

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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#### *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at  
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com>

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### **President's Prattle**

Better Hurry ....

I must have blinked – winter is almost half over! The mild temperatures in December and these last few days of January are nice for riding ... and for reminding me that time is running out on my winter projects.

Some of the unfinished work I can blame on a company taking its sweet time grinding gears. Some I can blame on other work that really has to be done first. Oh, and there is always the health excuse. It really doesn't matter *why* the projects are undone. What matters is whether they *are* done.

Of course, Vintage Iron Riders has several professional mechanics in our midst that can help us with our projects. Right now, their shops may not be full; however, that will quickly change if the mild weather stays very long. So, don't delay. Let's get as much done as soon as we can; and, if we can't do it, let's get our project to a professional.

Remember, whether you do the work yourself or have professional help, please take plenty of photos of the work in progress – and of the completed bike. Those photos may help our club produce a truly unique and entertaining calendar for 2017. It is good to look forward to, and to prepare for, the future. For that, there is no time like the present.

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### **Club Event**

Springfield Mile: Park & Display    Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Club picnic on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

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## 2016 Dues

With the arrival of the new year, this means annual dues are due February - \$25.00 for family and \$15.00 for single. I will also be updating info for all club members.

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### Minutes of January, 2016, meeting:

At 7:15 started meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. Got report from the bike committee on how we are doing. We are waiting to see if we can have the street blocked off from traffic for the safety of the spectator.

We also talked about possibly moving the meetings to Top Cat Bar and Grill. Voting on that we be at this month's meeting first thing after Pledge.

Goog will be at the Orr building on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February for the A.B.A.T.E. annually Swap Meet/Bike Show. Cost is \$7 and \$10 for early birds.

Movie night is this Month reminder meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Old business: Calendars still need help. Asking for volunteers to help on that. So far we have John Anderson, Larry and Melissa Rowley

George proposed by-laws changes. If you have any suggestions or want to help, see George. If you want to have a talk about wills, trusts, and estates after one of our meetings, George will plan a short talk.

Dues are now due. Please turn in to Goog or Tammi Underfanger.

Should we have a Newsletter articles from the members on "How I came to join V.I.R.?"

7:50 meeting was adjourned.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike Show

The Bike Show Committee holds it monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at Bernie and Betty's on Spring St. in Springfield at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome join the group.

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### Treasurer's Report

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2,079.00 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2,003.80. . The total balance is \$4,082.80. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

**Wanted and Sale**

1978 BMW motorcycle with a good looking sidecar. Motor has a new top end less than 500 miles back, 44,000 miles on the speedometer is a R100/7 and winter priced at \$6,500.00 for quick sale.

Harley Davidson 3-wheel golf cart, new top end, looks good, and only \$1,500.00. Have it like you want it for spring riding. If interested in either one call Gus Miller @ Ph. 309-473-2979

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**Welcome to (prospective) new Members**

Application for membership by Mark Estill.

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**Monthly Meeting**

The monthly meeting for February will be held at Rt.66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E St. Joseph St. Springfield, Illinois 62703. This will be our movie night meeting. “On Any Sunday, III” will be shown. **Time has changed to 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.**

**Notice:**

At January’s meeting, it was suggested that we change our meeting from Rt. 66 Hotel on south 6<sup>th</sup> to Top Cat’s Chill & Grill on Sangamon Ave. just west of I-55. Melissa will report on what Top Cat’s has to offer. If there is a motion and second, we will then vote on whether we want to change locations; so, please come to the February meeting. It will be a silent voting.

<u>Top Cats</u>		<u>Rt 66</u>	
Pro	Con	Pro	Con
	Seats 80		seats 150+/-
	Audio		Audio
	Lots of Parking (some gravel)		2 parking lots (both paved)
	Off I-55 on Sangamon 1 block		S 6 <sup>th</sup> 1mile from I-55
	Menu larger		limited menu
	More servers		
	Full bar		

**By-Laws of the Vintage Iron Riders Section V. Voting:**

A member, who is 16 years of age or older, may vote at any meeting of the Club either in person or by a signed written proxy exercised by a member who is present in person. Members may also vote by mail (electronic or regular), in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board, in elections for officers and other issues designated by the Board. No more than two persons in a family membership may vote on determination shall

be final. The Board has agreed that mail votes may be sent to any Board member (i.e., officer), but must be received before this month's meeting.

