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The Newsletter of the Springfield, IL Motorcycle Club - Vintage Iron Riders
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REGULAR MEETING: **January 19, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at Top Cat's Chill & Grill.**

EVENTS

Please step up and volunteer to coordinate an event this year. We would like to get more member participation for our events. So we need good ideas to make our events interesting and fun. What do you think about a safety course for our members (or anyone else who wants to attend - maybe a fee for outsiders?) Would you volunteer for this?

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It looks like most of us survived the holidays and 2004. I hope those so inclined were able to enjoy the mild motorcycling weather at the end of the year. My goal is never to *have* to use Sta-Bil because my motorcycles are ridden year 'round. Say what you will about global warming, but these relatively balmy days make for excellent motorcycling.

Now that we are putting our Christmas gifts to good use (Santa brought me parts for a Harley and an Indian), we can start working on our resolutions for the New Year. After the obvious resolution to lose weight and get more exercise, the biggest dream of most adults seems to be to be better organized so that they can get more done and have more fun.

Fortunately, Vintage Iron Riders has been acting on that resolution since its inception. It took awhile, but we have carefully hammered out an identity: we have our name (2, actually), by-laws, officers, and an insignia. We also have some good road events, and our members have done well at bike shows. We should have our first calendar soon. Yes, in a year and a half we have made a good start.

What, then, should we resolve to do (or do better) this coming year? As good as our events were last year, we might just have a few more. For example, we may want to have our own "Experienced Rider" safety course if we can get the responsible parties to set one up for us - and if we can get enough of our members (and guests) to fill the class. This event would benefit the members participating and would generate good "press" for the club.

Speaking of events, we might want to have a few short runs to visit members and their collections that are a bit outside of the Springfield area. It was great seeing Bill Bayne last fall, and it would be fun to pay Gus Miller a visit. What the heck, we might want to visit collections of antique motorcycles, even if their owners are not Vintage Iron Riders.

It seems like a safe commitment to resolve to have a greater presence, *as a club*, in various bike shows. As the club develops, our members are getting more and more of their machines road - and show - worthy. With our insignia, we can have a banner or poster at each of the shows. When that happens, we can rightfully feel like we have "arrived."

Those are my thoughts on New Year's resolutions. Share yours with the rest of us so that we can set goals for an even better year in 2005.

← DUES →

The 2005 club dues will be collected at the **January 19th meeting**. Remember, **dues for 2005 are \$15.00**. For those members unable to attend the January meeting, please mail the dues to Robert Tapscott, R. R. #1, Box 293, Petersburg, IL 62675.

"Vintage Visdom"

Check out: <http://www.800luvbugg.com/shop?campid=VE1142.INLkfvupz9&frame=1.13.4303&referrer=ve1142>

This VW retailer in Effingham, IL sells "winter storage kits" for people who store their vintage Beetles during the cold / salty road months. I bet we have members who do the same thing with their motorcycles. I, for example, refuse to ride when there is salt on the road or when it is slippery.

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To learn, you have to be willing to be taught.

MEMBER PROFILE

This month's member profile is **Member Bob Dermont**.

Born: May 21, 1938

Residence: 2814 South 14th, Springfield, IL

Personal: Married with two grown children.

Profession: Self-employed mechanic and have owned Springfield Small Engine Service (at my residence) since 1992. I'm originally from New York, but was stationed in Chanute AFB. When I got out of the service in 1962, I was partners with another man in a Honda dealership in Urbana. However, I sold my share to him. He and new partners opened a dealership in Springfield, and I came over here to run their parts and service departments. I've been in Springfield ever since.

Motorcycles owned: BMW, BSA, (2) Pentons, Kawasaki, and some other stuff.

Why older bikes? I grew up with them. I've made my living working on bikes since 1962 since I got out of the service and even worked on them in the service.

Other interests: Woodworking, but don't have much time to do much of it any more. Worked with Habitat several years ago and would like to get back into that.

Why SIVIR: George Embry kept asking me to join and said he would even pay my dues, so I joined. I do come to the meetings and enjoy the camaraderie.

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MEMBER REPORTS

A good time was had by all (we hope) at the Christmas Party, which we thought was pretty well-attended. We had some great prizes, got to see our logo all put together, got to meet the wives/girlfriends, and had a good dinner.

Mike Irwin is in charge of bike photos for the 2005 club calendar. We would like to start gathering photos for the 2006 calendar, so please submit photos (digital if possible) to Mike Irwin.

George Tinkham is bringing a bunch of old motorcycle parts catalogues to this month's meeting. The best way to recycle is to reuse. Hopefully others members can use these. If they cannot, he has room in his recycling bin. We encourage people to bring items to meetings that others might want to see or use.

MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Remember that this space is available at no cost for members to advertise vintage or near vintage bike-related bikes or items. You may also place "wanted" ads. It is also available for commercial ads at a cost of \$2.50. Commercial ads will be bordered. All ads will be reviewed by the Board for content.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club
Shakey's Pizza & Buffet
December 15, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:40 P.M. by President George Tinkham. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mike Irwin is requesting photographs for the calendars.

