to see what's happening. We talked about the few seminar for 2025 and I encourage you to go if you haven't been to one. I've enjoyed going each year. It's definitely a good learning experience with lots of good food and brotherhood with other locals. Everyone also, make sure to Mark your calendars for Leather and Lace 2025 on Feb 15th 2025. More information for that is also on our FB page. We also want to thank Sparky for all his efforts and hard work getting L30 revamped and going. It has personally been a great learning experience for me. We greatly appreciate him. Keep up the good work brother showing L30 support and brotherhood.

Until next time Howard Rogers (Slick) VP L30

Local 31 - Central Missouri (December 1990)

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7pm Check Facebook for meeting location or Call Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010 Rolla, MO 65401 Debra John, 573-647-0129 - Facebook: Local 31 Central MO

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West (March 1999)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 1pm Location: Tequila Jalisco Mexican Restaurant on Hwy. 50, Knob Noster, MO President: Roy Hoard 660-527-3395

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

Hey Local 33 Guys and Gals, we are now into November...where has this year gone?! Hope you got lots of riding in and there still are a lot more days left to Enjoy. The weather has just been Beautiful and Perfect for our Riding Pleasure!

November 3rd is the State Toy Run, plan on meeting to ride to give toys for our children locally.

Thanksgiving is also this month, and I am very Thankful that we as a Local (although smaller than what we want in participation) are still here fighting the fight for motorcyclists. Please join us to help make this adventure more fun as we do this. Remember our Local's Good Old Days! Let's get there again with camaraderie and new memories!

I still have Product Line available, so get with me and purchase something to help advertise FORR and our

Local.

Happy Birthday November Local 33 Members!

Remember to Pray for our Local 33 Members that are still healing...Mark Baty and Fred Lee. May they both be back riding in the coming year.

Get out there and ride as much as you can! Before you ride, please check your bike...tires, brakes, shocks, lights, signals and your riding partner.

As always, Ride a lot, Be safe and Enjoy the wind in your face. *Karen "Susie Q" Ryan - News Editor*

Local 35 - Golden Valley (July 1996)

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2pm Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO Contact: President David Roberts Nelson 660-492-7493 Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders ® Local 35

Hello everyone. Hope everyone is doing well! November is almost here! Make sure you get out to vote!

Local 35 in Clinton is happy to welcome 2 new members: Gerald Wolfe and Johnnie Cavallaro! Thanks for joining!

We had a few members Capture Local 12's Flag at Firecracker Classic back in September. Sure, fun was had by all!

Happy November Birthday's to Jennifer Nelson, Dixie Woolf, and my beautiful wife Angie Huff (turning 50!) *(Continued)*



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Local 35 is doing a \$1000 vacation giveaway! Tickets are only \$10, and the lucky winner will be able to use that \$1,000 towards a trip of their choice! Local 35 member and Vacation Escape's travel agent Shane Spears will set the winner up with some great deals and a great get away! If interested in buying tickets, ask one of our members or you can message one of us on Facebook! Money raised goes back to Freedom of Road Riders! We would really appreciate your support!

Reminder to Local 35 members that our President David Nelson has challenged us to come up with a new local flag design. We will vote on the best one at our Christmas Party!

At our last local meeting we voted on moving our monthly meetings from Sunday to Saturday. Tentatively scheduled for the 4th Saturday of the month. We will be posting date and time on our Local 35 Facebook page once scheduling with the Eagles is worked out. You can also call David Nelson at 660-492-7493 for questions and details.

Thats all I have. Stay safe! Good luck to all the deer hunters! Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free, ***Rod**

Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads (January 2002) Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7pm Dino's Diner Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-0876 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340

Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-0876 or Mike Sims 660-425-834 Facebook: FORR® Local 41

HELLO RIDERS

I can't believe how great the weather has been! I've ridden more than I have for quite some time. Now, I will have to do some work on the bike. Seems that the rear brake has decided to not work like it is supposed to. Guess going to raise it on the lift and check it out. Was planning on making the Octoberfest but that stopped that. Knowing that I missed a Great Rally!

The local finished our Giveaway' would like to list our winners Peggy Parks and Kim Cornett, congratulations! Would like to thank all that participated. This was our first time trying this, we learned a few things to improve next time. Yes, the season will be coming to an end for some of you, the rest of us Please ride safe!

With that being said, RIDE SAFE and RIDE FREE! Later, *Steve G*

Local 42 - Franklin County (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10am Roadhouse 100 2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194 or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136 Facebook: F.O.R.R. LOCAL 42 FRANKLIN CO.





























































November 2024 Legislative Report

Well after attending the Meeting of the Minds this year, and let me tell you it was a great experience, I came back with a few ideas for legislation for the coming year. I was also reassured that a resolution was the way to go on motorcycle profiling by Hardtail, the chairman of the MRF. We had a good conversation in the hospitality room. We also talked about the right to keep vehicle choice and right to repair, both of these items seem to be achievable as other states have passed this type of legislation. We also had a brief conversation about driver's education and lane filtering and with some new laws being passed recently the need for driver's education is becoming more important than ever. The hands free law and lane filtering both need to be discussed with new drivers because several states have passed this type of legislation recently.

Last month I listed all the legislation that we, as an organization, were going to pursue in 2025 and I will need everyone's support and testimony of support for all that make it to committee hearings. You all have the option to either come in person to testify or there is a way to submit testimony online. I hope everyone in the organization would submit something, numbers matter.

Thank you all for your support and Please get out and vote, November 5th.



Hey all you Freedom Lovers,

It's Thursday night about 8pm on October 3rd and I'm sitting here trying to write this submission for District 4 after a hard long day of setting up District 4 Octoberfest. It started at 8am this morning hauling the sign-in gate and Annie's House out to the site. Thank you to Bob, Theresa, and Ralph for the help. I still can't believe the District is down to just two trailers now, well three if you count the porch for the sign-in gate. It used to be five trailers, the sign-in gate, the tent, the electrical, Annie's House, and the porch. Most people have no clue what it takes to put on an event, they just show up and enjoy the fruits of our labor, but that is why we do what we do so everyone can come together and celebrate our common love of the motorcycling community. To share in the brotherhood and friendships we have created over the years. If you have never helped set up or tear down an event volunteer your time and you will see what it is all about. It's not all work, there is always some play involved. Every year now we end our Thursday at the local Mexican restaurant for dinner and drinks and celebrate the start of another year, this year we had 16 of us there. This year is the 43rd semiannual so if you missed it this year make your plans for next year. It's always on the first full weekend in October.

Next up is the Harley Rhoades Memorial Toy Run on the first Sunday in November, the 3rd which happens to be daylight savings time so don't be late. We will be starting out at Local 5's meeting place for breakfast and ending at the Sunshine Center for lunch. Just be careful if you are following Roundabout and don't get lost (love you Doug!). After that will be the Crockpot Cookoff on January 18th in Wellington Mo. Make sure you come hungry because there is always so much good food to enjoy and vote on.

I hope to God that the election turned out for the best, as Charlton Heston said if you try to come and take my guns you will have to pry them from my cold dead hands.

Keep Pushin On Tim "Dragon" O'Connor Member # 7156

Smokin' Joe Widmer



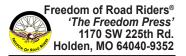
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