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Christmas Party – December 20, 2006 – Kicks – 6:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Time to Look Ahead....

How swiftly the riding season flies! It seems it was only last month that we rode into western Illinois, gathered around a bonfire, and slept under the stars. Now, Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas shopping season has started.

It is not particularly cold yet, but there is a fire in my stove in the garage. Also, when I stopped a local bar to drop off food for a Contact Ministries food drive, my '66 Honda 150 Dream was the only bike there. Yep, it is safe to say that riding season is over.

When I farmed, we appreciated winter as a time to replenish. While the soil rested and collected moisture from the winter's snows, we had time to repair or replace our equipment. It wasn't necessary to farm all the time: sometimes, you had to prepare to farm.

It is the same with motorcycling. It is great when we get to ride. This time of year, however, it is good to mend leathers, touch up paint, check valve clearance, and replace that nasty coil that acts up at the most embarrassing times. Fortunately, it is also the time to fill our Christmas lists with dreams of tools and parts we just *have* to have. It is also time to go to swap meets and bike shows. Most of all, this is the best time to look forward to next year's riding / show season.

We are blessed with a chance to rest and prepare for the 2007 season. This is a good time, a time to reflect on past joys and to look ahead to new experiences. Yes, 2007 is just around the corner. You can almost see it from here!

The January meeting will be held at Funny Bone / Break Time, 2937 West White Oaks Drive. Go west on Wabash to the first light west of Veteran's Parkway. Turn right (north) at Thornton's and go approximately 1 ½ blocks. It is behind Cub Foods on the left. Go in the main door, turn to the right, and turn right again to the Funny Bone Room.

There is a nice large parking lot, a nice large room with lots of tables, food, beverages (including alcoholic). We will have a waitress assigned to us. There also is a microphone so George doesn't have to strain his vocal chords and bang on the table with his *&?@!^ gavel! There are also billiard tables (but not in our room).

Another motorcycle club has been meeting there for two years, and has not had any trouble with anyone bothering their bikes.

So come early (room will be ready at 6:00 P.M.), eat a bite, have a drink and enjoy the space!



Check out the Motorcycle First Aid Course at <http://www.twistysisters.com/tsfirstos.html> (Thanks, Don Udey)

2007 CALENDAR

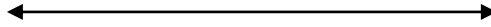
The deadline has passed to get ads in the new calendar, but if you call Mike immediately, he may be able to accommodate you.

"Vintage Visdom"

Progress involves risks. You can't steal second and keep your foot on first.

CAN PULL TABS

Don't forget to bring those can pull tabs to Dave Yost this month. Let's get that 5-gallon can filled up!



Winter Car Storage Gear from IAP (Submitted by Pres. Tinkham)

For many of us, autumn is starting to feel a little more like winter and the number of leaves on the trees is about equal to the number in the front yard. Now, alas, is the time to start thinking about parking the sports car for the winter. Storing your car properly will make it a lot easier to get back on the road next spring. IAP has the Alfa, Fiat and Lancia parts you need, plus [car covers](#), [battery maintainers](#), [convertible tops](#) and [car care products](#). Our panel of experts has come up with a few simple steps you can take to preserve and protect your car over the winter.

Probably the easiest way to store a car is to not store it at all. If you think you can drive your car (and by "drive," we don't mean idling it in the garage for a couple of minutes) at least once every 4 weeks for a minimum of 30 minutes at a time, then you and your car are better off without the deep storage routine. But for those who live in harsh winter climates, those with two homes etc., storage is the only option. What follows is sort of a punch list of tasks to perform:

1. Warm the car up fully. On your drive, stop by the auto parts store and get a quart can of Marvel Mystery Oil. Pour almost the whole can in the gas tank (save about 4-6 tablespoons for later), and then fill the tank up completely with fuel. The Marvel Mystery Oil will act as an upper cylinder lubricant. By the way, if you're thinking about a new gas tank for spring, [click here](#) to see a complete list of applications.
2. Change the engine oil and the [oil filter](#). If you own a Spica-injected car, don't forget the [injection pump oil filter](#), too.
3. Drain and flush the cooling system. Ensure that the heater valve is open. Refill the cooling system with a 50/50 mixture of fresh antifreeze and distilled water.
4. Top up the trans/differential/steering box. Transmission and differential oil should be changed every 30,000 miles; now is the time if that service is due. We recommend you use the correct [Spirax](#) or [Redline](#) oil.
5. Top off the brake fluid. Braking system should be flushed and bled with new fluid every 2 years. If your car's due, now's a good time to do it. Our [Brake Bleeding Tool](#) can help.
6. Wash and wax the paint and brightwork. We recommend our line of [AutoSport Car Care](#) products. And [Wurth Body Protection](#) is great for treating interior body panels and joints, since the waxy substance seeps into cracks and crevices to seal out moisture. Don't forget to clean your wheels. Brake dust is very corrosive. [AutoSport Gloss Wheel Cleaner](#) is a great way to remove stubborn grime and their [Tire & Trim Protection](#) will prevent aging and cracking caused by any ultraviolet rays that might seep through your garage window.
7. Thoroughly (and we do mean thoroughly) clean the inside of the car with [AutoSport Interior Car Care](#) products. A couple of silica gel packets can help absorb moisture in your interior.
8. Remove the battery and clean the battery and battery case with a solution of baking soda and water to neutralize acid. Take the battery inside and place on an automatic trickle charger like our [Battery Tender](#) or [Ctek](#). Be safe—be sure not to place it too close to the furnace or a heater or anything that might spark.
9. Push (or, temporarily reinstall battery and drive) the car into a storage area - hopefully indoors. If you are storing the car in an area with an earth or gravel floor, lay a big piece of plastic down first, then drive the car onto that. The plastic will provide a vapor barrier and help keep the car from rusting. For a more attractive, long-lasting solution, try our [Garage Floor Covering](#).
10. Raise the car on jackstands. Place the jackstands under the various suspension components so that the suspension is compressed and at normal ride height. We've found that fully extended shocks tend to get stuck in that position, hence the last instruction. If space is tight in your garage, you can rest the car on a set of [Auto Dollies](#), so you can move it easily into a corner.
11. Remember that 4-6 tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil we held in reserve? Now comes the time to use it. Pull the spark plugs out of the engine, pour a tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil in each cylinder, and turn the engine over by hand several revolutions in order to spread the Marvel Mystery Oil around the cylinder walls. Reinstall the spark plugs.
12. Place a couple of mothballs in the trunk, the interior, and the engine compartment. Hopefully this will dissuade little furry creatures from building nests. Then fit a [quality car cover](#), preferably from IAP! An even better solution is to cocoon the car and cover in a [Car Pocket](#). If the car is being stored indoors, crack the windows about 3/8".
13. Fall is a great time to replace your convertible top. If your top is rotten or developing holes, a quality replacement top from IAP will help keep air and elements away from your interior.

