

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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

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### **February 20 – Monthly VIR Meeting at Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center**

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at  
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0213.pdf>

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#### **PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

##### On the Road Again

Last weekend, a dozen or so V.I.R. members enjoyed the hospitality of Donelson Cycles and the Triumph dealership/café/museum, both in St. Louis. Meeting retired racers and viewing antique and new motorcycles was great, but one part of the trip that really stands out was the motorcycles and old photos displayed in Bill Follis's garage. Some of V.I.R.'s 2014 calendar photos are on that man's walls.

At the end of the month, a similar group of V.I.R. members will take a weekend trip to visit the National Motorcycle Museum and J&P Cycles in Anamosa, Iowa. It is interesting that both trips take us out of Illinois. Maybe it is part of some sort of "outreach" program....

All this goes to show that even winter offers opportunities to engage in our interest in older motorcycles. Enjoying a classic motorcycle movie ("The Wild One") at last month's meeting was a fine way to start the year. This month's road trips are a great follow up to that meeting. At this rate, who knows what kind of excitement the club will be involved with by the end of the year?

The activities show that Vintage Iron Riders is not focused solely on shows or rides or just sitting around reminiscing on our "glory days." Rather, this club supports our members' various interests in vintage/antique motorcycles. If anything, the focus of V.I.R. is to help its members have fun. **Fun**, after all, is why we like motorcycles in the first place.

### **Activities**

- February 15-17 Progressive International Motorcycle Show, Indianapolis, IN  
February 17 A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet/Bike Show, Springfield, IL, PCCC, 10:00 – 3:00  
February 22-24 Indian Motorcycle Expo, Indianapolis, IN  
February 23-24 Motorcycle Museum Visit, Anamosa, IA
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### **Winter Road Trip**

The club was able to reserve a block of rooms at the AmericInn of Anamosa for our overnight trip to the National Motorcycle Museum. We will be leaving Springfield on Saturday, February 23 at 8:30 am for a leisurely ride, cooler included, in a 14-passenger van piloted by our very own, Joe Pitchford. The van was generously donated so all we have to do is come up with the gas money. We are scheduled for a private tour of giant distributor JP Cycles, including their retail store – “new helmet, anyone?” Saturday night will be spent in dining and enjoying the facilities including the wine & beer bar of our motel. Sunday morning we will pile into the van for the one mile ride to the museum departing for Springfield around 2:00 pm. This should be a nice getaway. Look for the report in next month’s newsletter.

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### **Dues for 2013**

As a reminder, dues for 2013 will be collected at the January meeting, or you may mail them to Gary Underfanger, 3985 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Springfield, IL 62707.

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### **Club Involvement**

Our club is growing, which is good! To our newer members, Welcome! Please feel free to get involved at our regular meetings and events. If you have ideas for a club activity or function or if you are interested and willing to serve on the Executive Board, don’t be afraid to volunteer. 2013 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the existence of the Vintage Iron Riders and it is because members are involved. We say “well done” to those who have been around from the very beginning. Let’s carry on in an attitude of camaraderie and involvement.

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### **Capital City Motorsports**

Congratulations to member Cuyler Coleman who has successfully renovated, restocked and reopened his new motorcycle shop on South Sixth Street across from County Market. Stop in and see the nice work that Cuyler and his brother Sean did. Also check out the motorcycles that represent our club that are on display. And if you would like to display a motorcycle, speak to Cuyler at a meeting or at the shop.

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John Wittington shares this information with the club. There is a Progressive International Motorcycle Show in Indianapolis 2-15-13 thru 2-17-13. It will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center, downtown. Website is: [www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com). Also in Indianapolis at the State Fairgrounds is their annual Indian Motorcycle Expo in conjunction with the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show. The dates are 2-22-13 thru 2-24-13. Website is: [www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds](http://www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds).

Minutes of Meeting  
**Vintage Iron Riders**  
**Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center**  
**January 16, 2013**

Social time from 7:00-7:05 pm, pledge taken and meeting called to order at 7:06.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was \$2,148 in the JWMF and \$1,353.04 in the general fund, which gives a balance of \$3,105.04. Notification was given by Goog of the audit for 2013 to be implemented at the February Executive Board meeting.

A reminder was given for dues for 2013. Carol Woodward brought a substantial supply of old motorcycle magazines for distribution for club members.

**Anamosa National Motorcycle Museum Road Trip:** 14 people committed to go on February 23-24. Morrison is unable to attend so Knox will follow up on arrangements already made.

**Donelson's Appreciation Day:** Notification was given for a day trip to St. Louis for February 9. No further discussion was made as the need to begin the movie was pressing.

Goog informed membership that only a few calendars for 2013 were still available. Visitors: Leroy Solomon sponsored Robert Ramsey for membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16. The 50/50 of \$32 was won by John Anderson. Mark Morrison donated a tee-shirt that was raffled off and won by Howie Thornley. The movie "The Wild Ones" was shown and popcorn provided by Goog and Tammy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Tommy Knox, Secretary

**March 2013**

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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20 VIR Monthly Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## 2013 Motorcycle Events

- **VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St. Springfield, IL 62703**
- **Quaker Steak & Lube has a Bike Night every Thursday Night, Springfield**
  
- **2/17** - A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Swap Meet / Bike Show in Springfield
- 2/12 – Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Evening, Chuck’s Harley Davidson, Bloomington
- **2/23-2/24 – Visit to J&P and the National Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa, IA**
- 3/2 - Monster Energy Supercross, St. Louis, MO
- 3/16 – Monster Energy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
- 3/16 – St. Patrick’s Day Party, Chuck’s Harley Davidson, Bloomington

Dates TBD:

- **Club Picnic**
- Quaker Steak & Lube Bike Show, Springfield
- McLean County Car & Motorcycle Show, McLean County Antique Car Club, David Davis Museum, Bloomington
- **Annual Britenstine Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Virden, IL**
- **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana**
- Hooter’s/VIR Bike Show
- Mods vs. Rockers, Chicago, IL

**Bold** = VIR Events