

VINTAGE IRON

The Newsletter of the Springfield, IL Motorcycle Club - Vintage Iron Riders
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REGULAR MEETING: July 21, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fieldhouse Pizza/Pub on Sangamon Ave.
August 18, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. at

OTHER EVENTS: July 16-18, 2004 - Prairie Chapter of AMCA Swap Meet in Wauseon, OH
AMA Vintage Days (Featured Marque: BMW) in Lexington, OH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carol Edwards has volunteered to do our newsletter and we also appointed her as Secretary of the Motorcycle Club.

NEW MEMBERS: Alvin & Carol Edwards, 4115 So. 3rd St., Springfield, IL 62703. Home: 529-1184;
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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Well, it may be hot – but at least it's humid!" That just about sums up the riding weather here in the heartland in the middle of summer. It's hard to believe that air-cooled engines can get much relief under these conditions. It takes more than air to cool me – that's why I always carry water with me. I find that a beer after the ride doesn't hurt either.

One of the best techniques for cooling and comfort is to take water and a towel with you to an event. Before heading back out on the road, give yourself a hearty parking lot upper shower. It is amazing how refreshed and comfortable you are when you are clean and cool. Just as important, you will be a more attentive and safer rider. At the Peoria TT a few years ago, I brought an empty milk jug which I filled from a hose as soon as I parked. When the race was over, the sun had heated the water nicely. A gallon was plenty for a quick, half shower. When I got home, I was no more tired than if I had taken the trip in an air-conditioned car.

With all the experienced riders in this club, we should be able to collect quite a bit of road wisdom to share. Please share your experience and ideas – whether it is a product, tool, or a riding tip. I'm asking Carol Edwards, our new newsletter editor, to run a short piece each month featuring a helpful hint like how to keep cool and clean on a ride. (You may call her "Heloise" if you wish.)

July seems to be the prime month for vintage / antique events – especially in Ohio. Who is going to AMA's "Vintage Days" or to AMCA's meet at Wauseon this month? Let us know at this month's meeting.

Speaking of meetings, we are meeting at the Field House at 3211 Sangamon Ave. in Springfield. It is next to King Pin Lanes bowling alley, east of Dirksen Parkway on the north side of Sangamon. It is just off I-55, so it should be easy to reach. This first year of Vintage Iron Riders has given us an opportunity to try different venues for meetings. This fall, we can decide (1) which place best suits us and (2) if we want to meet at that same place each month.

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

This space is available at no cost for members to advertise vintage or near vintage bike-related bikes or items. You may also place "wanted" ads. It is also available for commercial ads at a cost of \$2.50. Commercial ads will be bordered. (After all, you have to get a little extra for your money!) All ads will be reviewed by the Board for content

1967 Triumph Bonneville, completely rebuilt, extra scrambles engine. Contact Alvin Edwards at 529-1184 or 494-9380.

1982 Triumph Bonneville Electro. Electric start, new carbs, cables, battery, brake pads, tires. 3900 original

miles. \$3,500. Call Alvin Edwards @ 529-1184 or 494-9380.

HAIR GLOVE:

Go to www.winterberrywoods.com and click on the "Sports Cabin" then click on "Hair Glove" for

details. Pretty cool – and it'll help keep long hair from getting tangled when you ride.

EVENTS

Lew Fehring and Tully Williams are working on a nostalgia run focusing on the 50's! Let them know if you have any ideas.

In the planning stage....this fall, we would like to have a run up to western Illinois for an overnight campout. Reservations will be required. Donations will be needed for food, drinks, etc. No hotel expenses will be involved, as this will be on private property.

Volunteers are still needed for the July 23rd event at the Menard County Fairgrounds. Contact Tully Williams.

"Vintage Visdom"

A cheap way to laminate your insurance card is by using clear packing tape on both sides. Protected like this, the card is not ground to dust by tools rattling around with it and is not dissolved by battery acid fumes.

Collect condensation from the house air conditioner. This is essentially de-ionized water which can be used in batteries.

JC Whitney still offers a 6 volt halogen headlight bulb. It is the H4 style and is rated at 60/55W high/low. It sells for \$11.99. You will need a headlight body with lens for this bulb. JC Whitney sells these also.

The cheapest place in Springfield to get a motorcycle lift is still Harbor Freight. It sells for \$60.

Our club can always use contributions, so if you've quit smoking (or drinking), why not donate a few of those bucks to the Club!

MEMBER PROFILE

Each month we plan to profile a member – hobbies, jobs, family, etc. This month we profile **President George Tinkham**.