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**Of Interest:**

From Don Butler: IL Secretary of State website for license renewal reminder: <https://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/>  
Because of money shortages, the IL Sec. of State will no longer mail license renewal reminders.

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**2016 VIR Calendar**

There will be no calendar this year. We are looking for members who will participate in the calendar committee.

We are also requesting project photos showing (1) tear down / work in progress and (2) the finished bike.

When you work on your machines, please remember to take plenty of photos. So far, we have enough photos for 10 months.

We need photos for 2 more months.

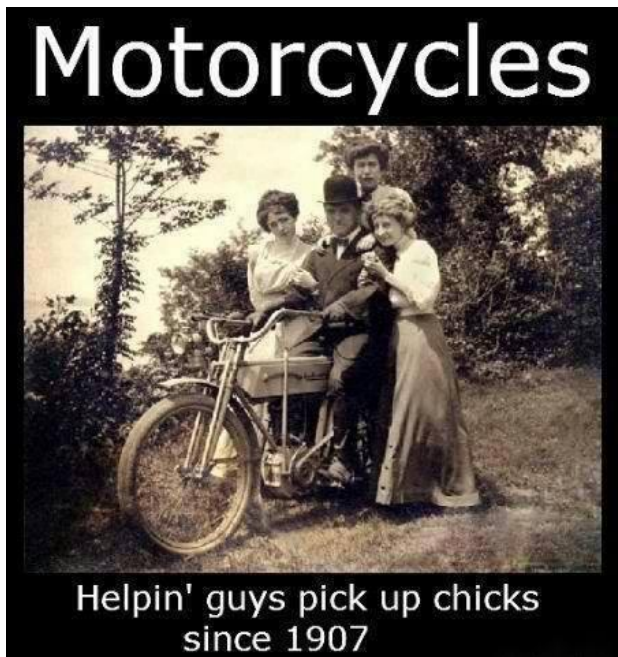
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**Reminders**

No outside food can be brought in the meetings. Snacks (e.g., popcorn at movie night) is OK, but no fast food meals.

We are looking for a new Webmaster for the Vintage Iron Riders site. Unfortunately Sara has resigned as Webmaster. Renewal for the web site is March 15<sup>th</sup> and costs \$100. Would anyone like to take this over, or should we decide to cancel the web page? Please email or call a member of the board and let us know.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Melissa Rowley, Secretary*



## 2016 VIR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/12-14 Progressive International Motorcycle Show, Chicago
- 2/17 Movie Night 6pm
- 2/21 ABATE swap meet Illinois State Fair grounds
- 3/13 Boone County Motorcycle swap, Boone county fairgrounds
- 3/20 ABATE Easter basket run
- 4/8-10 Circuit of the America's MotoGP Austin TX
- 4/9 Indy Supercross
- 4/16 St Louis Supercross
- 5/7 ABATE awareness rally
- 5/29 Memorial Day Park and Display
- 6/10-11 Mecum Motorcycle Auctions Schaumburg IL
- 6/18 Club Picnic
- 6/20 National Ride to work
- 6/23-25 2016 VJMC Rally Spring Mill State Park Mitchell, IN
- 6/25-26 J&P Cycle 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house
- 7/8-10 Vintage Motorcycle Days @mid-Ohio, Lexington OH
- 8/13 Riverfront show Havana
- 8/14 Peoria TT
- 9/1-2 Chief Blackhawk Chapter AMCA fall meet Davenport
- 9/4 Labor Day park and display
- 9/10 VIR bike show
- 9/11 Ernie Langheim ride
- 9/24-25 Ride to Ron's
- 10/7-9 Barber Vintage Festival Leeds, Al
- 10/23 Abate Toy Run
- 11/26 Sid Wood Memorial Run
- 12/21 VIR Christmas Party

Ride to the Blues-Every Monday 7:00pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands. 529-2655