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Regular Meeting – July 16, 2008 – Funny Bone – 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

A Great Day - a Rough Week!

Sometimes fortune just shines on you. As I was getting into the uniform loaned to me by Walter Ade for the D-Day ceremony at Oak Ridge, I called a local radio station and won tickets to a show at the Funny Bone. Then I found that the uniform actually *fit* me.

Next, the Indian 841 started and ran all the way to Oak Ridge. There, I met a number of World War II veterans and local dignitaries and got to see (and handle) several WW II relics. I even got to ride a replica Cushman scooter made to look like those sent into battle with paratroopers. It was good seeing Mike Irwin and several co-workers from Aeronautics (including Director Shea) at the event.

Mike Irwin deserves a lot of credit for my being at the D-day celebration. He had tweaked the Indian 841 and had fabricated a handlebar with conventional controls. Now the bike operates just like any other. It may not be authentic, but it is way safer than the bass-ackwards setup that left the Indian factory. Of course, I saved the old handlebar and controls.

Mike Scarborough was also a tremendous help by going through the bike and getting it road ready. After he finished, the old warhorse starts on the first kick.

Yes, I had a great day on June 6th thanks in large part to fellow V.I.R. members Walter Ade, Mike Irwin, and Mike Scarborough. That is the beauty of Vintage Iron Riders: we have knowledgeable and willing members who can help us enjoy motorcycling more than we would by ourselves.

Now for the rough week: Three members (Joann Charles, Jeff White and Dave Yost) recently passed away. Also, my buddy and Dave Yost's brother, J.B. Norris, died of an apparent heart attack whilst in Lima, Ohio as an announcer for motorcycle races.

Once again, it is good to have a club of caring fellow bikers who are ready to lend comfort and other assistance when a member has fallen. For example, Jeff White's and Dave Yost's family asked that Vintage Iron Riders lead the funeral procession to the cemetery. The family appreciated this tribute to two members that will be greatly missed.

About the only positive thing I can say about this past week or so is that my eye doctor told me my vision difficulties may be due, in part, to insufficient tear production. Let me tell you, I have not had to worry about dry eyes lately!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18-20 – AMCA Wauseon National – Wauseon, WI

July 25-27 – AHRMA/AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days – Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH

August 8-9 – Car/Motorcycle Show, Havana, IL – Cruise on Friday night, show on Saturday. Bring your bike so we can win our Christmas Party money!

August 24 – AHRMA – Vintage Bikes at Peoria TT, Peoria, IL

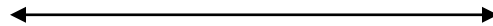
August 28-31 – Chief Blackhawk Chapter, Davenport, IA

August 31 – Springfield Mile – Fairgrounds – Vintage/Antique Motorcycle Display, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0708.pdf>

NOTICES

Did you order clothing? The rest of the **clothing order is ready** to pick up. Please come to the meeting with money!



We have decals – sew on as well as stick on. Contact Bob Tapscott!

Memorials

For those of you who do not have email and may not have heard, we have lost three members and a friend since the last meeting.

The first member was Joann Charles (wife of member Hank Charles), who had been battling cancer, and seemed to be doing pretty well. Unfortunately, other problems developed and she passed away on June 24, 2008. Unfortunately, now we will never get to know Joann with her bubbly personality with her ever-present smile.

The friend was J. B. "Jeff" Norris (half-brother of member Dave Yost), who was getting ready to announce a race in Ohio when he collapsed and died on June 28, 2008.

On June 30, 2008, member Jeff White was riding with a friend died as the result of a truck accident at Illiopolis. Several of our members led his funeral procession from the funeral home to the cemetery.

On Tuesday, July 1, member Dave Yost (and father of member Lisa Casson) collapsed on his driveway from a massive heart attack and was taken to Memorial Hospital where he lay in a coma. The family respected his wishes that he not be kept on life support, and on Sunday, July 6th, surrounded by family and friends, Dave passed away. Approximately 40 motorcycles led Dave's procession from his church to the cemetery in Pawnee. That was quite a sight!

We ask that you remember these families in your prayers at this sad time in their lives.

MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Funny Bone/Break Time
June 18, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President George Tinkham. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of previous meeting as sent out in newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Irwin reported that we have \$915.57 in the treasury, plus tonight's business.

Products: Bob Tapscott brought the remaining products ordered. He also has extra caps. We have cloth patches for \$3 each and stick-on decals for \$1.00. He reminded members that we must have at least a dozen of an item to place an order.

Events: There were only 5-6 bikes on the VIR Ride on June 14th ride to Pawnee. Bob went by himself to Peoria on Sunday for the TT races, but another group of 9 riders came later. Lowe's on Dirksen will hold their antique car/vintage bike show on June 21st, which is featuring safety for kids. This will be display only – no judging. This is also the date of the ABATE State Party in Altamont. June 28 is the Fly-In at Havana. They will have pancakes until 10:00 A.M. Everyone is invited to attend. There also will be a bike show at Noble, IL, on June 28th. July 11 & 12 is the show at Lincoln Land Community College. Hall's Thunder Night is Saturday night, July 12th. July 18-20 is the AMCA Meet at Wauseon, OH. The following weekend (July 25th-27th) is the Mid-Ohio bike show. July 26th is the cancer benefit show at the Fieldhouse. There will be a poker run and bike show. We have been asked to help with this. August 8-9 is the Havana Car/Bike Show. There will be 12 classes this year. Flyers were distributed and Jim Trader asked that have good attendance. He also asked for volunteers to help register the bikes. If we have the most bikes from a club, we again will win the \$250 that we use for our Christmas Party.

Bob reported on the 66 on 66 event where photos were taken for sales worldwide for cancer research. A group photo of those attending is on their web site at www.66on66.com. Cruising Illinois and Mario Puglia also filmed our bikes for their shows. Cruising Illinois can be seen on Channel 20 at 10:30 on Saturday night. Mario's show airs on Cable Access Channel 4 on Sunday at 7:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Old Business: Mike Irwin is collecting photos to put in next year's calendar. Carol took two photos of the members and we still need 3 or 4 photos for the member directory. George reminded the members that if we order food and drink, we do not have to pay for our meeting room.

New Business: Applicant for membership tonight was Art Barto. Executive Board recommended approval of membership for him. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion carried. George mention that his KHK is featured in the current Muni Opera production about Elvis. A suggestion was made that the VIR members and anyone else who has a vintage bike, ride a parade lap around the Springfield Mile in September. Leroy is going to check on this.

Bob asked if anyone was interested in getting larger decals. He also mentioned embroidering on jackets or other clothing, which should be taken to 5-Star Graphics on West Jefferson St. in Springfield (near KFC).

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

"Vintage Visdom"

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

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