Age: 57 years old **Profession:** Semi-retired lawyer **Residence:** Springfield, Illinois

Motorcycles currently owned: '56 Harley KHK, '48 Indian Chief, '64 BMW R69S, & 1984 Moto Guzzi V65Sp. I also am restoring a 1966 Honda Benly 150cc.

Background in motorcycling: Been riding seriously for over 40 years. Founding member of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and of Springfield Milers BMW MC. Convinced Illinois Appellate Court to rule the motorcycle ban by Springfield Park District was illegal. Continues to provide legal services to A.B.A.T.E.

Why interested in older motorcycles: Originally, these were the only bikes I could afford. It was more important to buy a motorcycle that was right for me than it was to get a new machine. I figured I could always fix an old machine, but I couldn't remanufacture a wrong bike into a right one. I only sold one motorcycle in my life. I rode 'em until they were no longer reliable and then found a replacement.

Why interested in SIVMC: Heaven help me, I am just not as handy with the wrenches as I used to be. Also, it seems to be progressively harder to find parts and information about my motorcycles. I very much need the help of others whose expertise exceeds my own. Just as importantly, I truly like riding my bikes. As a very wise rider once told me: "It's all about the ride!" This club affords an opportunity to associate with people with similar interests.

Other related interests: I am an Eagle Scout and enjoy outdoors activities, like camping. My favorite meals are cooked over an open fire. These skills, plus first aid, sometimes come in handy on motorcycle outings. I have perhaps the world's largest collection of motorcycling songs.

MEMBER REPORTS

Heard in the wind....Dave Young is a backslider! He reportedly bought an older model Harley. We understand that he wanted to ride at night, and was tired of riding alone!

We would like to feature workshops of the members, as we have various types of set-ups. If you would like to have YOUR workshop featured, please get in touch with George.

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club
Top Cat's Chill & Grill
June 16, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President George Tinkham. He reported that we are trying out various places to meet with the goal of settling on a permanent meeting place. This fall, we can review the places we have met and decide which one is right for us.

Financial Secretary Report - Financial Secretary Bob Tapscott introduced Carol Edwards (wife of member Alvin Edwards), who has volunteered to take over the newsletter, *Vintage Iron*. Carol was asked if she would also do secretarial duties, to which she agreed. Motion made and seconded to approve her appointment. Motion carried.

Bob reported that there is \$420.50 in the treasury and that we now have 52 members. He also distributed a new roster. Motion made and seconded to accept the report of the Financial Secretary. Motion carried.

Bylaws Report - None.

Events - Lew Fehring thanked Kenny Miller and Roger Hatcher for putting together the ride to Kampsville.

There is a race at the Menard County Fairgrounds on Friday, July 23rd. Tully Williams said they need volunteers for flagging, etc. Dave Lefferts is trying to raise \$900 as a match for another \$900 to put on a fireworks show. The hat was passed and \$140 was raised tonight.

Toward the end of the month there are races at the IL State Fairgrounds and more - AHRMA Race - on Sunday, July 4th. Cost to get in the infield is \$10.00.

This weekend is the ABATE State Party in Altamont, IL, and the Ohio races are in July as mentioned in the June issue of *Vintage Iron*.

T-shirts with Indian logo are still available.

New Acquisitions - Roy Sims has a lot of bike parts with him for sale. Mike Irwin found a carburetor for Dave Yost. Dave proudly showed this new acquisition to those present.

Old Business - Mike Irwin reported on the new club logo and the members viewed artists' renderings. One in particular stood out and it will be modified somewhat before we adopt anything.

New Business - Lew Fehring suggested that we get a banner to set up by our bike displays at races. We are waiting finalization of the logo before getting banners, T-shirts, etc. Paul Pickford suggested we may want to ask Budweiser to make a banner for us for free.

Miscellaneous - Leroy Solomon's son was badly injured in a motorcycle accident at the corner of Jefferson and MacArthur. Leroy especially complimented his friend for laying down his new bike to protect his son from traffic. It was suggested that someone in the club should inquire about getting this dangerous intersection investigated because of its uneven pavement.

Mike Irwin reported on the ride at The Springfield Mile. Kampsville trip was reviewed in the June issue of *Vintage Iron*.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Editor's Note: We need a calling committee for the newspaper. Duties would include gathering and reporting news items to me for Vintage Iron newsletter. I volunteered to put together the newsletter, but I can't do it without YOUR input. Even if you don't want to be on a committee, please call me with any tidbits that should go in the newsletter.

Please call me (Carol Edwards) at 529-1184 if you would be willing to serve on this committee. Thanks.

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