

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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## VINTAGE IRON *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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## December 19– Monthly VIR Meeting at Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center CHRISTMAS PARTY

5:30-6:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Dinner Served



For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at  
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1212.pdf>

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### PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

Ready, Set, ...

After riding the daylights out of my '56 H-D KHK this year, I am starting to tuck it away for the winter. There are numerous repairs and upgrades to be made on it during the winter if I get around to it. With any luck, it will not lie dormant this winter, but will be busy being pampered.

As I have written before, this time of year can be a blessing for those of us who need a little “down time” to work on a motorcycle, leathers, etc. For example, I have spent a good part of today haggling with insurance companies over rates. A nitwit underwriter nearly doubled the cost of insuring my little 1966 Honda “150

Dream” after they found it was newer than their records had shown. If he had any sense, he would realize that old bikes *increase* in value as they get older and that finding the bike is newer than originally thought should decrease the price of the bike – and the cost of insuring it. I shall keep you apprised of my search for the best value in insurance.

Yes winter is a great time to straighten out insurance issues, repair torn seats, smooth out dents, order/fabricate parts, and – in general – get ready for Spring to greet us with another riding / show season. The reason foot racers used to be told, “get ready ... get set ... go!” is that we sometimes need to “get ready” before we go. (I’m not so sure about getting “set.”) Winter helps get ready for the next year.

I hope that good health and good fortune are with you this winter so that you will be ready when the 2013 riding / show season starts. Vintage Iron Riders will help keep these cooler months fun with the party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, movie night at January’s meeting, and a road trip to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa in February. So, mark your calendars (Yes, the new calendars will be at the meeting / party on the 19<sup>th</sup>.) and plan on joining us. It will be a lot more fun if you do!

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### **Sid Wood Memorial Run**

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Toy Run was a huge success! The weather cooperated as temperatures were in the balmy 40’s. Approximately 70 bikers bearing gifts for the needy rendezvoused at the Steamfitters’ Union Hall where they were signed in by Goog and Tammy Underfanger. Leroy Solomon handled greeting and counting riders as they showed up. We rode in formation down to Contact Ministries where we presented over \$700 in cash and dozens of Christmas toys. The Director of Contact Ministries was most appreciative and informed us that this Toy Run is the beginning of their Christmas season outreach. Goog and Leroy are to be commended for all of their work in this worthwhile endeavor. We had riders from as far away as Beardstown and Farmersville. Hopefully next year, we will get some more press coverage to encourage more riders to be involved. Hopefully next year YOU will choose to come out for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Toy Run.

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### **Winter Road Trip**

Your club is exploring the idea of taking a passenger van to the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa sometime this winter. Member Joe Pitchford has access to a 15-passenger van for excursions like this. We will spend the night in a moderately priced motel. At the November meeting, over 10 members expressed serious interest in being involved. We will have more information at the January meeting. This looks like it’s going to be a go sometime in February or March 2013.

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### **VIR Christmas Party**



Sixty-five members have made reservations for our annual Christmas party to be held December 19, 2012 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center. We will have a 2-meat buffet, vegetables, potato, roll and butter, and salad with either coffee or tea provided. The Club is going to provide a sheet cake for dessert. Members will pay \$10/person with the club paying the balance. There will be a social time with cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30, with dinner being served at 6:30. Please bring a motorcycle-themed gift – nothing expensive.

## Calendars

Our 2013 calendars should be available for sale at the December Christmas Party. Cuyler Coleman is putting the finishing touches on the graphics this week and then off to the printer. Thanks to Howie Thornley who has volunteered to be the photographer for the 2014 calendar. It is the aim of the club to feature motorcycles 25 years or older that are currently owned by members. Even if your motorcycle has been displayed in past calendars, please talk to Howie about a current photo. Special thanks to all of you who made photos available for this year. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

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## Election of New Officers

All of the officers who served for 2012 were elected for a term to run through November of 2013. Special thanks to those individuals who serve in this capacity.

## Dues for 2013

As a reminder, dues for 2013 will be collected at the January meeting

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## FYI – Website

The Vintage Iron Riders maintains a website at [www.virmc.com](http://www.virmc.com). In addition to pictures of activities, there are photos of members. Several new members do not have their photos on our website. George Tinkham will be taking pictures at the Christmas party of members who wish to be on the website. For the password, speak to George at a regular meeting.

## Jeff White Memorial Fund

As a member of good standing in VIR, you are eligible to receive benefits from the Jeff White Memorial Fund. This fund was set up to help with a financial assistance for any member in need as a result of accident, illness or injury. Secretary Tommy Knox will have copies of the by-laws and you are encouraged to pick them up at the November meeting. This fund was established as a memorial for deceased member Jeff White.

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Minutes of Meeting  
**Vintage Iron Riders**  
**Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center**  
**November 14, 2012**

7:00 pm social time, meeting called to order at 7:18 pm. All officers present. Pledge of Allegiance was taken. The minutes of the October meeting were amended by email on the election of officers. Motion made and approved to accept October minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$4,226.01 in the general fund of which \$2,066.50 is the Jeff White Memorial Fund.

**JWMMF:** Tinkham gave a brief reminder to the club of the history and purpose of the Jeff White Memorial Fund available for them. This was to help new members as well as remind veteran members.

**Products:** Sims is getting bids for new VIR patches from All American Tee's.

**Events:** Morrison reported on a bike auction in western Illinois, the Sid Wood Memorial Run, and a bus trip to the motorcycle museum and JP Cycles in Anamosa, Iowa for February or March.

**Christmas Party:** Club agreed to a buffet menu to include roast beef, broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls and butter, salad, and coffee and tea. Club will provide a sheet cake for dessert. Motion was made by Jim Woolery, seconded by Bill Nelson for club members to pay \$10/person and the club will pay the balance. Motion passed.

A Motion was made and seconded to put a cap of \$15 total/person. Motion failed.

**New Business:**

-Election of Officers: Motion was made and seconded to hold election for officers. Present officers were re-elected for 2013 by unanimous vote.

-Calendars: Cuyler reported that because of moving his business, his computer has been down but will be operational by November 16.

-Visitors: Greg Monroe was a guest of LeRoy Solomon.

-New Members: Norm Diehl and Thanh Melick were approved.

-Photos for VIR website will be taken at the Christmas party.

-Email alerts by George Tinkham: To inform club of sale items related to motorcycling was o.k'd by voice acknowledgment from club.

-The club was notified that there will be an Audit of the Books at the January 2013 executive board meeting.

-Movie Night: The film "The Wild One" was chosen for the next movie night to be held in January or February 2013.

-Dennis Yate made available a copy of "Indian Summer". However, it's in a VCR format.

Motion made by Dave Drum and seconded by Joe Pitchford to end the meeting at 8:10 pm.

50/50 drawing won by Bill Fleer Jr. in the amount of \$27.00. T-shirt won by Roy Sims.

Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox

**January 2013**

		1	2 Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19
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