

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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**November 14 – Monthly VIR Meeting at Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center
7:00 pm**

PLEASE NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE DUE TO THANSIVING HOLIDAY

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1112.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

Giving Thanks

Seasons change, and – as we transition from the riding / showing season to maintenance / storage – we cannot help but look back at the last few months and reflect on how fortunate we have been as motorcyclists and as a club.

This is the year I really started riding my '56 Harley KHK. That would not have happened if I had to rely solely on my puny mechanical skills. Fortunately, our club has gifted craftsmen like Lou Kerhlikar, Emerson Roderick, and Cuyler Coleman to take over where my ability and time ran out. I am also grateful we have experienced Harley K model experts like Harvey Tapscott and Mike Scarborough to provide guidance that helped keep the bike running well.

Likewise, I cannot thank enough Dave Young, Mike Scarborough, and former member Mike Irwin for all they have done to help get my Indians up and running. The little Honda 150 "Touring Benly" that I ride around town would still be as immobile as the day I got it if not for the skills of Honda Bob Dermont. Even my "new" 1984 Moto Guzzi benefited from the help that Cuyler provided.

Besides the mechanical benefits mentioned above, we can all be thankful for the good times we enjoyed so far this year. The club picnic at Tommy & Tracy Knox's home last spring (and Leroy's ride afterwards) was a wonderful way to start the season. Fortunately, the rain waited until the Virden auto/bike show was almost over. Our Park and Display feature at the Springfield Mile was a great hit. Mark Morrison did a fine job at the Hooter's show in Bloomington. Spectacular

weather and a large turnout made this year's "R2R" (Ride to Ron's) a time to remember. Even the fierce thunderstorm that cancelled our weenie roast plans for the October meeting did not dampen our spirits because we still had a fine turnout and meeting that evening in Virden with just a few hours' notice of the change of plans.

We can also be thankful that we still have a couple of events left in 2012: The Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 25th will be the Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run. Not only will participants get to show off their motorcycles whilst helping underprivileged kids have a better Christmas, but we get to participate in "the oldest and coldest" motorcycle event in Springfield. This event was founded back in 1985 by two valued members of V.I.R.: Leroy and Goog. Finally, we have our annual Christmas party meeting in December. Yep, the good times just keep on coming!

Yes, we have a lot of reasons to be thankful. We can thank each other and, especially, God for the blessings of a delightful season. Thank you, Vintage Iron Riders: you did good.

ACTIVITIES

Nov 14	Monthly November Meeting (Please note change due to holiday)
Nov. 25	Sid Wood Memorial Run, Springfield, IL
Dec 19	VIR Christmas Party, Route 66 Hotel & Conf. Center

Sid Wood Memorial Run

On Sunday, November 25, 2012, the 29th Annual Toy Run will be meeting at Pipe Fitters Local 137, which is at 2880 E. Cook Street. Sign up from noon to 1:00 pm. Leaving union hall at 1:00 pm for ride to Contact Ministries at 11th and Adams. Club members are encouraged to participate by bringing a toy or cash donation to be used to make a happier Christmas for underprivileged kids. Non-perishable food items will also be accepted.

Winter Road Trip

Your club is exploring the idea of taking a passenger van to the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa sometime this winter. Member Joe Pitchford has access to a 15-passenger van for excursions like this. We will spend the night in a moderately priced motel. This idea will be discussed further at the November meeting. If this works out, there's also the possibility of taking a trip to the Harley-Davidson factory in Milwaukee, WI.



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VIR Annual Christmas Party



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This year's Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 19 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center. Last year's Christmas party was a great time of fun and instruction on what NOT to do at a Christmas party. Dinner this year will be a buffet consisting of 2 meats/2 vegetables. We are looking at a \$10/person cost with the club paying the balance. We need your input at the November meeting as well as a committed headcount. Roy Sims will be talking to the people at Route 66 for more details about food options. But we want to keep it much simpler this year. We will also be exchanging motorcycle-themed gifts. Nothing too expensive, mind you.

Jeff White Memorial Fund

As a member of good standing in VIR, you are eligible to receive benefits from the Jeff White Memorial Fund. This fund was set up to help with a financial assistance for any member in need as a result of accident, illness or injury. Secretary Tommy Knox will have copies of the by-laws and you are encouraged to pick them up at the November meeting. This fund was established as a memorial for deceased member Jeff White.

Election of New Officers

Our December meeting will include nominations and elections for officers of the club for 2013. The positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Activities Director. We encourage you to consider a greater involvement in the club. Even if you are a new member, your help would be appreciated.

Our Club is Growing

At the October meeting, several new members were accepted to the VIR. They include Jack Briere, Frank Darneille, Bill Hart, George Hurst, John Kren, Doug Williams, and Greg Butler. We welcome you and encourage you to be involved!

October Meeting

The scheduled wiener roast at Dave and Patty Reischauer's was cancelled at the last minute because of severe weather. Dave made hasty arrangements for the club to meet at Joe's Tavern on the square in Virden and the turnout was tremendous!! We had several members show up who enjoyed a really good restaurant and reasonable prices. It is a testimony to your club that the interest to be at a meeting on a rainy night a long way from Springfield was so well supported. Thanks to Dave for all he did to make it happen.

Vintage Iron Riders Joe's Place, Virden, IL Oct. 17, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm. All officers present. Pledge of Allegiance was taken. The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$2,218.01 in the general fund and \$2,066.50 in the Jeff White Memorial Fund.

New Business:

New members voted in and approved for membership: John Kren, Greg Butler, Jack Briere, Frank Darnell, and George Hurst. Two applicants for membership are Than Melic and Norm Diehl.

We need six or pictures for the calendar. Cuyler to contact Lou Kerlikar.

The November Regular Meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday (Nov. 14) to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving. Roy Sims will check with Rt. 66 to ensure availability of a room.

- Membership was notified of upcoming officer election.

-Discussed movie night for winter meeting.

-Noted that the ABATE Toy Run is Oct. 21, 2012.

Wiener Roast:

Cancelled because of weather. Will reschedule for early next fall.

Christmas Party:

Buffet Dinner is up for consideration. Membership is encouraged to bring inexpensive motorcycle-related gifts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox .

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