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March 16th-Monthly VIR Meeting at the "Dog House."

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0311.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham - President

March, 2011

Small World

As I ponder upgrading the front brake on my '56 Harley, I ask everyone I can think of what is their opinion about putting a '64+ Sportster front brake on a K model. Incidentally, the experts in California advise against it because the newer aluminum brake is more fragile than the older steel unit – which may lead to catastrophic failure. Riders who have experience with this conversion, however, universally seem to like it.

I mention this because one of the places I sought advice was the Antique Motorcycle Club of America website forum. A '54 KH owner in Creve Coeur, IL called me in response. As we talked, I realized I knew him and his bike.. We last talked at the A.B.A.T.E. State Party shortly after he bought the bike ~15 years ago. Strange: it took the website of a major antique motorcycle organization to reestablish an old contact. Small world, eh?

As surely as AMCA connects and helps its members throughout the world, Vintage Iron Riders makes our own local world smaller and more comfortable when we interact and help each other. For example, the only '64+ brake I found was complete with rim and spokes. I carefully separated the hub / brake from the rim by removing the spokes. This left me with a brake I want and spokes & rim that I do not. Fortunately, there are a couple of V.I.R. members who will soon receive those items. This is good for me and good for them.

With the riding and show season rapidly approaching, we need to take advantage of the fellowship and help that Vintage Iron Riders offers. Those that have not paid your 2011 dues, please do so.. Please check our website (www.virmc.com) and make sure that your photo is in the directory. Finally, come to as many meetings and club events as your schedule (an inclination) allows. We have a good club. Please help us enjoy it!

George Tinkham
Springfield, Illinois

Activities

Harvey Tapscott

AREA MOTRCYCLE EVENTS FOR 2011

VIR EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2011

May 21-VIR Club Picnic at Lincoln Park #7, Springfield.

May 29 - VIR Park and Display at the Springfield Mile, Illinois Fairgrounds, Springfield.

THANKS, CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.....

VIR Monthly Meeting Minutes Feb 16, 2011

The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country by participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

Bob Tapscott reviewed upcoming events.

No treasury report was provided as Herr Underfanger was absent due to family illness.

Club members were reminded that membership fees are due at the January meeting of each new year. If you have not submitted your annual dues please do so as soon as possible.

VIR members voted to rent a space at the Feb 20, 2011, ABATE swap meet at Spfld's "PCCC," with the expressed purpose of selling VIR package tickets.

Old Business: None

New Business: VIR had no new membership applications.

Products: Marc Bumpus was not in attendance and VIR may well need someone to act in this capacity as the Bumpus family might be relocating.

"Vintage Visdom"

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence." - George Washington



FROM THE EDITOR

Tall Tales - Clubs

Kind of a fun thing to be part of a club I think. Here in the US we have considerably variety and opportunity to be a member of most any genre of endeavors. I really enjoy the observation that many clubs have adopted and adorned themselves with uniforms. Nothing like a cool uniform I say.

Cub Scouts: Also known widely as the “Regan Youth” and such a snappy uniform. I especially like that “Little Lord Fauntleroy” pants and hat they wear. Apparently so does Angus Young from the very hip club known as, AC/ DC.

Motorcycle Clubs: From the Hells Angles to Vintage Iron Riders. That’s variety and again, many times quite a snappy array of uniforms especially those leathers.

The Moose Club: Strangely I visited one once and observed no moose’s. Perhaps one has to join and then levels of secrecy are revealed as your “Moose” indoctrination takes place. I don’t remember if there was a hat associated with the Royal Order of Moose, but had it been me who conceptualized the order: antlers baby...

The last and best club, “The Work Out Facility.” I have belonged to the YMCA in Spfld for 20 years. Although I was still in great shape from when I was on the varsity chess team in high school, I thought it a good idea to keep fit. I initially called and made reservations with someone named Tanya. Tanya was a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and athletic clothing model. My wife at that time seemed very pleased with how enthusiastic I was. But I digress... Working out is hard but fun and you will come into to contact with other people exhibiting the same neurotic characteristics as you. And as if that was not enough and it should be, remember to look at the really bright side of working out... Lots of working out leads to orthopedic surgeries which leads to general anesthesia. This is apparently administered by members of a club because they all have uniforms on... Characteristically just when you lose consciousness, you experience massive hallucinations and feelings of euphoria. As a guy with past sport injuries, I highly recommend it... And let’s not forget that post surgery morphine drip.

Cheers-Tommy



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