

"Vintage Visdom"

The only people you should try to get even with are those who have helped you!

REPORTS

Have you sent Mike Irwin a photo of your bikes for future calendars? Don't forget to include the make, the year, and owner's name.

Clothing items can be ordered from Bob Tapscott. The T-shirts, denim shirts and hats look awesome! The signs look very sharp. Let's get coordinated with our clothing/logos for the Springfield Mile! We are also talking about ordering patches, pins and other logo items.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Trader who won his class and Best of Show at the Walneck's Swap Meet and Bike Show in Grayslake, IL. Way to go, Jim!

MEMBER PROFILE

(Thanks to some responsive members, I now have two more profiles ready for future newsletters! Let's keep it going!)

Name: Don Udey

Birth date: July 12, 1947

Residence: 2604 Clifton Dr., Springfield, IL

Personal: Married, wife is Linda

Profession: Retired high school teacher, active musician

Motorcycles owned: '66 BSA 650, '86 Harley; '63 Royal Enfield 750 rebuild project; '68 BSA 650 chopper project

Why older bikes? I wanted to have the bike I wanted as a kid--a BSA Lightning. To me, the older bikes have more style, and as a limited mechanic, I can work on them.

Other interests: I play jazz trumpet actively in the Springfield area. Also reading, gardening, and r/c planes.

Why Vintage Iron Riders: It's great to be with other guys with similar interests, and it's a good place to get answers about bike rebuilds.

ABATE Freedom Ride

There were approximately 2000 bikes in the ABATE Freedom Ride May 1st. Our own George Tinkham led the parade! Also riding were (alphabetically) Matt Blankenship, Alvin Edwards, Lew, Josh and Allison Fehring, Tony Jones, Roy Sims, Robert Tapscott, and Gary "Goog" Underfanger. We apologize if we missed anyone. (Let Carol know.) And we hope to have even more participants at our next function.

SPRINGFIELD MILE

Al Lyons, Coordinator, (Yeah - someone volunteered to help!) has infield passes for \$15 each, and will allow VIR members to (if necessary) trailer their machines into the infield. Designated parking for VIR members will be provided. We will also have a designated area for members to park their motorcycles infield!

Tail-gate parties, concessions, a live band, a local radio station, and Drag Specialties tractor-trailer with modern "show bikes" will also be sharing the infield, so it should be a busy atmosphere and provide the club with plenty of exposure! Should be a great time!

Let's show those people just who we are!

Resource Directory

In case you don't read the Minutes very carefully, we are trying to put together a "Resource Directory" of special talents of our members. Whether you have parts for sale, have a talent for painting stripes, are a wizard at fixing vintage bikes, know secret places to get elusive parts, or whatever, please contact Steven Sgro either by email - stsgro@insightbb.com - or by phone - 698-7279 - and give him the information. He will post the information on our web site, and when we get a viable directory, we will be glad to print it off for those of you who do not have access to a computer.

Upcoming Events

The AMA Dirt Track Grand Championship at the State Fairgrounds is the week of July 4th. AHRMA Mile will be on July 10th.

"Ride Your Bike to Work Day" is July 20th, and don't forget to have someone take your picture with your bike!

Cycle World is having their Vintage Ride (20 years old or older bikes) in Knoxville. More later.

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club
Top Cat's Chill & Grill
April 20, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President George Tinkham.

Motion made by and seconded to approve the Minutes as published in the Vintage Iron. Motion carried.

Events Report: This weekend is the riders' courses for beginning and experienced riders. **Ansar Shrine car show** is in conjunction with our **picnic on May 14th**. A sheet was passed around to sign up for the picnic. Lew distributed free passes for the four **Prairie Thunder races** the evening of our picnic. Al Lyons is going to coordinate the ride to Petersburg. **May 27-29 is the Dyno-Mite Dino Drag and Bike Show** at Overturf Powersports. On **May 11th** the riders participating in the Springfield Mile will start **practicing at the State Fairgrounds**. **Sunday, May 1st, is ABATE's Freedom Rally** ride from the IDOT building on South Dirksen Parkway to the Capitol Building. Participants should meet at noon at IDOT. Steven Sgro suggested that people go to the web site and use the links there for more information on this and other items. Roy Sims reported that the **Route 66 Mother Road show will be September 30th through October 2nd**. If we get some commitments quickly, **we can lead the parade**. We also can get a spot in the line-up. Contact Roy for further information.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tapscott reported there was \$1158.32 in the treasury. He also reported that we have membership rosters available and asked that you check them out to make sure your information is correct. If not, let him or Carol know.

Product Report: Bob Tapscott is checking into getting patches made up. The signs are in and available for pick up tonight for those who ordered them. He has not turned in another clothing order since we do not have enough orders to make up the dozen needed for price breaks.

Old Business: Mike Irwin needs one more picture to complete the calendar for 2006, but wants more to build a file for future calendars. Members voted on and accepted Rod Westendorf for membership.

New Business: Visitors were Dave Kervin and Tom Colby. Bob Tapscott said that the Board has talked about handing out plaques, trophies and/or certificates as a small reward for members who participate in events and exhibitions. Comments were favorable for this idea. George Tinkham suggested that we put together a "Resource Directory" for our members. This would include places to get bikes, parts, and services. Steven Sgro volunteered to put this together on the web site. Members are encouraged to submit such information to Steven either by snail mail or via the web site at www.SpringVinMoto.com. George also suggested that we have a photo directory. Pictures will be taken at next month's meeting.

Miscellaneous: George Tinkham makes runs to Quincy for chroming, so if anyone needs to have something taken over, contact George. Dave Lefferts reported on the Caterpillar Chopper shown in Peoria and had pictures. Leroy Solomon told how he happened to find an elderly lady who had fallen when he was checking on voters on Election Day. As a result, Southern View is forming a committee to check on the elderly in the Village. Leroy also reported on the infield pass for the Springfield Mile. There is a hazmat pickup at the State Fairgrounds this Saturday, April 23rd.

There being no further business, a motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

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May, 2005

1	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7
8 VE DAY Mother's Day	9	10	11 TT Practice Rodeo Arena St Fairgrounds	12	13	14 vir Family Potluck 10:00 A.M.
15	16	17	18 Regular Meeting	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 TT Races
29 Springfield Mile Maritime Day	30 Memorial Day	31				

June, 2005

			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 D-Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Regular Meeting	16	17	18
19 Father' Day	20	21	22	23	24	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	

More "Vintage Visdom"

It's the little things that make up the richest part of the tapestry of our lives.