

Antique Motorcycle Club
December 2003

President's report:

1st of all, we did accomplish something at November's meeting. We elected our first officers and we decided to have a festive meeting this month. We also cast votes on a name for the club. While the votes were being counted, however, the club decided to put off selecting the name one more month. A new name, Illini Antique Motorcycle Club, joined last month's list. Here, then is the list of proposed names:

- Route 66 (Vintage) (Time) Riders
- Central Illinois Riders
- Sangamon Valley Riders
- Time Riders
- Illini Antique Motorcycle Club

Who knows? We may put off choosing a name for another month. Just in case the membership decides to act, please be ready to help move this important part of our formation to completion.

Also, please bring your appetites. The steak dinner at our next meeting on Wednesday, December 17th sounds great. We are meeting at our usual place: Route 66 Hotel on South 6th Street in Springfield. The dinner starts at 6 o'clock; so, you may want to get there a little early to socialize a bit before eating. Hope to see you there!

New officers:

Our new officers are:

President: George Tinkham (753-2737) <abate2@juno.com>
Vice Pres.: Mike Irwin (626-1379) <irwin@springnet1.com>
Secretary: George Embry (971-3457) <ae777@famvid.com>
Treasurer: Bob Tapscott (632-3554) <rtapscott@springnet1.com>
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Our newsletter editor is Angie Embrey (971-3457) <ae777@famvid.com>.

The chairman of the activities committee is Lew Fehring (483-2932) <a_fehring@hotmail.com>.

By Laws:

Hopefully, there will be a draft set of by laws to be circulated at this week's meeting. So far, we have just discussed the "Purpose" clause. This is one of the most important elements of by laws because it helps establish what sort of organization the club will be. Our members have a mutual interest in antique and vintage motorcycles, but they may have somewhat different expectations of what this club should be. The "Purpose" clause, then, solidifies our agreement of the character and goals of our club. Here are two drafts that we have considered so far:

1. The Purposes of this club are to promote the motorcycling interests of its members (especially as related to antique and vintage motorcycles) in an atmosphere of fellowship and civility. "Promoting the motorcycling interests of its members" includes helping establish contacts and communication with others whose experience, knowledge, and access to parts and materials might assist those members in the acquisition, restoration, maintenance, and use of antique and vintage motorcycles.
2. Promote the motorcycling interests of its members (especially as related to antique and vintage motorcycles) in an atmosphere of fellowship, support, and civility.

The intent of each version is the same, but the latter attempts to convey the idea with fewer words. Some believe a few extra words to clarify a purpose is worth the trouble. Your thoughts on the drafts would be appreciated.

Other matters:

We can always come up with more details that will eventually have to be worked out, but this is the holiday season. Let's just kick back and enjoy ourselves. We can take on those other issues next year, OK? Let's try to keep the meeting short this Wednesday, and the good times long.

Merry Christmas,
George Tinkham, Pres.