

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNLO415.pdf>

President's Prattle

Backup....

For this month's article, I had planned on doing a follow-up on November's by laws revision effort. Unfortunately, my computer USB drive lost my entire "motorcycle" folder, including everything related to Vintage Iron Riders. Fortunately, I have been able to reconstruct most of that folder from my hard drives at home and at work. Now, I realize that we should take a harder look at our by laws and do a thorough job of upgrading them. Let's see if we can get it done next year.

All this makes me appreciate the benefits of having my files backed up. Having good backup is also important when you have older motorcycle. Keeping spares in your shop make good sense and make it possible to enjoy your bike when you need it. What is even better is having another motorcycle to use when your main ride is "under the weather". For example, with the prospect of rain and a bad ignition switch on my Moto Guzzi, it was nice having my Honda 150 Dream ready to make me on Leroy's and GooG's "Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run" this fall. That little bike also let me be the only person to ride to another club's annual Christmas party last night. Yes, if you have an older bike, you need a contingency plan for the days when things are not going right- and there is no better plan than having a backup.

One of the great things about having a club like ours is that we can count on each other for backup when needed. Don Butler really wanted the Salisbury scooter that was being auctioned on the same day that Don had to be elsewhere. Fortunately, GooG and I were going to that auction. We bought the scooter and hauled it back for Don. Another time, we had a display at an event at the Fireman's Club, and I was out of town. Cuyler rode my '48 Chief to the show in my stead.

Happily, there are many examples where one or more Vintage Iron Rider served as a backup for a member who needed help. This alone is a good reason to have a club like ours.

Any good coach will tell you that a great team is stronger when it has bench strength. Good backup is valuable in just about everything we do. I say "just about" because my wife insists that there is at least one area where I better not have backup!

2016 Dues

With the arrival of the new year. This means annual dues are due in January no later than February.

3rd Annual Bike Show

The Bike Show Committee holds it monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at Bernie and Betty's on Spring St in Springfield at 6pm. Everyone is welcome join the group.

Treasurer's Report

The JWMF has a balance of \$2058.50 and the General Fund has a balance of \$3256.97. The total balance is \$5315.47. The JWMF is nearly maxed out (\$2500 max balance).

VIR Christmas Party

Christmas Party will be on Friday December 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Elks Club Happy hour is from 5-6. This will also be our December meeting.

Welcome To New Members

No new members this month.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting for December will be at our Christmas Party. Same location as last year

2016 VIR Calendar

The 2016 Calendar has been themed 'Member Projects'.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Rowley, Secretary

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		1 Blke show meeting	E board meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 no meeting today	17	18 christmas party and monthly meeting	19
20	21	22	23	24 christmas eve	25 christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 new years eve		

Ride to the Blues – Every Monday 7:00 pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands.
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