Finally, if possible, rotate the drive axles a few turns once a month. This will help to keep the differential gears and transmission mainshaft and countershaft coated with oil.

Note: The following article was submitted anonymously. I was requested to type it up exactly as written, which I have done. (Whew!)

Chapter One

Ut was not once but several times asked, requested, solicited and verbally petitioned by our most gracious green-eyed secretary Carol, to offer up to the V.I.R. newsletter – Motorcycle eruditions, philosophy for if nothing other than loquacious information or just plain filler, but lububriously the members profile section has languished, suscombed or just petered out due to maybe lack of members' cahones to give their recondite knowledge or prolific info about their antique histories and junk – opps, I ment treasures.

Sooo-not possessing the exquisite grammatical eloquence as our El Presidente (shur doon no tha Latin fur El Supremo) I am stepin up an in jus plane English putting dawn summa ma thinking or questions fer ya to ponder on.

Wouldn't it be interesting if a paper was passed from member to member with the only effort necessary frum each individual was jus to list the beginning calendar year they started ridin two wheel thunder and then their current age in chronological years. Now, not all our members actively put miles on a cycle monthly or even yearly, but in their visions an dreams still do more than tha poor souls, who have no idea about win in yur face – freedom of space an exhilaration of smells, sights, an vibration of a motor beast between their legs – who just drive their 4 wheel bisons into what they believe is Nervana.

Back to, and when those figures are gathered up maybe a Club Historian could achieve the culmuminitive total years members have ridden and the average age of Club members (maybe a Chapter 2 sequel) come to a grand captioning of the momentous history that our club base has reasted on for the brief period of three years when the V.I.R. was founded.

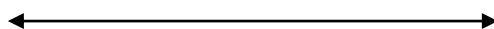
Maybe in some future meeting you may be asked to participate – commit a scant effort of jus be more than happy to give, contribute or join together in the gathering of this information to create this piece of our history.

Here's question number one – Will YOU!!!!?

End of Chapter One, more may follow given the newsletter space. You just never know if more members take the time to participate or show a small interest and jus give a small effort to write their profile or jus cycle news – even gossip, I won't have any room to write Chapter 2.

Cum on an prove me wrong that you kan't jus write a small – what!!! Editorial – short or lge – or jus thoughts. It's Texas Holdin time an I have the hand – JUST BEAT ME –

“The Literati Phantasm”



**MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
King Pin Lanes
November 15, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Vice President Jim Trader.

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the Minutes as sent with the newsletter.

Treasurer Mike Irwin was not present, but sent a report that we have \$1,220.80 (less George's check fur \$577) in the bank at this time.

Events Report: Bob Tapscott reminded the members that he is still handling clothing orders, but no one had requested anything lately. He also distributed a questionnaire concerning events for 2007. He asked members to complete and return the form to him tonight. Events were discussed. Jim Trader asked for a show of hands for participation in the Springfield Mile and Havana Bike Show events.

Old Business: A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Christmas Party, which will be held at Kicks (old Furrow's building on South Sixth St.) on December 20.

George Tinkham reported about A.B.A.T.E.'s lawsuit against the Governor's office for taking money out of the motorcycle safety training fund for which the State is a trustee. Today, the judge denied the Attorney General's motion to dismiss the lawsuit is with respect to that fund. Two other special funds did not fare as well because the judge granted the AG's motion to dismiss the counts related to those funds.

Motion made and seconded to elect by acclamation the present officers to another term. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to approve the By-Laws amendment to officially change the name of our club from Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club to Vintage Iron Riders. Motion carried.

New Business: There were no visitors or applicants for membership.

Jim Trader won the Barber's Vintage Museum Award for the Best Bridgestone at the Vintage Show for his 90 Mountain. He also won Best of Show for his 350 Bridgestone. His 350 won its class and the 90 Mountain got second in its class.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 1 st Day of Hanukkah
17	18	19	20 Christmas Party 6:30	21	22 First Day of Winter	23 Last Day of Hanukkah
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						

January, 2007

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14	15 M.L.King B'day	16	17 Regular Meeting Funny Bone - Breaktime	18	19	20
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If you have a few minutes to kill, check out these sites. Thanks, Frank Selvaggio.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FdFkf7SS5M> and <http://www.crockermotorcycleco.com/>