

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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September 18 – 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/milerNL0913.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – VIR President

Happy Anniversary!
September 2013

It was Labor Day Weekend in 2003 at the Blackhawk Chapter of AMCA's annual swap meet / bike show/ antique motorcycle races in Davenport, Iowa. A bunch of us had been talking about the need for a local antique motorcycle club and had tentatively agreed to turn that talk to action at Davenport. We had a short meeting and agreed to meet in a couple of weeks at the Route 66 Hotel on 6th Street in Springfield for our first organizational meeting.

At that organizational meeting on 17 September 2003, we had a room full of enthusiasts – many of whom were meeting each other for the first time. A signup sheet was circulated, temporary officers were selected, and the next meeting place and date was agreed upon. For the next year to year and a half, our club struggled with standard organizational issues such as name, purpose, logo, motto, and by laws. Members came and went (and continue to do so) as we defined who this new club was and people decided whether they wanted to be part of it.

Here we are, 10 years later with a strong and vibrant organization with over 100 members, national recognition of our "Park & Display" at the Springfield Mile, and constantly changing ways to enjoy ourselves at meetings

and events. Attendance at meetings approaches 50% of our membership – which is almost unheard of for a social organization. Somehow, we must be doing something right.

One of the things that are right about Vintage Iron Riders is our members. We seem to enjoy a lot of the same things and are willing to develop and participate in new ideas for events. Everyone likes our movie night at the January meeting. The road trip in passenger vans to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa last year was a hoot. The “Ride to Ron’s” on the last weekend in September is a great way to enjoy great motorcycling roads, good food, fellowship, and the outdoors. Last month’s meeting at Cuyler’s shop (Capital City Motorsports) was fun. It looks like the tradition of trying different things will continue next month when we have our meeting at a weenie roast at Dave & Pat Reischauer’s place near Virden.

Perhaps what makes this club work so well is that – through it – we enjoy ourselves. Frankly, we are obligated to do so. After all, the “Purpose” section of our by-laws states: “Above all, the purpose of this club is to have fun.”



2003–2013

10-Year Anniversary

Our September 18 regular meeting at the Route 66 Conference Center finds us at the site of the initial meeting ten years ago. We are planning a special celebration with a decorated sheet cake, a moment of remembrance for fallen members, and a reunion of past members. If you know of any earlier members, please invite them to come to our September meeting and share in the festivities. We are making arrangements for a special anniversary edition tee shirt – black with gold lettering. Roy Sims will be taking orders at the September meeting with delivery in time for Christmas. A decade is a long time for any organization or club, so we approach the next decade with gratitude for one another and the assurance that this club will continue as long as members continue to participate and share their expertise.

September Rides

Don’t forget the “World’s Slowest Indian” ride from Chatham to Alton, IL on Saturday, September 21, leaving the Chatham train depot at 10:30 am. Member John Langheim is coordinating this memorial run for his father. He can be reached at 217-652-8996.

Ride To Ron's (R2R)

The annual Ride to Ron's will be on Saturday, September 28, leaving Denny's parking lot in the southwest corner of White Oaks Mall parking area at 9:00 am. This ride is open to all members and guests – regardless of what they ride - and will traverse the approximately 120 miles to Kirkwood, IL where we will be warmly welcomed by Ron and Kathy Tinkham. There will be more food than you could possibly eat. There is a cabin with bunks for sleeping, camping area, toilet facilities (bushes and an outhouse), and a bonfire. \$20.00 is all it costs! There will also be a chase vehicle and trailer capable of hauling luggage, any cooler that you might want to bring, and any motorcycles that would shoot craps on the trip. This ride is a favorite of several club members. We have plenty of pit stops along the way and always stop off to see somebody's motorcycle collection. For more information, contact George Tinkham 789-1192 or 753-2737 or coolbreeze@att.net.

Club Website

Welcome aboard to Bill Hart who has volunteered to help out with our club website. Bill replaces Frank Selvaggio who has done a great job. Carol Edwards and Bill will be updating information, pictures, dates, etc., so remember to use this club resource. Contact Carol at 529-1184 or waecje@sbcglobal.net for access information.

FYI – FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Nominations and elections for officers are rapidly approaching and we want to encourage anyone who wants to be involved to come forward. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself. Our current board has served with distinction but it is in the best interest of the club for anyone with a willingness to get involved in a deeper measure.

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Capitol City Motorsports
Aug. 21, 2013

Social time from 5:00-6:00 pm with pizza provided by the Club. At 6:05 pm the meeting was called to order. Jim Swearington, Tom Smith, Willie Rees, and Greg Keehner were approved for membership.

George Tinkham introduced Betty Paul who was voted in last month.

Springfield Mile: Members were encouraged to come out Saturday morning to help set up. Roy Sims is the contact. Leroy Solomon provided information about ticket sales.

H. Tapscott: George reminded the club of Harvey Tapscott's invaluable involvement and contribution to the Club. John Anderson will look into getting memorial patches for members who have recently died.

George reported that new laws had been enacted to promote motorcycle issues.

Roy Sims mentioned and took orders for products.

Treasurer's Report: there is \$2,138.15 in the Jeff White Memorial Fund and \$2,431.70 in the General Fund, which gives us a balance of \$4,569.85.

Cuyler Coleman donated a 1961 Yamaha auctioned off for \$150 to Bill Follis. Half of the proceeds going to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Knox, Secretary

October 2013

		1	2 Board Mg. 5:30	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Regular Mtg/ Weiner Roast 6pm	17	18	19
20 A.B.A.T.E. Toy Run to Contact Ministries	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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**

- Blues Run to Alamo, Downtown Springfield, Monday, September 16, 23 & 30th. Call Tommy Knox for details at 529-2655
- World's Slowest Indian Ride September 21st.
- Ride to Ron's on September 28 & 29
- Fall Weiner Roast @ Dave Reischauer's, Virden, IL, Oct. 16