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Regular Meeting/Christmas Party – December 17, 2008 – Diamond’s – 6:30 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17 - Christmas Party, Diamond’s Restaurant (Old Shakey’s) in Town & Country Shopping Center, Spfld. – 6:30 P.M. The club will pay for meal for spouse.

Please go directly to the meeting room to pick up your meal ticket for you and spouse or significant other. Do not go to the cash register first! Be sure to ask for Senior Discount (if you qualify, that is)!

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler’s newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL109.pdf>

PRESIDENT’S PRATTLE

What a Year!

I hope you have enjoyed 2008 as much as I. Vintage Iron Riders once again won the top club award at the Havana show. Our members made a good showing as the winners of trophies in many of the classes at shows in Havana, Davenport, etc.

We have been blessed with several new members and have put more of our motorcycles on the road / show circuit. As we gained members, we mourned the passing of 3 members: Joann Charles, Jeff White, and Dave Yost. Jeff and Dave had been with us since we first formed. They have enriched the club, and we are fortunate to have had them with us.

V.I.R. has also seen the changing of the guard as two officers have stepped aside and new ones have graciously stepped up to fill the vacancies. Harvey Tapscott was first our treasurer, and then our events/products guy. Gary “Goog” Underfanger is taking over that position. We have an

applicant for membership who says he will be willing to take over the secretary and newsletter duties from Carol. I know he will have my vote when we consider his application!

I promise to keep the business portion of our upcoming Christmas Party (Yes, it is necessary.) short. Bring your party hat and a smile on your face. This "meeting" should be the best of the year.

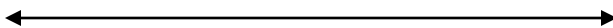
"Vintage Visdom"

People forget how fast you did a job - but they remember how well you did it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The new officers for 2009 are: George Tinkham, President; Jim Trader, Vice President; Mike Irwin, Treasurer, Carol Edwards, Secretary; Gary Underfanger, Events/Products Coordinator. However, as George said in his "Prattle," rumor has it that an incoming member has graciously volunteered to take over the job of Secretary/Newsletter Editor. (Thank you both for stepping up to the front table.)

The officers appreciate your faith in their leadership and look forward to another great year of vintage iron riding!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

In case you didn't read it at the top of the newsletter, the Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 17th at Diamond's Restaurant, Town & Country Shopping Center, Springfield, at 6:30 P.M. The Club is paying for dinner for members and spouses. **Please pick up your meal ticket in the meeting room.**



VERY SPECIAL GIFT

We would like to acknowledge a very special gift at this time. As you know, our member, Jeff White, died in a tragic vehicular accident. His family was faced with selling his motorcycle. Mike Irwin and Bob Tapscott were instrumental in getting this job done, resulting in a large savings to the family by not having to pay an auction fee. In gratitude, the family donated \$2500.00 to the Vintage Iron Riders, requesting that Jeff be remembered with a memorial of our choosing.

Jeff enjoyed being a member of the Vintage Iron Riders. Various ideas have been discussed, but nothing has yet been decided. If you have an idea, please bring it up at a meeting or contact a member of the Board.

We would like to thank Jeff's family for this generous gift and assure them that we will give this matter serious consideration in order to come up with a permanent (or at least on-going) memorial for Jeff.



**DUES ARE DUE FOR 2009.
PLEASE PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN UPDATE THE ROSTER!**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Funny Bone/Break Time
November 19, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM by president Tinkham. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Products: Tapscott reported that the clothing order was complete and ready to be picked up after the meeting. He also stated the vendor had provided an extra sweatshirt to the Club and it would be for sale after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Tinkham reported that the White Family had donated \$ 2500 to the Club for selling member Jeff White's 1953 Indian Motorcycle. Tinkham stated that the Club might do something with the donation to honor Jeff. Tapscott expressed his opposition to the Club accepting the donation----that the Club should have insisted that the White Family retain those funds for things needed by the family. Tapscott stated that he thought it was the role of the club to help a deceased member's family any way possible and that what Irwin and Tapscott had done to sell his two bikes didn't warrant \$2500 in return. Tinkham stated that the Family insisted on giving the donation and that we should accept it. Tinkham suggested that we spend a portion of the donation to honor Jeff. Members made several suggestions, including such things dedicating a tree to Jeff, or maybe a plaque or bench in their local park. Several suggestions were made to do something to help the family. Tapscott volunteered to check with Jeff's sister Sally to get suggestions on what we might do for the family.

Calendars: Irwin was not present and Tinkham was not sure of the status of the pictures for the calendars.

Christmas Party: Tapscott stated that this year's Christmas Party will be December 17th at 6:30--9:00 PM at Diamond's Buffet Restaurant.

Visitors: We had three visitors. One visitor completed an application - Joe Millburg. The other two visitors (friends of Dave Reischauer) asked for applications but did not complete them at the meeting.

Elections: Tinkham stated that Secretary Carol Edwards (who was absent) had requested that he seriously seek volunteers for her position as Secretary of the Club. Tinkham made an effort for such but no one volunteered. Tinkham then asked for someone to volunteer for Events Coordinator, the position Tapscott was retiring from. Gary "Goog" Underfanger did volunteer. A motion was made that the slate of Officers for 2009 be: President--George Tinkham; Vice President---Jim Trader; Secretary---Carol Edwards; Treasurer---Mike Irwin; and Events Coordinator---Gary Underfanger. The motion was seconded and voted on. All present voted for the slate of officers as noted.

Events: Jay Bishop stated he wanted to sell his 1942 H-D with sidecar and all related items. Tapscott is to coordinate with Edwards and Selvaggio to get his bike in the newsletter and on our web site in the for sale section.

Sid Wood Toy Run: This event was started by Gary Underfanger and Leroy Solomon 25 years ago. Trader made a motion that the Club donate to the Sid Wood Toy Run. Underfanger suggested the donation be made directly to Contact Ministries. Motion carried and a donation of \$200 will be made to Contact Ministries. A final suggestion was made that when any donations are made in Jeff White's name that the Club request that the recipient send Jeff's family a "Thank You" note.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Bob Tapscott, Acting Secretary

NOTE FROM CAROL

This newsletter will probably be my last effort, as one of our incoming members, Tom Garber, has offered to take over. I'm sure he will do a great job with the newsletter and as secretary of the VIRMC.

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles and cooperated in getting other information to me over the years. I've enjoyed doing my duty for the club, but I'm happy someone else is taking over now. Again, thanks!

January, 2009

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February, 2009

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| 15 | 16 Presidents' Day | 17 | 18 Regular Meeting | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Washington's Birthday | 23 | 24 | 25 Ash Wednesday | 26 | 27 | 28 |

Ashley Furniture (out by Meijer) is giving away a Harley. A chance in the drawing costs nothing, but you have to go to their store to enter.