

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0914.pdf>

President's Prattle

Small Victories

1st, let's talk about events: The Labor Day Springfield Mile Park & Display at the Springfield Mile enjoyed a rain-free, hot, humid summer's day. We had 60+ motorcycles and were mentioned several times by the track's announcer on the loud speakers. Hot day. Cool bikes. Good crowd. Great event.

Our annual "Ride to Ron's" is scheduled on the last weekend of the month on September 27th & 28th. We shall meet at 9:30 AM at Denny's at White Oaks Mall. At this month's meeting, there will be a signup sheet and money will be collected. We have traditionally paid \$10 / person to cover Ron's cost of food, fuel, bug suppressants, etc. Last year, several participants paid an extra \$5 for gasoline for the chase vehicle. It seems worth it to have a chase vehicle to carry camp gear and to be available if a bike becomes disabled. It makes for a more care-free event. This year's cost, then, will be \$15 / person.

2nd, here is why I chose this month's title: Even though this has been a fairly mild summer, it is a relief to have cool drier weather as I write this. To me, this is ideal riding weather. Now, if I only had a good long distance bike ready for trips and for camping.....

Until I live up to my commitment to shut down my office, my motorcycle maintenance and repair needs are largely farmed out to various shops. Fortunately, I still have enough time and skill to handle some of the minor work on my bikes myself. For example, the throttle on my little '66 Honda has been getting progressive worse for years. This summer it was so bad that I disassembled the handlebar throttle control and sprayed the innards with red grease. It was a simple procedure and the throttle now is smooth and responsive.

My '56 Harley KHK mysteriously stopped working, and the battery would not hold a charge. I tore into it and checked the wiring with a multi-meter. A ground wire was found with melted insulation. My ohm meter was giving readings that made

me wonder if my irreplaceable ignition switch had gone bad. Fortunately, Emerson stopped by and quickly determined exactly what had happened. It took me a couple of days to correct the problem and to fabricate, glue, file, paint, and fit the things I thought Harley should have done in the first place. Now, all I have to do is drain the wet-sumped crankcase, and it should be ready to start.

These two little victories not only made my motorcycles more road-worthy, but they also lifted my spirits. We all need to win, and success comes in all sizes and degrees. In whatever form you find it, success feels good.

Bike Show and Ride

The VIR is sponsoring a motorcycle show at Capital City Motorsports, 2756 S. Sixth Street, on Saturday, September 13. Registration begins at 10:00 am with the show from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Judging to be completed at 3:00 pm. The show is open to all riders. Entry fee is \$10. There will be nine (9) categories for judging and trophies for first place finishers.

Head West Sub Shop is providing sandwiches. The club is providing chips and soda for a recommended donation. Bring a lawn chair, wear a VIR shirt, and invite as many people as you can.

Tail of the Possum

Sunday morning, September 14, the Langheim family is sponsoring a memorial run called "Tail of the Possum" (10 curves in 300 miles) departing the train depot in Chatham, IL at 10:30 am for a 135-mile round trip ride to the Boatel Restaurant in Naples, IL. We will make a stop in Jacksonville where 50/50 tickets will be sold and prizes awarded. A buffet lunch will be available at the beautiful Boatel Restaurant which overlooks the Illinois River. This is a memorial for Ernie Langheim, who was a police officer who rode an Indian motorcycle and used St. John's Hospice at the end of his life. Therefore, the Langheim family has a genuine passion for the St. John's Hospice Program. All proceeds from the Bike Show and the Tail will go toward St. John's Hospice. This ride is open to all motorcyclists. Additionally, tee shirts will be available for purchase. For more information, please call 217-652-8996 or email sloindian@comcast.net.

R2R

On Saturday, September 27 a group of riders will be going to western IL to camp out at George Tinkham's family farm. Food for two (2) meals and lodging is \$15/person. There are some great roads and sweet fellowship to be enjoyed by those who go. Special thanks to Hank Charles who has volunteered to drive the chase truck and trailer. **Be ready at the September meeting to pay your money and make a commitment.** For those of you who've never been, Ron Tinkham has the largest supply of British and Italian motorcycles in Illinois.

Upcoming Elections

There is a need for a candidate to fill the position of Secretary/Newsletter Editor. Requirements are attending monthly executive board meetings and taking notes at monthly meetings, and preparing the monthly Newsletter.

Monthly Meeting

Please attend, order food, enjoy a beverage, and tip the wait staff as Rt. 66 provides a meeting room at no cost to the club.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to new members, Larry and Melissa Rowely. Welcome back to Tommy Garber.

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
Capital City Motorsports
Aug. 20, 2014

Pizza available at 6:00 pm. Socialized until 7:00, at which time the meeting was called to order by President George Tinkham. Pledge was taken and cell phones were turned off. Minutes approved from July meeting. President Tinkham wants an abbreviated meeting.

Activities:

Labor Day Mile – Hank Charles volunteered to clean up.

Sept. 13 Bike Show/Sept. 14 Slowest Indian – trophies are needed. Food available for suggested donation. Knox to check on Port a Potty.

R2R – Sept. 27-28.

Treasurer's Report: The Jeff White Memorial fund has 3,087.40 and the General fund has \$2,368.25 for a total of \$5,465.65.

Products:

John Anderson took orders for merchandise, order goes in on Thursday.

Moto GP:

Ross Ely thanked Mark Morrison for donating tickets. Ross had a great time.

Rauner Ride:

Several VIR members accompanied gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner in to the IL State Fair.

New Business:

New Members voted in: Larry and Melissa Rowely.

Tommy Garber was reinstated.

Visitors:

Adam Wallace

Donations:

Randy Spengler solicited donations of helmets for Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

Delinquent Members:

Hank Charles volunteered to call delinquent members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Knox, Secretary

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12	13	14	15 Mo. Mtg. 7pm	16	17	18
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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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