

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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March 20 – Monthly VIR Meeting at Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0313.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

Who are those guys?

When the Sundance Kid asked that question to Butch Cassidy, it was understandable that he might not recognize the posse chasing them. With 80-some members our own "posse" in V.I.R., it is sometimes hard for us to recognize (or at least remember the name of) another Vintage Iron Rider. I know it happens to me.

Clubs like ours are more fun when we interact with each other. Interaction is easier when we know each other – and we can get to know each other better through interaction. Whether that interaction occurs only once a year at the Davenport Swap Meet or monthly at meetings, it is good for members to connect. The reason the official starting time of our meetings is 7 P.M. and the business part of the meeting starts 15 minutes later is to provide a built-in opportunity for our members to socialize.

This past month, we had two road trips and a meeting. Now, **that** is togetherness. This spring, we have a picnic (details to be announced) and our Park & Display at the Springfield Mile – yet again, more opportunities to interact.

Remember: It is easier to put names and faces together at an event if you visit our website <www.virmc.com> beforehand. Go to "Members Only" section and then to the "Member Directory with Photos." Believe me, it helps.

With all of this talk about “togetherness,” we appreciate members who – because of distance or commitments – cannot attend meetings or events. Gus and David S. have always been available when I needed them, even if we had to rely on the telephone or Internet because of the distance between us. Their friendship and expertise are as valuable as if they attended every meeting and event. Of course, it *would* be nice to see them more often.

The point of this article is to emphasize the joy of associating with like-minded individuals in the Vintage Iron Riders. The club offers numerous means to help us connect. Please take advantage of as many of these as your time, energy, and interests permit. You will be glad you did.



Anamosa Road Trip

We rolled in to Anamosa Saturday afternoon about 1:00. Ate lunch at some local restaurants and then took a specially guided tour of JP Cycles. The staff was extremely friendly and provided goodie bags with motorcycle themed gifts. Checking in to our hotel for a mid-afternoon nap, we all gathered at 4:00 pm to order pizza and fellowship. Catherine Bach, “Daisy Duke” of the 1970’s “Dukes of Hazard” was a special guest of a car show just down the road. We took advantage of the situation to visit the show and see some very cool cars. She must have heard that we were staying at the AmericInn, because when we were checking out Sunday morning, she insisted on getting her picture taken with the club. Being gentleman, we happily consented. Sunday morning, we were the first group to get in to the museum. Hundreds of bikes, cool displays, actual film footage of Evil Knievel, and a gift shop out of this world. It was really fun to bump into each other as we all roamed the spacious museum. On the way home we stopped at the famous I-80 Truck Stop just outside of Davenport and got to tour the Trucker Museum. We came rolling into Springfield late afternoon after having a great time with one another. Joe Pitchford did a great job driving.

Springfield Mile

The Memorial Day Mile is rapidly approaching. It will be Monday, May 27. The club is going to buy a new banner that says “Motorcycles 25 Years and Older”, so that it will be easier for displayers to know where to park. Your participation, either by displaying, cleaning the area, setting up or taking down, or just visiting, makes this event all the better. Please continue to be available and support this major club function. We are still in the process of deciding what memorabilia we can give to displayers. We are thinking Cuzzis or bandanas with club logo.

Tech Night

In an attempt to “break the routine a little” we are hoping to have a regular monthly meeting dedicated to bike maintenance and other technical related subjects. Cuyler Coleman has made his shop available for such an event. Stay tuned for more information. We are thinking the months of July or August as possibilities.

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center
February 20, 2013

Social time from 7:00-7:20 pm, pledge taken and meeting called to order. Cell phone turned off and minutes from January 2013 approved.

Applications for Membership by Ross Ealey sponsored by LeRoy Solomon and John Langheim sponsored by Cuyler Coleman. Robert Ramsey was voted into the club.

Products: Roy will take order at the next meeting.

Donelson's: LeRoy Solomon reported on the day trip to Donelson's for customer appreciation. Twelve members of the VIR went and were treated with great hospitality. They had lunch at the Europa Café.

Anamosa: All appears to be in order for our overnighter to the National Motorcycle Museum set for February 23, 2013. Potentially 15 people are going.

Hooters in Bloomington: Mark Morrison asked Knox to see who would be interested in continuing our support of the bike show at Hooters. The emphasis was on a serious participation and eleven members expressed an interest.

Rock-A-Billy Band: Members of this band have displayed their bikes at the Springfield Mile and have expressed an interest in performing at a club function. Members liked the idea and George will verify cost and possibly using them at a Quaker Steak & Lube Bike Night.

Springfield Mile Lap: Once again the VIR will sponsor a lap at the Springfield mile with a contribution of \$200.00. Goog gave an overview of the vision for the park and display.

Picnic: Members were reminded that a club picnic was coming up. Possibilities include Knox's, Reischauer's or a pool party at Goog's.

Treasurer's Report: There was \$1,864 in the general fund and \$2,159.50 in the JW MF. Discussed the \$900 discrepancy was the result of members paying dues in December 2011. Roy Sims gave a review of the Jeff White Memorial Fund.

Newsletter: There are currently 15 members who receive the newsletter via regular mail at an annual cost of approximately \$250/year. Those with email capability were encouraged to switch to electronic reception.

Tech Night planned at Capitol City Motor Sports for early summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. 50/50 drawing of \$40 won by George Hurst.

Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox, Secretary

April 2013

	1	2	3 Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17 Monthly Mtg. 7:00 pm	18	19	20
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2013 Motorcycle Events

- **VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St. Springfield, IL 62703**
- **Quaker Steak & Lube has a Bike Night every Thursday Night (in season), Springfield**

- 3/16 – Monster Energy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
- 3/16 – St. Patrick's Day Party, Chuck's Harley Davidson, Bloomington

Dates TBD:

- **Club Picnic**
- Quaker Steak & Lube Bike Show, Springfield
- McLean County Car & Motorcycle Show, McLean County Antique Car Club, David Davis Museum, Bloomington
- **Annual Britenstine Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Virden, IL**
- **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana**
- Hooter's/VIR Bike Show
- Mods vs. Rockers, Chicago, IL

Bold = VIR Events