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## Feb 16th-Monthly VIR Meeting at the "Dog House."

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at  
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0211.pdf>

### PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE George Tinkham - President

#### Time to Act

Now that Ground Hog's Day and the blizzard are past, we can concentrate on finishing projects and hunting down new treasures. Although higher end antiques hold their value year 'round, less exotic bikes are subject to seasonal price drift. The dead of winter is absolutely the best time to buy a barn-kept relic that is not yet considered classic. According to my almanac, winter is sliding away. We better hold on to what is left for all it is worth.

To help us with our projects, there are swap meets and bike shows galore this time of year. In Springfield, ABATE has its swap meet / bike show at the Prairie City Capital Convention Center on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Look for notices at this month's meeting.

Also at the meeting, I'll have some "show and tell." I bought a cheap video setup to mount on my truck to help line up with the trailer when hitching to it. Things like this can make it easier and more fun to participate in shows because it will be easier to get hooked up to go to go to the shows.

**Please** share your new toys, tools, and experiences with us in this newsletter and at our meetings. Your discovery can be as simple as a handy tool to carry on the bike or as high tech as a video back up monitor. What is important is that we help our fellow members enjoy vintage / antique motorcycles by letting them know what you have learned over the years.

Even though it is still winter, we can help each other enjoy our bikes – and enjoy each other in the process. I look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

George Tinkham  
Springfield, Ill

## **Activities**

### **Harvey Tapscott**

#### **AREA MOTORCYCLE EVENTS FOR 2011**

February 20 - ABATE Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show, Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Springfield, IL.

#### **VIR EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2011**

May 21-VIR Club Picnic at Lincoln Park #7, Springfield.

May 29 - VIR Park and Display at the Springfield Mile, Illinois Fairgrounds, Springfield.

THANKS, CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.....

#### **VIR Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Jan 19, 2011**

The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country by participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by VP Roy Sims.

Bob Tapscott reviewed upcoming events as depicted within the January newsletter.

No treasury report was provided as Herr Underfanger was absent due to family illness.

Roy discussed the death of VIR member Dave Nichols. Roy asks club members to consider making a donation of \$100.00 to the long time partner of Dave so that her time might be a bit easier given his loss. A VIR member made motion to present this condolence to Dave and the motion was seconded...

Roy asked members to consider another VIP Spfld Mile package drawing for the Labor Day race. A vote by members failed to pass the notion. Several members then ask about the VIP ticket process; sales, monetary generation from last year's effort, club profit from the endeavor... A second vote on the proposal showed members by exhibition of hands, to favor the VIP Spfld Mile package drawing.

VIR members voted to rent a space at the Feb 20, 2011, ABATE swap meet at Spfld's "PCCC," with the expressed purpose of selling VIR package tickets.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** VIR had one new membership application which was submitted by Randy Spengler.

**Products:** Marc Bumpus reminds that another clothing order will be arranged for approx Jan 2011.

### **"Vintage Wisdom"**

**"So much the better, we shall fight in the shade."  
480 B.C. as recorded in The Histories by Herodotus.**

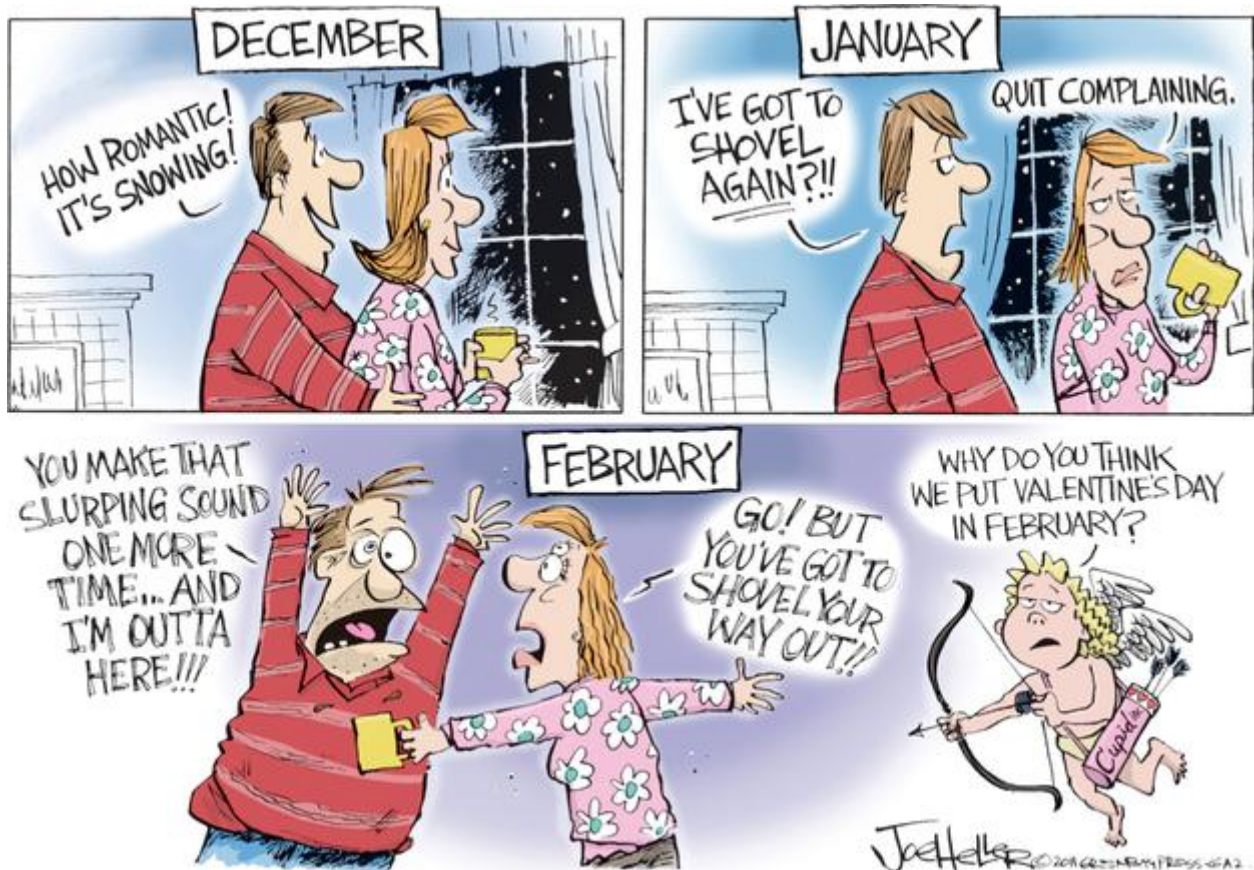


**FROM THE EDITOR**  
Tall Tales

I proposed to utilize this new portion of the newsletter to learn a bit more about our members and hopefully, their “tall tales.” I hope to hear from members about events, issues, your personal experience with acupuncture, your experiences having read the Kama Sutra, narrow escapes, trips, near death experiences, blind dates, forced corrective shoe experience and or your experiences with self medication as a youth, homeopathic medicine and things that should have made you famous. All of we iron butt types who have ridden and loved motorcycles as a life style, certainly have something to share. So, let’s liven this publication up a bit and send me something from your life experience.

My personal thanks to all members and the quality club and camaraderie VIR provides. For a small club entered now into the genre of large, well funded endeavors, we are doing a great job.

Best to you and famiy in this new year...Tommy



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