

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS
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September 19 – Monthly VIR Meeting at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center 7:00 pm

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0912.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

Prattle postponed until next month due to family-related health issues in the Tinkham family.

ACTIVITIES

- Sept. 16 Springfield Mile (Rescheduled)
- Sept. 19 VIR Monthly Meeting
- Sept. 29 Ride to Ron's

Bloomington Hooters Annual Bike Show



On Saturday, September 7 at Hooters in Bloomington, I, the VIR sponsored the annual Bike Show. It was a sunny day and there were about 24 bikes in the show and lots more in the parking lot. Club members Goog Underfanger and Neal Savage won prizes for chopper and café racer. Dave Reischauer displayed his customized BSA as well as Mark Morrison showing his Moto Guzzi. The club was well represented and received a lot of interest from potentially new members. Lynn Morrison was a huge help in promoting the 50/50 drawing as well as the prizes. Mark Morrison did a great job as emcee and coordinating the event. It really was a great time unless you don't like motorcycles, sunny days, and girls in tight outfits. Plan on attending next year.



Havana Riverfront Car and Bike Show

It was a perfect day for a car and bike show on the banks of the Illinois River in historical Havana. Several members loaded up their bikes and made the trek to enjoy easychair spectating of the classic cars, motorcycles, and tractors! Tommy Knox rode up and was pleased to find out that a butterfly porkchop sandwich, chips, and an ice cold pepsi was only \$5.00. He nicknamed that an "Adult Happy Meal." One intrepid woman drove her tractor towing a companion tractor the 30 miles from Pekin, IL. It was a 3-hour trip for her. Don't you think you could manage a 1-hour motorcycle ride to enjoy the camaraderie?



Ride to Ron's

Our annual ride to Ron Tinkham's farm in Kirkwood, IL will be on Saturday September 29; leaving Denny's parking lot on Veteran's Parkway at 9:00 am. We travel picturesque 2 lanes for the 140 or so miles to our final destination where there is an abundance of food and hospitality *par excellence*. A hearty breakfast after a night under the stars (bunks in

the cabin) and a leisurely ride back to our respective homes caps the weekend. There is always a chase truck with an enclosed trailer for any unforeseen mechanical failures. If you have never experienced this weekend event, please consider participating. You will not be disappointed.

George needs your reservation and your \$10 at least 1 week before the Ride – that is, by September 22nd. Ron has to buy food and needs to know how much to get. If you elect to stay at a motel in Monmouth or Roseville, you should make your reservation right away.

Springfield Mile

Because of the torrential rain received on Labor Day weekend, the Springfield Mile has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. If you can come out Saturday morning (Sept. 15) at 9:00 am to help clean up the area, it would be much appreciated. We will have our regular Park and Display, and our new banners will be used for the first time.

Amateur Short Track Races

Friday, September 14 - Gates Open 3:00pm Racing at 7:00pm

Short Track National

Saturday, September 15 - Gates Open 2:30pm Racing at 7:00pm

Springfield Mile National

Sunday, September 16 - Gates Open 9:00am Racing at 1:00pm

Minutes of Meeting

Vintage Iron Riders

Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center

August 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was taken. Cell phones silenced.

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$4,095.42 of which \$1,828.50 is the Jeff White Memorial Fund.

Events

Mark Morrison reported that the VIR won 2nd place for most entries at the Havana Bike Show with a \$100 prize. Nine bikes were displayed and judged. Mark Morrison's Moto Guzzi received a second place European and Goog Underfanger received a prize for his Flea market Find single cylinder something or other. Mark reported that things are looking good for the Hooters show on September 8. The Springfield Mile is set to go with the new banner to be picked up on August 16, 2012. A cleanup day is set for Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 am. Dave Reischauer suggested more internet communication for volunteering would be helpful reminders.

Ride to Ron's

Ride is scheduled for September 29. Several members gave testimony to what a great event this is. George will present more detailed information at the September meeting.

Quaker Steak and Lube

They are interested in a Bike Show for 2013. A question was raised as to the responsibility of setting of classes and awarding prizes as pertains to the VIR.

New Business

Dave Reischauer introduced Bill Hart as a prospect for membership. Jim Cordier was introduced as a new member. Dave Reischauer has made his property in Virden available for a wiener roast the second week in October, possibly. Friday or Saturday will have to be determined for the better date. Leroy Solomon alerted the club to August 26 Vintage TT in Peoria.

George Pinkham shared some thoughts on a designated charitable involvement and reasons why we as a club prefer to keep membership dues low.

Jim Woolery reported that Dan (Woody) Woodward has just gone to a nursing home. The club members signed a get well soon card for Woody. Knox is to send.

George circulated a sympathy card for Mario Ingolia's mother. Art Barto gave a report on Old School Rider's Cap.

The 50/50 drawing of \$35.00 was won by Linda Woolery. A Royal Enfield shirt was won by Howie Thornley. Dave Reischauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Young and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox

October 2012

	1	2	3 Board Mtg. 5:30	4	5	6
7 Peotone Swap Meet	8	9	10	11	12 Barber Vintage Festival Leeds, AL Oct. 12-14	13
14 Peotone Swap Meet	15	16	17 VIR Mtg. 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 Peotone Swap Meet	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Peotone Swap Meet	29	30	31			