



VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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President's Pradell

Time for a Check-up

Most of us have been riding since early April, but it is now official: May is "Motorcycle Awareness Month." With spring upon us, it is hard not stir our motorcycle from its winter slumber and take it on the road to experience the joy of a spring day. Warning: Just because you *want* to ride, doesn't mean you are *ready* to ride.

A friend in Montana just send a note to me asking what he should do to makes sure his BMW is ready to be ridden. He and I discussed the standard items: tire pressure & condition, oil level, battery condition, freshness of gasoline, etc. Of course, it is a good idea to check all fluid levels and to lubricate what needs it. Don't forget your battery either. It seems like the list could go on forever. In fact, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois publishes a tri-fold that lists dozens of items that could / should be checked. If you want one, ask me at the next meeting.

I found out the hard way that it is a good idea to check your brake pads / shoes for thickness at the beginning of the season. A front brake pad on my Moto Guzzi totally gave up the ghost as I crossed the Great Divide off pavement over Hagerman Pass near Leadville, CO. Fortunately, my brother Ron was with me. Being the ace mechanic that he is, he cobbled up a system that allowed my Guzzi to function without using the caliper with the worn away pad until we made it to a shop that sold us the pads the bike desperately needed.

Getting your machine squared away is only part of the equation. We should have ourselves ready for the season when it starts. This could be as involved as taking the experienced rider safety training course and as simple as checking the expiration dates of your licenses (professional, driver's, vehicles, etc.) and other registrations (e.g., insurance policies, FOID, memberships) to determine what needs to be renewed this year – and when. Then, mark your calendar so that these renewals are not missed. Try it: it works.

Before you get discouraged with all the things to check on your motorcycle, remember that Vintage Iron Riders has several members with shops to serve your needs. Do not hesitate to use them. Your bike will thank you – and our professional mechanic members won't mind the business.

2017 VIR Calendar

This month only calendars are \$5.00. Not many left so get yours soon. Remember the money that we raise from the calendars goes to the club to help pay for the spring / fall picnic, Christmas party, and pizzas.

Get a calendar for the office, home, garage, the man cave. See who bikes are in the calendar. Every month is something totally different.

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Dues

Dues are past due.

April 19th meeting

Last month's meeting minutes approved.

Reports:

Events: reports on Easter Basket Run and Moonshine Run

Bike night @ Hall's H-D 4/28/17

Leroy's ride 4/30/17

Christmas party Friday, 12/8/17 at Elk's on Lake Springfield

Club picnic @ Chatham Community Park (700 S Main) Sunday, June 11th. Arrive 11 AM; eat 11:30 AM.

Treasurer: Start balance: \$4,512.71. Ending balances: Jeff White Mem \$2,398.; Gen Revenue \$2,586.70

Website & Facebook: Mark gave presentation on use of website. Password: "V1Ret"

Products: Some "T" shirts in stock. Will order more when have demand. Special shirts for Park & Display.

Old Business: Calendars: ~43 left. Will sell for \$5 each & give rest away at Park & Display.

Dues: ~34? have not paid. Hank will send reminders.

John Langheim doing well after eye surgery.

Fuel formulation bill (HB2372) sent to Rules Committee.

New Business: Terri Broccardo voted in as new member.

Dave Kiesow gave talk + posters & yard signs on Springfield Mile. This race is the "Harley-Davidson Springfield Mile."

Club agreed George may invite Gov. Rauner to Park & Display.

Report on projects: George displayed his '56 H-D KHK, a "club effort."

Bernice Dermont (Honda Bob's wife) died.

John Anderson is in St. John's emergency room. He wants a race ticket.

Discussed using Jeff Fulgenzi's old gas station pieces as a photo background.

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Adjourn / socialize

Turn on cell phones.

Treasurer's Report

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2419.50 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2690.20 the total balance is \$5109.70. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 @7 pm at Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center on S. 6th Street.

Keeping UP with VIR Current Events

Do you want to keep current on club activities and events? Did you know we have a Facebook page and the information it contains about the club is current? Did you know that if you join it, that you can post club information to it also? If not, I encourage you to "Join the Group".

For those of you not technical like me, here is how to join.

1. If you are not a member of Facebook, you will need to create an account.
2. Once the account is created, go to your internet home page and enter the URL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1020653317952869/> and click search.

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3. You will be taken to our Facebook page.
4. Once there, click on the icon "Join the Group". You are now a member of the VIR Facebook page.

When you check you Facebook page, any new club posting will come up for you to review. You can add information and photos any time that you want to share with the club. Be aware that anyone with a Facebook account can join this page. So don't post anything confidential that you do not want to be seen outside the club.

The page was created as a tool to keep members current about club happenings and as a recruiting tool for new members. It is important to note that this page is not a replacement of our webpage. The webpage will continue to be your source for official club and member information.

VIR WEBSITE

VIRMC.COM PASSWORD FOR MEMBER SELECTION IS "V1Ret"

What's Happening

The cost is \$30.00 per ticket now and \$40.00 the week of the event. For the Springfield Mile.

Picnic is June 11 at 11.00am food at 11:30am restroom available at South Park in Chatham. Its location is where sweet corn festival is bring chairs and a covered dish.

Ride to work is June 19th (don't forget to get a picture)

June 24th River ton Police department is having a car and motorcycle show at Field of Dreams Field starting at 12 cost is \$15 before June 16th \$20 day of event. Auctions, awards, music, beer and 50/50.

Ride to Ron's is October 14th not October 15th

December 8, 2017 will be the Christmas party at the Elk's Lodge.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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2017 VIR UPCOMING EVENTS



2016 Events of Interest (VIR sponsored events in Bold)

- **VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each**
66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St
Springfield, IL 62703
- **VIR Board Meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each**
& Betty's Pizza, 1101 S Spring St., Springfield, IL 62703
- 2/19 - Abate Swap Meet, Springfield
- 3/5 - Boone County Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet, Boone County Fairgrounds, Indiana
- 4/21-4/23 - Circuit of the America's MotoGP, Austin, TX
- 3/18 - Indy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
- 4/1 - St. Louis Supercross, St. Louis, MO
- 5/1 - Abate Awareness Rally, Springfield
- 5/28 - Memorial Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 6/9 - 6/11 - Rockerbox MotoFest Show, Road America
- 6/10 - Nat Motorcycle Museum Vintage Swap Meet & Bike Show, Anamosa, IA
- 6/11 - Club Picnic, Springfield**
- 6/19 - National Ride Your Bike to Work Day
- 6/23-6/25 - Motoblol Urban Motorcycle & Hotrod Street Rally, Chicago, IL
- 6/23-6/25 - 2017 40th VJMC Rally- Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- 6/24-6/25 - J&P Cycles 38th Anniversary Open House
- 7/7-7/9 - Vintage Motorcycle Days @ Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
- 8/13 - Peoria TT, Peoria
- 8/31-9/2 - Chief Blackhawk Chapter Annual AMCA Fall Meet Davenport
- 9/3 - Labor Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 10/6-10/8 - Barber Vintage Festival, Leeds, AL
- 10/15-10/15 - "Ride to Ron's"

11/25 - The Sid Wood Memorial Run, Springfield

Dates to be determined:

- **Club Wiener Roast**
- **VIR Winter Getaway**
- **Ernie Langheim Memorial Ride, Springfield**
- **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana Show, Havana**
- **VIR Christmas Party, Springfield**

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