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Regular Meeting – September 17, 2008 – Funny Bone – 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12-14 is the Indy G.P. and Indianapolis Mile

September 20 – VIR Road Ride – Please contact Bob Tapscott and let him know where you want to go! If we don't have enough interest, this will be cancelled. Do you really want that? After all – you were "born to ride!"

September 26-28 - Route 66 Show

October 4-5 – Ride to Ron's – Start making plans now to participate in this fun event – great ride, food, campfire, fun!

October 19 – Columbia Airport Fly-In, Columbia, IL – Combination of airplanes, cars and motorcycle show.

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1008.pdf>

Wanted!

We are looking for a technical editor who will attempt to answer questions and will collect technical stuff from chat rooms and distill it into articles for *Vintage Iron*. For example, recently there were couple of threads in AMCA's forum about (1) Indians on fire and (2) tire failure due to age.

We also would like someone who will survey insurance companies and do comparisons.

If interested, please contact George Tinkham. (And maybe it will make this newsletter more interesting!)

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

. Happy Birthday!

We have covered a lot of ground since a few of us got together at the AMCA Blackhawk Chapter antique swap meet & bike show in Davenport 5 years ago. It took us awhile to settle on a name, a motto, an insignia, by laws, etc., but we cleared those hurdles. That gives me confidence that we can handle new challenges that we will face in the future.

Speaking of Chief Blackhawk Chapter's event, they very graciously entered my Harley in the judged show even though I may have arrived right at (or slightly after) the 4:00 P.M. time that the registration usually closed. Mike Bitschenauer helped me with registration, found me a ticket for the banquet that night, and introduced me to several distinguished individuals in the world of motorcycling. Thanks Mike!

Speaking of thanks, last summer Harvey Tapscott organized a run to Mechanicsburg to go to visitation for Jeff White. When Jeff's family asked us to lead the funeral procession, Leroy Solomon and Mick Larue followed me back to Springfield to get my Chief. We scurried desperately to drain the oil (It wet-sumps.) and move my one good battery from another Indian to the Chief. With their help, I was able to get back in time to lead the procession on a bike much like Jeff's '53 Chief. Thanks Mick and Leroy!

This past Davenport show may be the last time I put my Harley KHK in a judged show, but it is about as complete as it has been during the time I have owned it. This past year Lew Fehring and Emerson Roderick repaired the broken fins on the front cylinder. Now the doggone bike has the last major blemish removed. Thanks Lew and Emerson!

Vintage Iron Riders may be only 5 years old, but it has already done me a world of good. I have a lot to be thankful for. Trust me, there are a lot more members who deserve - and have - my thanks than those listed above. In the next 5 years, there will be even more. This is how a good club works: we are there for each other and we appreciate fellow members. Thank you all - you have made Vintage Iron Riders a very good club.

Product Order

It's getting that time again - to be thinking about Christmas presents - giving (and receiving)! We hope to have a catalog at the meeting so you can order or look through and let your friends and family know what you would like to have (make it easy on them for a change). Perhaps think beyond T-shirts - go for a jacket! Ask your family to contact Bob Tapscott to place an order.

And speaking of Christmas.....

Since so many of you participated in the Havana Bike Show, we **once again won** the prize for having the most bikes from one club - \$250.00! We'll talk more about this at the meeting - what we want to do with it, etc.

"Vintage Visdom"

Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.

MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Funny Bone/Break Time
August 20, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President George Tinkham. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes as sent out. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Irwin reported that we have \$1,297.97 in the treasury, plus tonight's business.

Events: Jim Trader reported on the State Fair Parade: we had four bikes on our float and ABATE had a float as well. Jim thanked Art Barto for helping with the float. We won the \$250 prize at the Havana Car/Bike Show with 32 bikes from the Club. The car club had 29 entries. Jim thanked Cathy Tapscott, Dave Young and Bob Laskowski for their help with the show. He mentioned the next show on September 27th at Beardstown, which is about the same format as Havana and asked for participants. According to Dave Lefferts, there will be a fireworks display at the Springfield Mile and they are going to try to shoot off a display of the VIR logo.

Bob Tapscott reported on upcoming events. The Peoria TT Vintage Race is August 24th. On August 26 Hall's is having a band and other events for the 105th Harley Anniversary riders who are on their way to Milwaukee. Springfield is the overnight stop for them. Hall's has asked VIR to display some vintage bikes that day, which we have agreed to do. August 29-31 is the Davenport show and swap meet. There will be a special event at the Springfield Mile August 31: VIR display will be on Sunday only from 9-1. Motorcyclists can ride the mile for a fee of \$10 with proceeds going to the J. B. Norris Trust Fund. Sign-up will be in the infield starting at 12:45 P.M. On Sunday, there will be a J. B. Norris Trust Fund fund raiser at the Artisan Building with bands from 6:00 P.M. until Midnight. The Secretary of State Antique Car/Bike Show and Swap Meet is September 6. Gene Beenenga distributed registration forms. Cruise for Charity is the same weekend near the SOS event, with a Friday night (September 5) cruise. September 12-14 is the Indy G.P. and Indianapolis Mile. September 20 is a VIR road ride, but if we don't get enough interest it may be cancelled. October 4-5 is the Ride to Ron's. WYMG is sponsoring a contest called Rockin' Ride. They take pictures of vehicles at different locations, post them on the web and let people vote. Prize is \$500

Products: No orders are being taken at this time. Perhaps next month when Bob gets a new catalog, he will be taking orders for fall and winter.

Old Business: George reported on the lawsuit against the Governor. A motion has been filed for Summary Judgment. Judge Leo Zappa will make a ruling. They are asking for a permanent injunction and that the motorcycle training money be returned to the proper fund. Mike Irwin is still collecting photos to put in next year's calendar and asked that members send him a photo of their bike if they want it on the calendar. We need to get photos of the new members.

New Business: Guest was Jim Woolary. Board recommended approval of applications for membership from Mike Fuiten, who was present, and Dave Swanson from Rockford. Membership voted for approval of these applications.

Don Udey announced that the bridge on the other side of New Berlin on Old Jacksonville Road will be closed until December.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

October, 2008

			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4 Ride to Ron's
5 Ride to Ron's	6	7	8	9 Yom Kippur	10	11 Lincoln Circuit Ride
12 Lincoln Circuit Ride Columbus Day	13	14	15 Regular Meeting	16	17	18
19 Columbia Airport Fly-In	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

November, 2008

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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Regular Meeting	20	21	22
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