

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS
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VINTAGE IRON *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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August 15 – Monthly VIR Meeting at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center 7:00 pm

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0712.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE George Tinkham – President's Prattle

Fun, Fun, Fun

So much to do – and so little time! Yep, that opportunities this time of the year. We have oriented events (usually parties or fundraisers) motorcycles themselves.

At the end of July, I was talked into sitting in a had no idea I was so popular.... Apparently, must have been a bit of a spectacle. I like to sun hat. (See photo.)

My '56 Harley was entered in the "Chicago the event was spent splashing in the tank and motorcycle oriented event that had little actual and fun is why we like our motorcycles.



just about sums it up for motorcycling races, rides, and shows. There are also motorcycle that have more to do with motorcyclists than

dunk tank at the Downed Rider fundraiser. Man, I watching me flounder around like a beached fish think I just looked good in my trunks and floppy

voting" bike show, but the majority of my time at socializing with fellow bikers. This was a motorcycling in it. It was mostly just good fun –

Let me encourage you to take the time to take in a few events this season. When you do, let your hair down and just "dive in" – so to speak. And remember, dignity isn't everything!

ACTIVITIES

- August 10 American All Star National Flat Track, Peoria Speedway, Peoria, IL
- August 11 Havana Riverfront Car and Bike Show @ McDonald's, Havana, IL
- August 17-19 Indy MotoGP/Mile, Indianapolis, IN
- August 21 Peoria TT, Peoria, IL
- Aug 30-Sept. 1 Chief Blackhawk Chapter 41st Annual AMCA Fall Meet Davenport, IA
- Sept. 2 Labor Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield
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Quaker Steak and Lube Bike Night

There was a great turnout for our VIR display at Quaker Steak. Capitol City Motor Sports sponsored a "Guess the Year" contest. Joe Millburg displayed his 1955 Triumph, Goog Underfanger displayed his 1965 Harley, and Mark Morrison displayed his 1975 Honda. Out of a couple dozen attempts, nobody won the \$25 gift certificate prize from Capitol City Motor Sports. It appeared that the Triumph was the most difficult motorcycle to guess its age. Club members socialized with each other and spoke to the many admirers of our vintage machines. The management of Quaker Steak was very appreciative and has extended an invitation for next year.



Havana Riverfront Car and Bike Show Cruise-In at McDonald's

On Saturday, August 11, the club will be participating in the 10th Annual Havana Car and Bike Show. We have been recognized as the Bike Club with the most members for several years and we would like to keep our record intact. There is a \$200 prize to the club with the most entries. Entry fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. Free tee-shirts and dash plaques are available to the first 100 entries. For more information call (309) 543-3335 and ask for Tim Davis. To have a registration form e-mailed to you call (309) 543-3187.

If anyone wants to ride up together, call Tommy Knox 529-2655. Please plan on attending this event.

Ride to Ron's

Our annual ride to Ron Tinkham's farm in Kirkwood, IL will be on Saturday September 29; leaving Denny's parking lot on Veteran's Parkway at 9:00 am. We travel picturesque 2 lanes for the 140 or so miles to our final destination where there is an abundance of food and hospitality *par excellence*. A hearty breakfast after a night under the stars (bunks in the cabin) and a leisurely ride back to our respective homes caps the weekend. There is always a chase truck with an enclosed trailer for any unforeseen mechanical failures. If you have never experienced this weekend event, please consider participating. You will not be disappointed.

George needs your reservation and your \$10 at least 1 week before the Ride – that is, by September 22nd. Ron has to buy food and needs to know how much to get. If you elect to stay at a motel in Monmouth or Roseville, you should make your reservation right away.

Hooter's of Bloomington

The 2nd annual Motorcycle and Scooter Show will be Saturday, September 8th, 10:00 – 3:00 pm at 409 North Hershey, Bloomington, IL. Entry fee is \$5.00. There are 11 classes, including one antique and three vintage – Japanese, American, European. Mark Morrison is coordinating this event and can be reached at 309-763-3012; mmorr26407@aol.com, or see Mark at the monthly meeting. All proceeds will go to our own Jeff White Memorial Fund.

“Vintage Visdom”

I would rather have a throttle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy.

Author Known

Minutes of Meeting

Vintage Iron Riders

Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center

July 18, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. All officers present except Mark Morrison. Pledge of Allegiance was taken. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept minutes from June meeting.

Old Business

Reviewed Virden Bike Show. Dave Reischauer was satisfied and expects next year to be better.

Joe Pitchford made it to the meeting after being injured in June. He now has 15 new titanium screws in his arm. Welcome back Joe!

Quaker Steak and Lube

Bike night scheduled for Thursday, July 26. Goog and Roy Sims will set up tents, awnings and banner at 4:00 pm. Tommy Knox will bring the “guess the year” information. Members were encouraged to bring and display their bikes.

Havana Car and Bike Show

Scheduled for August 11, 2012. Members were encouraged to register their bikes so that VIR could once again get reward for “Most Members Showing.”

Springfield Mile

Club will display on Sunday, September 2, 2012. A Motion was made, seconded and approved to buy two banners welcoming all bikes 25 years and older and showing bike entrance.

Hooter Bike Show, Bloomington, IL

Scheduled for September 8, 2021, in Bloomington, IL.

Ride to Ron's

Scheduled for September 29. Those who want to attend will depart from Denny's restaurant on Route 4 at 9:00 am.

New Members

Bill Nelson, from the Champaign area, attended his first meeting and was recognized. Leroy prospered Doug Williams for membership. Doug has five Yamaha 650's and has been an active member of ABATE for 25 years.

Calendars

Photos are needed for the calendars.

Website Photos

George will bring his camera to the August meeting to take photos of recent members for posting on our VIR website.

Motion made and meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox

September 2012

						1 Clean Up Day for Springfield Mile 9:00 am
2 Springfield Mile	3	4	5 5:30 pm Board Mtg.	6	7	8 Hooters of Bloomington 10:00 - 3:00
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7:00 Monthly Mtg.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Ride to Ron's
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