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Upcoming Events

Feb 17th--Monthly meeting at the Funny Bone building on W. White Oaks Dr, Spfld, IL .

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0210.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE Take Care

The shortest month of the year should result in my shortest article; so, we are all in for a treat in this issue.

The hygrometer in my garage has steadily climbed, during the late January wet spell, from 30 to 70% relative humidity. At 70%, one has to wonder if unprotected metal is at risk of corrosion. Rather than run that risk, I fired up the dehumidifier and increased the temperature slightly. Now, the humidity is down to 50%, and my bikes and I can rest easy.

The point of this story is that our bikes, parts, and tools are not hibernating. The forces of nature are at work even in the dead of winter. Just because we may be inactive doesn't mean our machinery is – at least chemically. Mid winter is a good time to make sure your gasoline has not gone sour, that your battery is holding a charge, etc. It is also a good time to check and adjust valve clearances and point gap.

I bring all this to your attention because this is what I have **not** done. So, do what I say and not what I do not do, and you should be ready for the new riding / show season when it arrives!

George Tinkham

"Vintage Visdom"

**I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought
with sticks and stones.**

Albert Einstein

VIR Activities Report Feb 2010

Please see calendar for upcoming events.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Vintage Iron Riders

Comedy Club

Jan 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:18 P.M. by President Tinkham.

The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country but did not observe the Pledge of Allegiance as no flag was available.

Harvey Tapscott:

VIR clocks are available from a private vendor. Samples were displayed.

Indicated he knew of several bikes for sale.

Stated that club member Woody (Dan Woodward) had recently underwent surgery. Harvey suggests VIR send a card.

Since Treasurer Mike Irwin was not present, dues could be presented to him.

Mike Irwin:

Not present at monthly meeting.

George Tinkham:

Stated the "Hot Rod" show will be held downtown in 2010. The event will require approximately 10 volunteers.

Indicated he has a new bile trailer which he has not, at this printing, used.

Gene Beenenga:

Stated the Secretary of State Antique Vehicles Show will be held on Sept 11, 2010. The event location is the Meijer's parking lot. A commitment by VIR to participate would result in the VIR logo appearing on approximately 14,000 leaflets.

Gary Underfanger:

Stated VIR patches and decals are available.

New Business

Annual membership fee is now due.

The Funny Bone comedy club might, in the near future, be used for alternate function/purpose.

VIR might be faced with finding an alternate monthly meeting site. News will be provided as specifics become clear.

New club member Jim Davis has acquired a motorcycle after many years. The new bike is a 1980 Yami 650.

Jim has a friend who has a 1908 Susi 650 for sale.

Old Business:

None

Motion to adjourn at 8:42PM

Tommy Garber-Secretary



Tall Tales:

Goodness it's February...

Amazingly, and in the face of the enduring horror of winter, we celebrate/observe St. Valentine's Day. Go figure... Once when I was but a youngster of perhaps 12, I thoughtfully prepared all my Valentine cards. Fearful of some form of unknown, unrealistic retribution and hoping to be mysterious, (I was watching way too much "MAN FROM UNCLE") signed the cards only "Mr. X." Seems all other 26 students had no such fear and who were not exhibiting the early signs of bi-polar disorder, provided their full name on each Valentine day card provided fellow students.

This was my first experience with deductive reasoning and cause and effect. Several fellow school mates, little savages that they were, actually kicked my shins. One sweet little "Cherub," who I initially thought to be an angel in the celestial hierarchy, returned my class picture I had given her and my eyes had been poked out! Can you imagine???

Ok, without further delay here it comes, "Tall Tales". This month's submission comes from club member Dave Reischauer.

About 30 years ago I, in addition to my cousin, and my now wife of many years, would go to Otter Lake every Sunday afternoon for boating. My cousin had a 17-foot ski boat with a 135 hp motor. Back then we would indulge in a few beverages whilst boating, and after a long afternoon one summer day it was time to head home and order a pizza. We loaded the boat on the trailer and off we went. As we had been boating on Otter Lake, we were about 15 miles from home. After our journey home, we turned into our driveway and as we exited the car we noticed something wrong. The boat was missing. The trailer was attached but the boat was missing. We all stared in disbelief, where *was* the boat? Had we caused an accident; is there a massive traffic jam; is someone hurt? What should we do?

We ran to the car, backed out of the driveway, and about one block from our house in Auburn the boat was lying in the middle of the road upright. Great, we thought, it looked as though no one got hurt. Now what do we do?

Our neighbors were having an outdoor party and saw everything. They were on the ground laughing. The obviously delighted neighbors came over to assist and it took about ten men to get the boat back on the trailer. The only damage was a few scratches on the bottom and the bottom of the motor tail fin was broken off. I recall the cost for repair was but \$85.00. My guess is we forgot to hook the winch rope to the boat! Who knew? Either way, all is well that ends well...

Dave Reischauer

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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