



VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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President's Prattle

Getting in Gear!

Winter is officially just a memory, and riding season is upon us. The second weekend of this month has two events worthy of our participation: Moonshine Run on April 8th and A.B.A.T.E.'s Easter Basket Run to Hope Institute on Palm Sunday, April 9th. I have time for only one; so, I shall take an Easter Basket to the children at Hope Institute. It's a tough call: hamburgers and Amish ice cream at Moonshine, IL is pretty tempting....

Of special note is the A.B.A.T.E. Awareness Rally on Sunday, May 7th. The purpose of the Rally is to remind the public and our government officials that motorcyclists are an important part of our world and that safety is everyone's business. This is an opportunity to see bikes and riders from all over the State as they gather at IDOT's Hanley Building (2300 S. Dirksen Parkway) to form a procession to the Capitol. Try to be there by 11:30 AM so you can check out all the machinery and meet new friends. This is a wonderful chance for Vintage Iron Riders to be seen and appreciated. Fire up your oldest motorcycle; put on your V.I.R. shirt; and let the world know what a fine club we have.

Fortunately, I have motorcycles and health that will let me enjoy this riding season. Several members of V.I.R. (Honda Bob Dermont, Cuyler, Emerson, and Roy Sims for example) have done serious work on my bikes over the past few months. Goog found the luggage rack I wanted at a swap meet. When I ride a motorcycle my friends helped get on the road, I often feel like I'm riding a club effort instead of just an old bike that I happen to own. That human touch makes my motorcycles even more enjoyable.

One of the joys of Vintage Iron Riders is that we interact with each other in a very productive manner. Whether we are on a ride, show, picnic, race, or enjoying ourselves at a club meeting; our members appreciate each other and our interesting motorcycles. This mixture of man and machine is the basis of our success as a club. It is also V.I.R.'s motto: "Vir et Machina."

2017 VIR Calendar

The calendars are in the cost is \$10. Not many left so get yours soon. Remember the money that we raise from the calendars goes to the club to help pay for the spring / fall picnic, Christmas party, and pizzas.

Get a calendar for the office, home, garage, the man cave. See who bikes are in the calendar. Every month is something totally different.

VIR shirts are in.

Dues

Dues are past due.

March 15th Meeting minutes

Meeting started: 7 PM Business part of meeting started: 7:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Put cell phones on "silent." Approve minutes from February meeting.

Reports:

Events: Past: ABATE Swap Meet/bike show

Future: Moonshine Run on April 8th; ABATE Easter Basket Run to Hope Institute on April 9th

Springfield Mile Park & Display: Melissa working on 18"X24" sign – sample for April mtg

Club picnic June 11th at South Park in Chatham, IL

Motion approved to allow members of Spfld Milers to join on Ride to Ron's

Products: ~20 T shirts left. Mark is working on Park & Display "T" shirt design

Facebook & Web page: progressing

Treasurer's report: Balance in general fund: \$2,131.50 – in Jeff White Memorial Fund: \$2,381.50

Old Business: HP2372 fuel formulation: reminder of bill

Calendars: 43 left. Chris Karkut and Tad Brenner to contribute shop photos. Others are looking.

New Business:

Alvin Edwards is doing well after his fall – and attended the meeting!

Discussed Dan Rudolph's injuries and accident.

Visitor: Terry Broccardo: asked for membership application

Adjourned: ~8 P.M.

Treasurer's Report

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2398.00 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2512.72 the total balance is \$4910.72. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @7 pm at Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center on S. 6th Street.

Keeping UP with VIR Current Events

Do you want to keep current on club activities and events? Did you know we have a Facebook page and the information it contains about the club is current? Did you know that if you join it, that you can post club information to it also? If not, I encourage you to “Join the Group”.

For those of you not technical like me, here is how to join.

1. If you are not a member of Facebook, you will need to create an account.
2. Once the account is created, go to your internet home page and enter the URL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1020653317952869/> and click search.
3. You will be taken to our Facebook page.
4. Once there, click on the icon “Join the Group”. You are now a member of the VIR Facebook page.

When you check you Facebook page, any new club posting will come up for you to review. You can add information and photos any time that you want to share with the club. Be aware that anyone with a Facebook account can join this page. So don't post anything confidential that you do not want to be seen outside the club.

The page was created as a tool to keep members current about club happenings and as a recruiting tool for new members. It is important to note that this page is not a replacement of our webpage. The webpage will continue to be your source for official club and member information.

VIR WEBSITE

VIRMC.COM PASSWORD FOR MEMBER SELECTION IS “V1Ret” Mark will be at the April meeting with a demo of the new website.

What's Happening

The cost is \$30.00 per ticket now and \$40.00 the week of the event. Dave Kiesow, sponsor (with wife, Tomora) of Springfield Mile, will also be at the meeting to talk about the race and the machines we will see. He also will have tickets and posters.

Picnic is June 11 at 11.00am food at 11:30am restroom available at South Park in Chatham. Its location is where sweet corn festival is held.

Ride to Ron's is October 14th not October 15th

Moonshine lunch run. Was great we had a little wind but other than that the weather was wonderful. There where over 700 motorcycles every make and model. I saw a Ural with sidecar. They sold a record of 3,362 burgers (2 of those where mine). Home made ice cream pies. People came from New Mexico, Tennessee, Virginia, Alaska, I think every state. Talk to people that you had nothing in common with except the love of motorcycles and a good burger. It is on April 14th next year so mark our calendars now.

December8, 2017 will be the Christmas party at the Elk's Lodge.

2017 VIR UPCOMING EVENTS



2016 Events of Interest (VIR sponsored events in Bold)

- **VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each**
66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St
Springfield, IL 62703
 - **VIR Board Meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each**
& Betty's Pizza, 1101 S Spring St., Springfield, IL 62703
 - 2/19 - Abate Swap Meet, Springfield
 - 3/5 - Boone County Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet, Boone County Fairgrounds, Indiana
 - 4/21-4/23 - Circuit of the America's MotoGP, Austin, TX
 - 3/18 - Indy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
 - 4/1 - St. Louis Supercross, St. Louis, MO
 - 5/1 - Abate Awareness Rally, Springfield
 - 5/28 - Memorial Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
 - 6/9 - 6/11 - Rockerbox Motofest Show, Road America
 - 6/10 - Nat Motorcycle Museum Vintage Swap Meet & Bike Show, Anamosa, IA
 - 6/11 - **Club Picnic, Springfield**
 - 6/19 - National Ride Your Bike to Work Day
 - 6/23-6/25 - Motoblod Urban Motorcycle & Hotrod Street Rally, Chicago, IL
 - 6/23-6/25 - 2017 40th VJMC Rally- Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
 - 6/24-6/25 - J&P Cycles 38th Anniversary Open House
 - 7/7-7/9 - Vintage Motorcycle Days @ Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
 - 8/13 - Peoria TT, Peoria
 - 8/31-9/2 - Chief Blackhawk Chapter Annual AMCA Fall Meet Davenport
 - 9/3 - Labor Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
 - 10/6-10/8 - Barber Vintage Festival, Leeds, AL
 - 10/15-10/15 - "Ride to Ron's"

 - 11/25 - The Sid Wood Memorial Run, Springfield
- Dates to be determined:**
- **Club Wiener Roast**
 - **VIR Winter Getaway**
 - **Ernie Langheim Memorial Ride, Springfield**
 - **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana Show, Havana**
 - **VIR Christmas Party, Springfield**

Please make sure that I have your updated email or address so I can get your newsletters out to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Rowley, Secretary