

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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### *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at  
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0915.pdf>

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### President's Prattle

Sometimes, It Takes Awhile....

In an age of instant gratification and short attention spans, it is hard to imagine the excruciatingly long periods of time sometimes expended on motorcycle acquisition and restoration. Even machines we have owned for decades have waited years whilst our schedules and pocketbooks allow us to work on them. It is not that we do not care; rather, these periods when the old bike is not on the road are a reflection of how much we care and how much we want to do it right.

Our unfinished projects often represent our dreams of the future and/or our memories of the past. Even unfinished, these projects in progress give us hope of that future. Dreams, hope, memories – these are all good things. Hold on to them. They are an important part of life. Some would even say the best part.

As good as possessing that pile of parts that will *someday* be a finished work of art or a tribute to your past, it is even better to **get it done**. Dreams, like steel, will rust if left unattended too long. Only you can choose your priorities (unless, of course, you are married!); so, do what is important: take care of your family; do well in your job; go to your children's class plays and ball games. While all that is happening, save some "Me Time" for yourself and your dreams.

Remember as you strive to get your project(s) on line that you need not be in this alone. Vintage Iron Riders is full of like-minded individuals that just might be able to give you a hand – or at least helpful advice. Every finished project or interesting acquisition is a victory. Victories are more exciting when you can share them with comrades. So, get going on your project; tell us how it is going; and let us get excited with you!

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### Treasurer's Report

Jeff White Memorial Fund has a balance of \$1985.50. The General Fund has a balance of \$2681.18. The total balance of Club funds is \$4666.18.

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## Upcoming Events

**Make-A-Wish Bike Show Benefit:** Saturday, September 19, 2015 begins at 2 pm and runs until 1am. \$10 to get in (suggested donation). This is a family friendly event with kid activities, food, music, hot rod and motorcycle show, and more. All proceeds from event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and this year's recipient is a local 16 year old girl named Kaylee.

**Ride to Ron's:** Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, 2015. All information will be given at Members Meeting.

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## Monthly Meeting

As many of you may have heard, Donnie B's at the Rt. 66 Hotel has closed down. But no worries! We have made arrangements with the hotel to continue holding our meetings there for the foreseeable future.

With that in mind, the September member's meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7 pm. We will be taking a count of those planning to attend the Ride to Ron's.

There has been mention of moving the October Weiner Roast to a weekend. This will be discussed at the September member's meeting.

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## 2016 VIR Calendar

The 2016 Calendar has been themed 'Member Projects'. We are asking members with project bikes to submit photos from all stages of completion to the calendar. We have 3 more slots available. See John Anderson to submit photos if interested.

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## Products

Club Member Grover Schrock has a business that will be providing our new products. See John at the meeting for more information.

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## Member Submissions

\*This was originally to be posted in the August Newsletter but I accidentally skipped it. My apologies to Tommy\*

### Full Moon Ride

On Friday, July 31, two vintage Honda's and seven Vintage Iron Riders rendezvoused in Morrisonville, IL for an evening of music and laughs. Jim and Sherry Feagans, Chuck Cannon, and Tommy Knox rode the Pawnee Blacktop where they met up with Dave and Patty Reischauer at the Town Square in Pawnee. Heading south on Black Diamond Road, with that ammonia smell of corn and beans, we enjoyed a leisurely ride to hear some of the best acoustic music in central Illinois.

In Morrisonville, we hooked up with Joe Milburg. We sat in shade at our picnic table, sipped lemonade, ate carnival food, talked motorcycles, politics, and a few white lies until the sun was just about to set.

The ride home was spectacular! A huge bank of cumulus clouds filtered the setting sun, turning the western horizon into an amber ale. The rising full moon from the east shown like a soft-watt light bulb. Visibility was great and we were all home before 10pm. Life is Good.

Tommy Knox

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Minutes of Meeting  
Vintage Iron Riders  
Capital City Motorsports  
August 19, 2015

Pizza and socializing began at 6. Meeting called to order at 6:50. Pledge was taken and Minutes from July approved.

**Activities:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff White Memorial Fund has a balance of \$1957.50; General Fund has a balance of \$2773.80; Total Club Balance \$4731.30.

**Visitors:** Dave Kiesow from Springfield Mile; Micky Shomidie from Make-A-Wish.

**New Business:** Held auction to benefit club.

**Old Business:** Website is updated. Password has not been working. Looking for new website administrator volunteer.

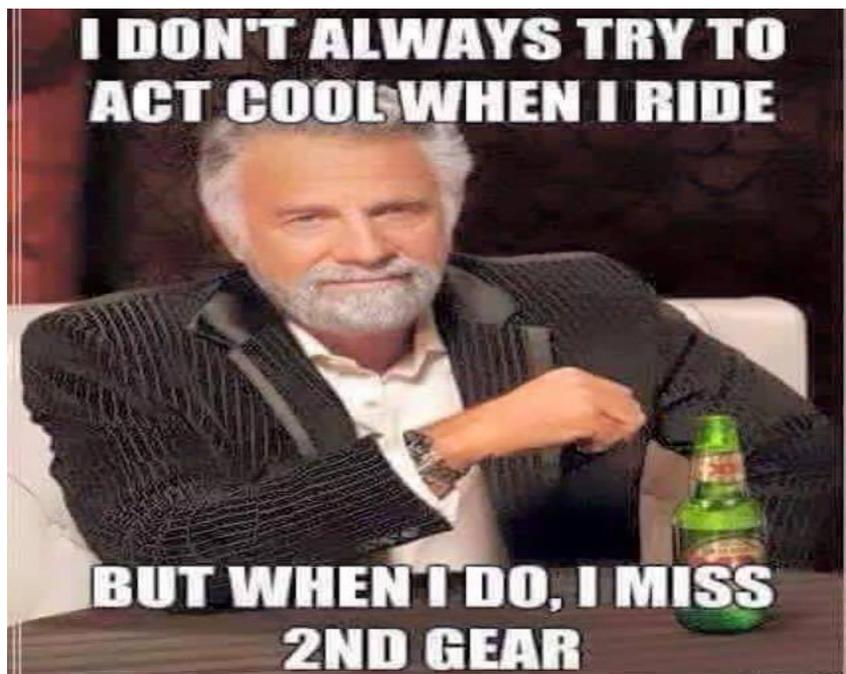
**Events:** Park & Display at Labor Day Mile – Sept 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Show at Capitol City Motorsports – Sept 12. Erie Langheim Memorial Hospice Ride – Sept 13. Make-A-Wish Bike Show at Boondocks – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Ride to Ron's – Sept 26-27.

**Radio Show:** The radio show, Patriots on Wheels, has been moved to a new provider Live365 and is up and running.

**Products:** We still need 4 more submissions for the 2016 Calendar. Member Grover Schrock has business that will begin providing new products for us. More info in Sept.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Follis, Secretary



October 2015

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4	5	6	7 Board Mtg @ 5:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Member Mtg @ 7 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

**Ride to the Blues** – Every Monday 7:00 pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands.  
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