

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – VIR President

The More the Merrier...

At last month's meeting, Jack asked if VJMC (Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club) might join us at our Park & Display at the Springfield Mile Races. They would have their own pop-up tent and would provide information and applications to those interested. Our membership enthusiastically welcomed VJMC's participation in our event.

The day after the meeting, Jim Davis and I attended the 2014 Cushman Club of America National Meet at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Whilst there, I talked to several persons, including Bob Weltig, president of Mid-America Cushman Club. I gave them information about Vintage Iron Riders and described our Park & Display event. Everyone agreed that our event needs Cushman scooters to help make it more complete. Bob plans on running a notice in the Cushman club's newsletter about our event. I plan to call him a couple of weeks before Labor Day to remind him about the Park & Display and to encourage Cushman participation.

These examples illustrate the need to let others in the vintage / antique motorcycling community know about our club and what it does. The mosaic of that community is so vast that it is difficult to identify all the groups and niches of antique motorcycling that should be included. I am sure we shall encounter other groups that will benefit from an association with V.I.R. Let's keep our eyes open and reach out to new individuals and groups when we find them.

Having other individuals and groups join in our events (and our membership) is not important just to increase the size of our club. Frankly, we would be better off with 35 members who enjoy what we do than if we had 300 members who did

not get along as well. What is important, then, about encouraging others to participate with us is that Vintage Iron Riders has found a way to share our enjoyment of old motorcycles with the rest of the motorcycling community. What we do brings joy to us and to those who come to our events. Ours is a noble purpose and the more individuals and organizations that join us in this adventure, the better.

They do not have to be members. That would be nice, but is not critical. What is important is that we encompass as much of motorcycling history as we comfortably can. By including Cushmans and cool older Japanese bikes in what we do, V.I.R. comes closer to achieving that goal. Who knows what other groups or classes of antique motorbikes we might find? I'm hoping for a bunch of ~50 year old homemade 2 wheelers cobbled from bicycles and lawn mower engines....



Make A Wish

VIR is participating in the Make A Wish Bike Display on July 13 at Boondocks on North Dirksen Parkway across from Farm & Home. We will set up at 12:00 noon and display at 2:00 till? Bands play until 10:00 pm. All proceeds from the Make A Wish go for terminally ill people. It is a great cause. Those of you who've made commitments, please be sure to bring your motorcycles. If you are one a recent member of VIR, this is a wonderful opportunity to "connect" with other members.

Quaker Steak & Lube

June 26 was one of those rare, Midwestern summer evenings where everything converged for a perfect opportunity to get together. We had wonderful weather, clear skies, a very strong showing of support from club members as we were able to meet the public at Quaker Steak. Lee Hubble displayed his old bicycles which were a big hit. Leroy Solomon displayed his legendary sense of balance by riding backwards on one of the bicycles.

Upcoming Events

Havana Care & Bike Show – August 9

Capitol City Motorsports – On September 13, he VIR is sponsoring a bike show at Cuyler Coleman's Capitol City Motorsports. There is a need for volunteers to help judge, set up, be available, etc.

World's Slowest Indian – September 14 - organized by member John Langheim as a memorial to his father. This is a well-organized, moderate-distance motorcycle run. More details later.

Springfield Mile Park and Display – August 31

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. 529-2655

Moto GP Drawing

Our regular monthly meeting for July will determine the winner of the drawing for tickets to the Moto GP in Indianapolis. Thank you to Mark Morrison for donating the tickets and for those members who have sold tickets. 100 % of all money from this drawing will go into the Club treasury. So, even if you aren't going to try to sell some tickets, you could at least buy a ticket for \$5 at the July meeting.

Advertisement

Gooch Printing 140 Lenox a full service printer and a great asset to VIR Call 522 7575 for any copy or printing needs. Jim also offers classes on gun safety and concealed carry.

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
June 18, 2014

Socializing began at 7:00 and the meeting was called to order by President, George Tinkham at 7:15 pm. Pledge was taken and cell phones were turned off. Minutes approved from May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Jeff White Memorial fund has 2,315.25 and the General fund has \$2,595.40 for a total of \$4,910.65.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Micky Shomidie from the Make-A-Wish Foundation asked the Club to participate at the July 13 Rally for Make-A-Wish. The Club Logo will be on posters advertising the event. Eight (8) members committed to bringing their vintage bikes, including: Dave Reischauer, Bill Follis, John Langheim, Jack Briere, John Anderson, Goog, and George Tinkham. The club voted to support the event.

EVENTS:

-Quaker Steak and Lube: June 24, 2014

-Junior Nationals at the State Fairgrounds

-Havana Show: August 9, 2014

-ABATE State Party

-Solomon Auction

-St. John's Hospice Bike Show: September 13-14, 2014. There will be a show at Capitol City Motor Sports on Saturday, Sept. 13 and the Ernie Langheim Memorial Run on Sunday, Sept. 14. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed for the club to be an official sponsor of this event.

-Springfield Mile: Jack Briere suggested the VJMC get involved at our Park and Display for the Memorial Day Mile. There was much enthusiasm for this possibility. Jack will talk to VJMC Director at a rally in July.

PRODUCTS:

Products were available for sale.

New Business:

Poker Runs – George Tinkham reported that legislation being considered to put Poker Runs under the Raffles Act was signed into law on 6/10/14.

Woody's Trophies – Cathy Tapscott donated four boxes of former member Woody Woodrum's collection of motorcycle trophies. The club will discuss how best to utilize this memorabilia.

Motion made and seconded to close meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tommy Knox, Secretary



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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg. 5:30	7	8	9 Havana Bike Show
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17	18	19	20 Monthly Mtg. 7pm	21	22 ABATE Party in Athens	23
24/31 Springfield Mile	25	26	27	28	29	30