Dues are due in January, and are now \$15.00.

George mused that we have had a good year: we have officers, by-laws and a logo. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. for dinner.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

Dave Young got this message awhile back. You might be interested:

I have just returned from spending 2 weeks on the movie shoot called "Worlds Fastest Indian" which is based around Wendover, Utah/Nevada. A good part of the shoot was recreated on the Bonneville Salt Flats. I am happy to report that it is progressing extremely well.

It's about an elderly New Zealander called Bert Munro who built a Indian streamliner based upon a 1920's Scout which he had created his own cyls and OHV set up and raced it in the 1960's. He still holds the title to the worlds fastest Indian and did a 1 way pass of 201 mph. Anthony Hopkins stars as Bert and Roger Donaldson is the director. The script is excellent and Anthony plays Bert very well along with a few of Bert's typical humorous one-liners for a few good laughs. Bert was a real character that comes through pretty well. There is a crash scene that came across way better than anyone had planned but it cost Eric the stunt rider a broken collarbone and a knob on his head. The movie is slated for release in late 2005.

It is very well written and all the actors did a great job. 1 of the characters was the famous Rollie Free which I had great pleasure of filling the actor in about him even though he seemed well versed about Rollie. The setting was 1962 which was recreated on the Bonneville Salt Flats along with the announcing tower, start lines, mile markers and portable buildings. At one point about 250 extras were present along with about 75 classic period Bonneville speed cars and motorcycles. Several of them were very famous cars and set world records and had never been photographed together. Roger Donaldson owned an army Indian in his younger days and came to admire Bert and wrote the script 25 years ago. The director, producers and Anthony Hopkins are all friends and have a long working relationship together which you could see all of the good chemistry come through. Anthony said it is the most fun he has had on a movie for over 20 yrs. He fell in love with Bert's story that he decided to do it for a fraction of his usual fee. The work behind the scenes is huge and makes for long days (6.30am to 1.30am) for some people. Maintenance of stuff on the salt is very high. The salt is a real killer and gets into everything. 1 Kiwi (Noel) built the 2 look alike replicas and 2 other Kiwi's (Perry and Wayne) built the identical replica along with another one in the works which is still in NZ. Bert's workmanship was crude at best but the guys did a remarkable job of exactly recreating the bikes. Roger is very particular about detail and I would say without any doubt it is an identical replica judging from all of Bert's original pictures that they had there. We fired the replica up for the 1st time on the Wendover airstrip and took it for a little ride and what a memorable moment. Bert still lives on. We fired it up on the Bonne salt flats and without any effort it did 100 mph in 2nd gear. Bert seemed to be looking over the whole movie setting as the weather was absolutely perfect, something that very rarely happens on the salt especially for any length of time. Bert's son John showed up and showed us Bert's original bash hat (helmet), goggles, gloves and travel bag.

Our Kiwi Freightliner was being used as the transportation vehicle and a funny thing happened along the way. Josh our driver handed out some red Kiwi Indian arrowhead T-shirts. These stood out on the white salt flats and the T-shirts become a very coveted item and many more had to be shipped in. People incorrectly started putting one and one together after seeing the Kiwi truck and T-shirts and started calling it the Kiwi Indian movie.

On one of the final days of shooting I had the pleasure to spend some time with Andy Green of England. Andy is the fastest man on wheels and the 1st man to break the sound barrier setting a record of 763 mph in a jet powered streamliner. A very interesting man to talk to. He said the only challenging moments were between 650 and 720 mph, after that things seemed to settle down. Darn fast and not an ideal time to be worried.

Our replica Chief went along to the salt flats. Once out on the salt flats I don't think there was 1 person who did not get their picture taken with it including Anthony Hopkins. Everyone admired it. Some guys joked to me that it didn't run so I fired it up and went riding out on the salt. Now they couldn't believe someone would ride such a nice motorcycle on the salt. My son Ross is 10 yrs old and I put him in front of me and off we rode. The bike ran dead straight and ran true.

The bike was responsive to just a little bit of body movement, pure fun. I have never ever ridden an Indian that ran so true and handled so well. It ran so great and handled so effortlessly that Ross took over the controls and I just sat on the back and he took me for a ride. Ross put on quite a few miles over the final few days hauling me around. Over the next few weeks I plan to put pictures up on our website www.KiwiIndian.com of the movie shoot. It is nice to see a movie made about a real guy who achieved his dream and believed in Indians and a true story. One of Bert's sayings was "I can live more in 5 minutes on a motorcycle than a whole lifetime". How true. It seemed like I was there watching Bert do his record run. Long live Bert Mike (Kiwi) Tomas, Kiwi Indian MotoCycles www.KiwiIndian.com Phone (951) 788 0048

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Officers Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17 M. L. King, Jr. Birthday (Observed)	18	19 Regular Meeting	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY, 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16 Regular Meeting (dues are due)	17	18	19
20 A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet conv. center Spfld 10-4	21 President's Day (Fly your Flag)	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26
27	28					