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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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December 21 -Monthly VIR Meeting & Christmas Party at the “Dog House”

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler’s newsletter at

<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL01211.pdf>

PRESIDENT’S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President’s Prattle

A Good Year

I hope 2011 was good for you. Our club certainly did well: Vintage Iron Riders once again won the top club award at the Havana show. Our show at Hooters in Bloomington was a huge success. We had a record number of bikes at our “park and display” at the 2 Springfield Mile races. We now have 90+ members as we continue to grow.

I hope your Christmas lists have all the tools, parts, books, etc. that will make you and your machines happy this coming year. Certainly, we have all been good boys and girls this year; so, if your piece of the economy is doing OK, at least some of the things on your list should find their way to your stocking. If you are looking for something to give to another motorcycle enthusiast, consider a V.I.R. calendar. We have a few left.

Our Christmas Party / December meeting is our regular meeting night (Wednesday, December 21st) at our regular meeting place; so, we should have a good turnout. Just remember to come early: ~5:30PM. I promise to keep the business portion (Yes, it is necessary.) short. If you have something to share as a “door prize” please bring it and bring a smile on your face. This “meeting” should be the best of the year.

WE ARE GROWING!

VIR membership grew in 2011! The VIR want to reaffirm our welcome and encourage new members to continue participating in club activities. For our veteran members, be proud to know that your club is growing and succeeding in its goal of promoting the awareness and appreciation of our vintage iron.

ACTIVITIES

December 21 VIR Christmas Party

The annual VIR Christmas party will be December 21 immediately following a brief regular meeting. We have over 60 people signed up to attend – that's great! Plan to attend at 5:30pm for a social time before the 6:00pm meeting. In addition to your chosen entrée for the sit down dinner, the club is providing two appetizer trays and remember there is a cash bar available and of course, tea or coffee. All members will be given a complimentary door prize drawing for a chance at the gifts that are being brought. Please bring an inexpensive, motorcycle-theme gift or gag gift.

Be sure to get a nametag when you get your door prize ticket. This will give new members a chance to learn your name.

28th Annual Sid Wood Memorial Run

Billed as “the oldest and the coldest”, the Toy Run on November 27 was a great success. Over 60 bikes and 73 individuals signed up at the Steamfitters Local for the ride to Contact Ministries. Even without a police escort, the formation was able to stay together and arrive loaded with toys and over \$800 in monetary gifts for Contact Ministries. Goog Underfanger and LeRoy Solomon send out a big “THANKYOU” to all who helped make this event a worthwhile effort. There were members from Steel Justice, Christian Motorcyclist's Assn. and ABATE in attendance. There were even riders from as far away as Beardstown and Farmersville who braved the chilling temps to be involved.

Officers' Elections

At the last meeting, a motion was made and approved to re-elect all existing officers.

Calendars

The 2012 calendars are available at the monthly meetings or you can purchase them at Capital City Motorsports for \$10. There are some great pictures of some great bikes and very cool graphics. Show your support for your club by purchasing a calendar.

2012 Dues

Please attend the January 18 meeting at the Doghouse where you can pay your dues (\$15.00) for 2012, or you can mail them to Gary Underfanger, 3985 N. 8th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62707.

“Vintage Visdom”

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. ~Author Unknown

Midnight bugs taste best. ~Author Unknown

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Dog House/Break Time
NOVEMBER 16, 2011

7:00pm Social Hour

7:12pm Meeting called to order, cell phone silenced, and pledge of allegiance recited. October 2011 minutes approved by motion to accept by Dave Drum and seconded by Phil Drum. Mark Morrison gave a report on events. The Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run, affectionately called "The Oldest and the Coldest" is November 27, 2011. Leroy Solomon and Goog Underfanger have been involved with this event for 28 years. The ride will take place without a police escort this year. Leroy reminded everyone to obey all traffic signs.

Mark Morrison also asked members to inform him of event they would like to see the Club participate in.

The Christmas party food order was taken by Roy Sims. It will now be a sit down dinner. Roy also did double duty by taking a clothing order so that products will be available at Christmas party.

George Tinkham informed club of the possibility of a façade/banner to highlight the Park and Ride at the Springfield Mile. The Club was positively responsive and wanted to think about different ideas of how best to use this banner.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Underfanger reported that the club has a balance of \$3,294.25. In January 2012 there will be a distinction made between the "general fund" and our "Jeff White Memorial Fund".

2012 Calendars: The calendars were a big hit. Carol Edwards acknowledged the great job that Cuyler Coleman had done. Volunteer were solicited for next year's calendar and we broached the idea of maybe having the pictures to include club events or rides.

New Business: Jim Cooley, who has a 1980 Sportster applied for membership. The club approved the new membership for Bill Flear II. He has a Ducati and a Harley. He was sponsored by Roy Sims and welcomed into the VIR.

Officer's election: A motion was made by Carol Edwards to re-elect all officers already serving. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

At 8:00pm Dave Drum made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Phil Drum.

50/50 drawing of \$37.50 won by Jim Grahn, who donated \$10 back to the club.

Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox, Secretary

January 2012

1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Board Meeting 5:30	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Day	17	18 VIR Meeting 7:00	19	20	21
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