

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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June 19 – Monthly VIR Meeting at Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0613.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

End of Spring – Season is Here!

After last year's drought/heat wave and this spring's record rainfall, it is anybody's guess of what kind of motorcycling weather we shall have this summer and fall. Clearly, we take what comes and are glad to have bikes that run and/or ready to display. Heck, I'm glad for the opportunity to enjoy events with fellow club members and to see other's interesting bikes.

Speaking of fellow club members, I eagerly anticipate tomorrow's club picnic at Tommy Knox's house on Lake Springfield. The weather promises to be excellent for the picnic and for the ride Leroy Solomon will lead afterwards. Good food, good company, a good ride, and good weather in which to enjoy it all – now **that** is living!

With any luck, the rest of this season will continue to reward us with opportunities for fun and fellowship. If I ever get around to closing my law practice and become a full time biker like I've promised for years, I might even be able to take advantage of those opportunities. Meanwhile, I will do the best I can to keep my bikes running and to enjoy every chance I can to enjoy all that motorcycling and Vintage Iron Riders has to offer. I'm sure our members will be doing the same. Here's wishing the best of luck to all of us in pursuing that goal!

Springfield Mile Park and Display

The severe weather of rain and winds caused the cancellation of the Memorial Day Mile. The race has been postponed to Saturday, August 31 with the regularly scheduled Labor Day race still on Sunday, September 1. We will talk more at the June meeting about how best to deal with a double day race.

World's Slowest Indian

VIR member John Langheim is sponsoring a casual ride on Saturday, September 21, leaving Chatham at 10:30 am with stops in Carlinville and Grafton. This is a memorial run for Ernie Langheim. T-shirts are available and all proceeds will go to St. John's Hospice.

Ride To Work

June 17, 2013 has been designated as a day to ride your motorcycle to work. Those of us who are unlucky enough to still be in the workforce are encouraged to get a picture of our motorcycles and a logo or name of our place of employment. In the past, some members have had their ride to work pictures published in national motorcycle magazines.

Picnic



A pit stop at Bob Ramsey's elevator during our ride

Approximately 35 members on 19 different bikes showed up for the VIR picnic at Tommy Knox's house. There was plenty of great food, a gentle breeze, lawn chairs, sunshine and even a sailboat regatta to entertain those who came. Chris Karkut rode the greatest distance. Mike Scarborough rode the oldest bike (Harley KH). Leroy Solomon led a great 40-mile ride on back roads and blacktops around Rochester, including a stop at Bob Ramsey's home where the above picture was taken. We used Bob's grain scales to weigh the 17 motorcycles on the ride for a grand total of 13,200 and some odd pounds. But that was after we all had eaten. This club is all about old motorcycles and fellowship. The picnic is one of the hi-lights of our year. Thank you to Tommy and Tracy for hosting.



Don Udey arrives for the picnic on his faithful Royal Enfield

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center
May 15, 2013

Social time from 7:00-7:20 pm, pledge taken and meeting called to order at 7:20pm. Cell phones turned off and minutes from April 2013 approved. George Tinkham noted that the meeting was being held in the restaurant area of the Rt. 66 Hotel which was the same room that housed the original first meeting of the club.

Treasurer's Report: there is \$2,163.15 in the Jeff White Memorial Fund and \$1,948.45 in the General Fund, which gives us a balance of \$4,111.60

Products: Roy had a display of shirts and caps and encouraged members to purchase.

Events: Mark Morrison reported that the usual routine will be followed at the Memorial Day Mile. Goog and Roy are to talk to Tamara at the American Motorcycle Dealer's Association. Knox will email members if cleanup is necessary on the Saturday before the race.

Picnic: Scheduled for Saturday, June 8, with food available at 11:00 am. Leroy has a 35-mile ride mapped out for afterward. Members were encouraged to bring prospective new members.

Bloomington Hooters Bike Show: Mark Morrison reported that because of a lack of club support, there will be no bike show in Bloomington this year.

Calendars: Only 2 calendars are available for purchase.

Events: Tommy Knox reported on his recently completed motorcycle trip to Tail of the Dragon. Cuyler Coleman suggested a bike show at Capitol City Motor Sports on the Saturday before the Labor Day Springfield Mile.

New Members: Michael Baird and Chad Phillippe were voted into membership. Prospective members Dave Darnell sponsored by Cuyler Coleman and Patrick Zillion sponsored by George Tinkham.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tommy Knox, Secretary

July 2013

	1	2	3 Board Meeting 5:30	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 VIR Meeting 7:00	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2013 Motorcycle Events

VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center,
625 E. Saint Joseph St. Springfield, IL 62703

- **Quaker Steak & Lube has a Bike Night every Thursday Night (in season), Springfield**
- **Blues Run to Alamo, Downtown Springfield, Monday, June 24, Call Tommy Knox for details 529-2655**
- **Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day, June 17**
- **Ride to Ron's on September 28 & 29**

Dates TBD:

- Quaker Steak & Lube Bike Show, Springfield
- McLean County Car & Motorcycle Show, McLean County Antique Car Club, David Davis Museum, Bloomington
- **Annual Britenstine Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Virden, IL**
- **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana**
- Hooter's/VIR Bike Show
- Mods vs. Rockers, Chicago, IL

Bold = VIR Events