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Regular Meeting – October 15, 2008 – Funny Bone – 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19 – Columbia Airport Fly-In, Columbia, IL – Combination of airplanes, cars and motorcycle show.

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1108.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

To Ride or Write?

Trust me, this will be short. For the past 3 weeks, it seems like all I have done is ride. I enjoyed over 2,300 miles on the Guzzi at the end of last month when I went to the Meeting of the Minds motorcyclists' rights convention in Denver. The weather was soooo good - plus the bike and I seemed to be running well - that I headed west into the Rockies instead of coming home right away. The mountains are beautiful this time of the year, although the heavy, wet snow squall that hit me above 12,000 feet on the Continental Divide was not exactly pretty.

Last weekend, we enjoyed excellent weather and great camaraderie on the Ride to Ron's. Even when my '48 Chief had to be trailered when it developed a nasty growl in the front hub, I still had a great time. Mike Irwin, Alvin Edwards, and Dave Reischauer let me ride their respective motorcycles for much of the trip. The BMW, Yamaha, and Triumph were cool, fun bikes; and I had a blast. Heck, even riding with Emerson in the truck for a while was enjoyable!

Right now, I'm taking a break from preparing for this weekend's "Lincoln Circuit Ride." Well, break is over: It's time to ride!

Product Order

Have you contacted Bob Tapscott to place an order for clothing items???

"Vintage Wisdom"

People are seldom able to see an opportunity until it ceases to be one.

Ride to Ron's

We had pretty good attendance this year for our Ride to Ron's – even had three gals go (who did *not* camp out with the guys). Getting there was an adventure and it would have nice if the trees had turned colors, as we took some back roads with great views.

The weather and most of the motorcycles cooperated – except George's, of course! And, as usual, the food was great – thanks to Ron and his helpers. Where else can you get two full meals (all you could eat) for \$10? The fire was perfect and the music was wonderful – thanks to Don Cramer and his guitar. Trouble was there were too many senior moments and we couldn't think of enough songs! But it was fun anyway.

And a big thank you goes to Dave Reischauer for taking photos, which will be on the web soon.

We're already looking forward to next year's ride!



NEWSLETTER HELP!

We need articles for this newsletter. Otherwise what is the point of having one? It's boring, for the most part. Everyone knows when the meeting is. We talk about events at the meeting and Bob hands out a schedule in the spring. We still send out about 20 copies by snail mail. Do we really need a monthly newsletter? Does anyone really read it anyway? Please voice your opinion.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Funny Bone/Break Time
September 17, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President George Tinkham. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes as sent out and corrected concerning the road on the other side of New Berlin and correct spelling of Don Urey's name. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Irwin was not present, but reported by phone that we have approximately the same as last month (\$1,297.97) in the treasury, plus tonight's business.

Events: Bob Tapscott reported that we had approximately 22 bikes from the club on display at the Sunday Springfield Mile. He asked members for show of interest in doing a ride on the 27th. Four or five were interested. The next bike show is on September 27th at Beardstown, which is about the same format as Havana and asked for participants. That is the same weekend as the Route 66 show. The Ride to Ron's is October 4-5. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes two meals. Reservations must be in by last week in September.

Products: Bob brought a catalog and will be taking orders after the meeting. This will be the last order until Spring.

Old Business: Art Barto will provide Frank Selvaggio with photos of the State Fair Parade Float. Mike Irwin is still collecting photos to put in next year's calendar and asked that members send him a photo of their bike if they want it on the calendar. We still need to get photos of the new members.

New Business: Jeff Christy won two awards at Davenport; Dave Swanson won a Jr. Award.

Guests were Phil and Vicky Drum. Board recommended approval of applications for membership from Jim Woolary, who was not present. Membership voted for approval of the applications.

Mike Irwin has acquired a 1980 BMW R-100 RT. George Tinkham has picked up a 1960 Harley XLCH.

Bob Tapscott knows of a 6 x 12 black, Unity Trailer with 15" tires for sale, Also the White family has asked Bob and Mike to handle the sale of Jeff White's bikes. There is a 1953 Indian with lots of extras and a 1998 Suzuki. We also will put them on our web site.

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

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

November, 2008

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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8
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December, 2008

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