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Upcoming Events

May 19th--Monthly meeting at the Funny Bone building on W. White Oaks Dr, Spfld, IL .

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0510.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Take Care

Are you ready?

I don't know about the rest of the club, but I still have essential parts on order and projects 'way incomplete. This winter has been a growing experience as I learned more about Harley electrics – especially about replacement magnetos and cool, high tech, original looking 6 V batteries that sell for a tolerable price. Even though family, politics, and closing my law practice has taken most of my time; I was still able to ride a bit and to learn a little more about keeping my older bikes running.

One of the great things about Vintage Iron Riders is that no one person has to know it all. For example, Mike Scarborough has my WW II Indian war bike so well tuned that it started on the first kick after sitting in my garage all winter. It was a joy to ride the bike in this year's "Awareness Rally" alongside motorcycles almost 70 years newer. Yes, the best way to show an antique motorcycle is to have it strutting its stuff next to a modern bike.

Remember the Vintage Iron Rider picnic at Lake Springfield on Saturday, May 22nd. If the weather is good, it will be great to have a short ride. Even if the weather is rough, we can still have a good time in the shelter. It has been a long winter, and I'm looking forward to socializing with fellow club members. I hope to see you there!

George Tinkham

VIR Activities Report
Harvey Tapscott

VIR PARK AND DISPLAY-- SPRINGFIELD MILE - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - MAY 30, 2010

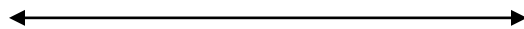
Remember as exhibitors arrive, our secretary editor will have a staging area where good quality pictures will be taken of bikes and owners. We hope our club VIR calendar will be extra special this year resultant of pictures taken at this wonderful event.

VIR CLUB PICNIC- MAY 22, 2010

I would remind everyone to consider bringing a "dish" and a bike if possible. We can go for a vintage ride sometime during the day if there is enough interest. Also, this is a family picnic so members can bring family members or their "squeeze." The event will be held at "Lake Park" on East Lake Shore Drive (very near to the turn off on E. Lake Shore Drive to the Zoo). We have Area #4 and Shelter #6. Remember, this is a rain or shine event.

PRACTICE DAY AT ILL FAIRGROUNDS---MAY 17, 2010

VIRDEN CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW---JUNE 19, 2010



MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Comedy Club
April 21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President George Tinkham: George reminded that we are approaching May and some members have not provided their annual club dues.

Roy Sims: Asked club members if anyone might be interested in presiding over the Jeff White Memorial fund.

Gary Underfanger: Treasurer Goog Underfanger stated that as of April 21st, 2010, VIR had \$1967.96 in the VIR account. Goog brought the newly prepared VIR Spfld Mile package tickets. The drawing for the event will be on July 21st, 2010. Be advised that tickets for the VIR-VIP raffle at the Spfld Mile will cost \$5.00 each. The club therefore must sell 50 tickets to break even. He stated that officers have been working on requesting past financial records and will be performing a records audit as soon as possible. Goog reminded that VIR patches and decals are available.

Harvey Tapscott: Discussed upcoming VIR and related events. Please see the activities section.

New Business: Club member Dave Reischauer reminds that the city of Virden will hold a "motorcycle show" component at their annual picnic/car show, and three trophies will be available and awarded to lucky/worthy participants. Club members voted to accept the membership application submitted by Margaret Hodges. As of April 2010, VIR had no new applications for membership.

Mark Bumpus: Will now serve in the capacity of VIR clothing/attire coordinator and will be taking orders at the May 2010 club meeting.

Old Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Tommy Garber-Secretary



Tall Tales:

Wow. Does time fly or what? At least at this point we have not had the torrential rains we experienced last year. It rained so much last year I considered taking “Ark Building 101.” I did. Yes, really...

I seriously considered and hoped to buy a Ducati this spring, but because I do some substantial mowing, I purchased a John Deere. That thing is really green. My other mower had been on the job ten plus years.

I began thinking about mowing. Characteristically we all mow on four wheels...Hmmm? I'm thinking about a certain concept here... Let's see. Two wheels for maneuverability, an extended frame/wheelbase with spiked tires for aeration/traction, a mid-ships engine (I think an 899 sporty motor will do) and lastly a centrally located mowing deck pivoting mid-point. By Jove I think I've got it... I did a computer enhanced study of my concept and found I could mow my 2 acres in 9 minutes.

Future development on my concept will be forthcoming. In fact I am almost done with my therapy related to “fantasy compulsions” and I should be able to get right on it. I guess it was a mistake to tell a few acquaintances about that “Ark” thing I thought about last year... People take things so seriously. I was so opposed to those unnecessary electroshock therapy sessions.

Remember you really should try to attend the VIR event at the Spfld Mile. We plan on setting a staging area where members will be photographed with their bikes. We not only plan on producing our VIR calendar with the shots but hope to display the event on our web site.

“Vintage Visdom”

I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. –

James Madison.

May 2010

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| 30 VIR Display at Spfld Mile | 31 Memorial Day | | | | | |

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