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Newsletter of the Springfield, IL Vintage Motorcycle Club - Vintage Iron Riders

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**NEXT MEETING: MAY 17th, 2006, 7:00 P.M. at Top Cat's
Chill & Grill!**

DUES:

There are still a few members who have not paid their 2006 dues. Dues can be paid by attending the April 19th meeting, or feel free to mail the dues to Robert Tapscott, 19531 Hunt Road, Petersburg, IL 62675.

DECALS:

Stick-on decals are available now, and will be sold for \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00. They will be available at this month's meeting.

CALENDARS:

Only two, 2006 V.I.R. calendars remain! At only \$12.50 each, we have almost completely sold out! If you'd like to purchase one, you'd better hurry. Quantities are very limited! Each month features a photo of a VIR member's motorcycle! This month features a 1963 Royal Enfield owned by Don Udey!

Mike Irwin is currently accepting motorcycle photos for next year's (2007) calendar! We are also considering accepting advertisements for next year's calendar to further offset the already low price! This would be a great way to advertise your business!

Upcoming Events

- V.I.R. Monthly Meeting- Wed., May 17th at 7pm Top Cats Bar and Grill
- Douglas County Museum exhibit in Tuscola will remain open through May 13th.for public viewing. We currently have 5 members who have their machines on display. The museum is in a former grocery store at 700 S. Main Street. As you come into Tuscola from the west on Rte 36, go under a railroad overpass (highway underpass). Turn left (north) at the first stoplight. The building is on your left (west side of the street) about a block or so north of the stoplight. The hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you want in anytime after that, all you have to do is call Lynnita Brown, the museum's director, at her home: (217) 253-4620.
- Petersburg Races - It's been reported, that Petersburg will continue to have motorcycle races, beginning this spring. Stay tuned for details!
- Lincoln Circuit Ride will be September 16th & 17th starting in Springfield and including towns up through Pekin, Metamora, Champaign, Danville, Shelbyville and back home.
- Run to Ron's – Annual Run to Ron's (George Tinkham's brother) is scheduled for October 7th and 8th.
- Bob Tapscott would like to have an open discussion to see what events the members would like to have this year, and get some themes from it. Some ideas suggested were local shows, rides, group events, events with other clubs, etc. He will put together a survey for the next meeting.

President's Prattle:

Motorcycle Awareness Month

May is "Motorcycle Awareness Month," and we have an excellent opportunity to help the world be more aware of our motorcycles on May 7th. On that first Sunday of May, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois will hold its annual Freedom / Awareness Rally here in Springfield. The ride itself is short: from IDOT (2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy) to the Capitol, but the exposure to bikes and bikers from all over the state is immense. Even if you are not riding, it is worth the trip just to see the machines and riders. When you go, **please** remember to bring a stuffed toy for A.B.A.T.E.'s "Bears for Lil' Buddies" program.

Now that riding season is here, we have a plethora of events and riding opportunities. Some events will be unique to this club, while others will be shared with other organizations. When we join other groups in their events, we should be prepared to play by their rules.

On road events, that means leaving when the rest leave and sticking with the pack. If we want to veer off course, we should let the road captain know of our intentions before the group starts. Otherwise, the whole group can be delayed while waiting (or looking) for riders that have gone their own way. It is just good sense – and good manners.

Speaking of events, we opened a discussion at April's meeting of what the members expect from Vintage Iron Riders in terms of events. On one hand we do not want to be overloaded with things to do, but then we probably want to do *something*. The question is: how much do we want to do? Only the club's members can answer this question. Please let us know what you think. This is your club. Let's make it as good as we can.

Special Mention:

Walter Ade is recovering after surgery. We sent a plant to Walter Ade and he sent the following Thank You note:

"Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers and especially the nice plant that Leroy brought to me this afternoon. I have a good recovery report: (The Doctor) is happy to see my X-ray shows my right lung is healing fine. My 4" incision is healing. On 11 May, I am able to drive again. I no longer have to use oxygen. I am looking forward to being with the club again. Thanks again for your friendship."

OLD MAGAZINES:

Do you have an excess of old calendars, magazines, etc. containing pictures of motorcycles that might be of interest to other members? Rather than discarding them, bring them to the next meeting. Maybe someone would like to have a picture out of them!

REMINDER:

Dave Yost is collecting Aluminum can pull tabs, for the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring pull tabs, to the May 17th V.I.R. meeting, or call Dave at 529-3911 for arrangements. What a great cause! Thanks Dave!

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Warm weather, is finally here! Historically, this is the most accident-prone time of the year, regarding motorcycle accidents. Some automobile drivers seem to forget about motorcycles, after not seeing them all winter. NOW is a great time to check the air pressure in your tires, and make certain that the headlight and taillight are adjusted correctly, and working properly!

Future Newsletters

If any members would like to contribute any articles of interest toward future monthly newsletters, please e-mail Carol Edwards at waecje@insightbb.com and she will include them in future newsletters. We'd like future newsletters to feature a particular "motorcycle of the month." Our club represents a wide variety of motorcycle ownership and interest! Perhaps you could send her an e-mail, with details on a particular model, the years they were produced, the size of the motorcycle, production figures, etc. Each and every one of us has a lot of knowledge, and it would be great to share this knowledge with the rest of the members!

V.I.R. CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1975 (first year) HONDA GOLDWING in very good shape. Partial parts bike (*sans* engine) also available. Interested parties can contact Steve Kren at spfldtown4@sbcglobal.net or 487-9031

<p>Wills - Trusts – Probate Personal Injury George W. Tinkham, attorney-at-law 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 523-8300</p>
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FOR SALE: 1969 BSA LIGHTNING 650 cc. New paint, tires, battery, seat, handlebars, and pegs. Forks rebuilt. Carb rebuilt. Updated rectifier. 1500 miles on engine. Photos available. \$4200 OBO Contact Larry Bradley 217-638-2964 or bradley990@insightbb.com References: Dave Young has worked on this bike, and owner is an acquaintance of Dave Yost.

REWARD: Paying cash for pre-1946 Illinois motorcycle license plates. Contact Alan...217-416-0733 or springfieldscooter@hotmail.com

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	1	2 NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6
7 A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Rally	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17 V.I.R. MEETING	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22	23	24	25	26 Springfield Amateur TT Races	27 Springfield TT Races
28 Springfield Mile	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

JUNE, 2006

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 FATHERS DAY	19	20	21 VIR MEETING <hr/> 1 st Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	