

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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### *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0415.pdf>

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### President's Prattle

Candy Store

Even with today's storms, it felt like the first day of spring. Plants are in bloom, and the last remnants of salt have been washed from the roads. Even running the dehumidifier in the garage for the first time this year is a sign that "the times, they are a changin'."

Vintage Iron Riders kept busy this past fall and winter with trips, movie night, Christmas Party, travel video of Scotland, and meetings. This spring and summer will be even more entertaining with a combination of traditional activities and new adventures. For example, Dr. Brian Miller invited us to display our bikes at his annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July ice cream social. Brian is a great guy and throws a great party: I say, "Let's go!"

Here is something I want to share: I love riding new roads and drifting where wind and fortune take me. For example, a few years ago Frank Darneille and I were checking out road conditions for the "Ride to Ron's" when I noticed flashes of white in a slough along the Illinois River as we passed by. We rode along a levee to check it out, even though the side trip was not on our schedule. When we did, we found a massive flock of great white pelicans pausing on their migration south. I have not seen that sight before – or since. I would not have seen it then, if we had not deviated from the "beaten path" and done some exploring.

Another time, Leroy and our friend Rose were riding from Lincoln with me when we decided to check out the north side and cemetery of Elkhart Hill. It was a little spooky and 'way cool. Again, we had an experience that would have been missed if we had stayed on I-55 and motored on by.

We have other explorers in our club whose discoveries can be shared on our newsletter. I know I would like to find out what adventures and new sights others have experienced; so, tell us what you have found. If the discoveries are close enough, we may be able to incorporate them into our rides. We might also want to recognize each year's most notable explorer at our year end party.

Life is like a candy store full of adventures. We may not be able to consume them all, but we can try. What do you say: Are you ready to continue the age of exploration and adventure that is motorcycling? If so, let's kick the tires and light the fires – and see what new roads lie ahead!

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### **2015 Dues**

With the arrival of April we have officially entered the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015. This means annual dues should be paid! As of the April Eboard members meeting, 62 members are paid up on their annual dues. 38 are still outstanding. All dues not paid by the April members meeting will be turned over to our collections person, Hank Charles, to be contacted.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Show**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual VIR Bike Show has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10 am til 2 pm. We are hoping to hold the bike show at Capital City Motorsports (Cuyler Coleman's business) on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield.

We need volunteers to form a planning committee to work on this event. We have 8 members who have volunteered to join the committee. We ask that these members, as well as anyone else interested in joining the committee, attend the April member meeting so that we can coordinate after the meeting. There will be a sign up sheet available at the meeting.

We are also planning on advertising all spring and summer for the bike show. Please let us know suggestions for places where we could advertise.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

The JWFM has a balance of \$2481.75 and the General Fund has a balance of \$3171.74. The total balance is \$5653.49. The JWFM is nearly maxed out (\$2500 max balance).

It has been suggested that we create a maximum limit for our financial accounts. As the club is a non-for-profit group, George advises that we shouldn't have too many funds readily available. This will be put to a vote at the April meeting.

## **VIR Summer Picnic**

Mark your calendars! The Knox's have graciously offered to host another kickoff to summer cookout at their house on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We would like to get a commitment from members planning to attend at the April Meeting or by the end of April at the latest. This will give us time to coordinate with the Knox's on arrangements.

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## **2015 Springfield Mile**

The Springfield Mile will take place on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. We have posters and flyers available to promote the event. We are looking for locations to advertise and suggestions are welcome.

We will be using leftover items for the giveaways this year. We are currently working on a club tent or canopy to use at events.

Goog has several Mile tickets available for anyone interested. See Goog at the meeting.

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## **Welcome To New Members**

Welcome to new members Roy Mitts, Kevin Hecht & Chuck Cannon.

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## **Monthly Meeting**

The monthly meeting for April will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 15 at Donnie B's.

If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, please see Goog to do so at the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for the Bike Show, please see Sara at the meeting.

Anyone with suggestions for advertising locations for the Mile and/or Bike Show, please see any E board member at the meeting.

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## **Awareness Rally**

There will be an A.B.A.T.E. Awareness Rally at the Illinois Department of Transportation building, 2300 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62764 on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The parade ride to the Capitol leaves IDOT at 1pm. See George for more information at the meeting.

## 2016 VIR Calendar

The 2016 Calendar has been themed 'Member Projects'. We are asking members with project bikes to submit photos from all stages of completion to the calendar. We have 4 members with submissions so far and the month of July spoken for. We still have 8 more slots available and 11 months to pick from. See John Anderson to submit photos if interested.

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### Wanted

In search of a motorcycle w/sidecar to use for wedding. Looking to rent for bride and groom to travel from church to reception. Willing to compensate owner for all expenses. Wedding is August 1, 2015. If you can help, please let Mark Morrison know at 309-662-5371 or [mmorr26407@aol.com](mailto:mmorr26407@aol.com).

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### Minutes of Meeting Vintage Iron Riders Donnie B's March 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:16. Pledge was taken and minutes from February meeting were approved. Our last winter meeting!

#### Activities:

**Winter Trip:** Those that attended the Winter Getaway Trip to Milwaukee stopped in Rockford on their way home and visited with club member Dave Swanson in Rockford.

**Dues:** Dues were collected.

**Treasurer's Report:** JWMF has a balance of \$2455.25. General Fund has a balance of \$2903.24. Total balance of \$5358.49. Goog announced that the JWMF is \$44.75 away from being maxed out.

**New Business:** 51 members have paid their 2015 dues, 10 members paid at the meeting, and 39 members still have dues outstanding. Member Jim Davis has dropped out of the club due to health reasons.

The club has voted to have 3-4 guest speakers at the meetings throughout the year. This will depend on availability and club interest.

George got in touch with an instructor for Motorcycle Safety Courses who has agreed to come speak at a future club meeting.

It has been decided that this year will be Leftovers Year for event giveaway. We have several things leftover from previous events and will be using these items for this year's events.

We still need members to volunteer for the Bike Show Planning Committee.

**Member Applications:** New member application from Roy Mitts received. The members in attendance were unanimous in a motion to forego the Eboard approval step and this application was put directly to a club vote. The vote was unanimous and Roy was voted into the club. Applications from Kevin Hecht and Chuck Cannon were also put to a club vote after recommendation from the Eboard. The vote was unanimous and both were voted into the club.

**Radio Show:** The radio show, Patriots on Wheels, has been moved to a new provider Spreaker Radio due to poor setup and audio with the previous provider. John will provided details once the new setup has been tested and verified.

**Products:** No new products. We still have some 2015 calendars remaining. It has been decided that new members will receive a calendar free upon payment of dues. Ideas for giving a calendar away to Rt. 66 and Bernie & Betty's for allowing us to hold our monthly member and Eboard meetings at their facilities. Another option is selling the remaining calendars for \$5.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Follis, Secretary

**May 2015**

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17	18	19	20 Club Meeting @ 7 pm	21	22	23
24 2015 Spfld Mile	25	26	27	28	29	30 Club Picnic @ The Knox's
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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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