



# VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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## **VINTAGE IRON**

The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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### **Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting: **Wednesday, January 18<sup>h</sup> at Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center it begins at 6pm. It is movie night.**

**Dues are now due. \$15 for single and \$25 for family.**

## **President's Prattle**

Let's Get Started!

It is already a New Year; so, we might as well embrace it. On New Year's Eve, I hung my new V.I.R. calendar on the wall in my shop. See: I am looking ahead!

Speaking of looking ahead, let me repeat a suggestion I made last year at this time: Mark your calendars / smart phones to show expiration dates of licenses, memberships, etc. To be sure, go through your wallet and look for every membership card and license – even your library card. If anything expires this year that you want to renew, mark the pertinent date on your calendar. Next, look at the expiration dates on the license plates on your vehicles and trailer. Note the expiration dates for those plates on your calendar/smart phone also. Sure this may take a little effort, but it beats having to explain to a policeman why your 1978 Yugo is running on expired tags.

Here is a bit of news: Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center has new owners / management. Jim Feagans (new vice president) and I met with the new managers, and they would like for us to continue to use their facility. It seems they could use our help finding replacement vehicles for the motorcycles and car that were removed before the new owners took over. If necessary, they will buy an old bike or car; however, we may be able to find something that won't cost any more than a small plaque that states the name / contact info of the owner. You know, this could be a good way to promote our club. Please think about how we can help the new owners secure some cool post WW II bikes, toys, etc. Also, a mid-50s to mid-60s sports car would look great in the lobby.

Here's a reminder: This month's meeting will start an hour early (at 6 P.M.) because it is movie night. We are watching "Indian Wrecking Crew." It makes several references to the Springfield Mile and mentions various older (to us) race bikes. I loved watching it and cannot wait to see it

again. This will be John Langheim's (Events Coordinator) first "event"; so, let him know what you think of it.

Please notice the new officers listed on the front of this issue of Vintage Iron and mentioned above: Jim Feagans (Vice President) and John Langheim (Activities Coordinator). Also, Mark Morrison has moved from Activities to Web Master. Please welcome these members in their new positions. They will be counting on your help.

We thank John Anderson and Mark Morrison for their years of service as vice president and events coordinator, respectively. V.I.R. is lucky to have had people of John's and Mark's caliber take on those positions. When things go well, we hardly notice that an officer has done a good job. So it has been with John and Mark: The organization of events and the myriad of duties of the vice president have kept this fine club humming through the years. When you next see Mark and John, give them a pat on the back and a hearty "Attaboy!"

Well, I have rattled (prattled?) on long enough, I better save something for next month. I look forward to seeing your shiny faces at this month's movie night meeting. Until then, please have a Happy New Year!

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### **Minutes of December's meeting**

Minutes from the December meeting 6-6:15

- Shirts are here and need picked up please bring money
- Calendars are in
- Patch work at Primo design
- Introduction to the new E-board members

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### **The Treasurer's Report**

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2344.00 and the General Fund has a balance of \$1302.59 the total balance is \$3646.59. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

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### **Of Interest:**

John Langheim has taken over as Activities Director.

Mark Morrison has taken over as the Web Master.

Jim Feagans has taken over as the Vice President.

### **What do members want to do?**

Is there a gathering, ride, show, etc. that you want to do as a club?

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### **2017 VIR Calendar**

The calendars are in the cost is \$10. Not many left so get yours soon.

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