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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders
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Regular Meeting – September 19, 2007 – Break Time/Funny Bone 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

A Matter of Priorities

This has to be one of the most beautiful days of the year, and here I am – in my basement working on a newsletter column. We all have moments like this. Times when we are torn between things we want to do and things we *should* do.

Thankfully, Vintage Iron Riders offers opportunities to enjoy ourselves and our motorcycles, but does not attempt to require that any member do anything other than have fun. In this club, nothing is mandatory, not even that a member own a vintage / antique motorcycle. Compare that with the “Vintage Iron” motorcycle club in Ohio that requires each member own such a bike and that a vintage or older motorcycle be ridden by each member to at least 3 meetings each year.

Last year we asked our members in the August newsletter if this club is on the right track and is meeting members’ needs and expectations. It is probably a good idea to ask that sort of question every now and then. There is no better time to examine how we are doing than in September, the anniversary month of V.I.R.’s creation.

Please let any of the officers know what you think of your club. Do we have too many activities? Are the meetings long enough? Should we have a business meeting every other month, alternating with a bi-monthly social meeting? Are we doing anything that should be changed? Are things just about right?

Hopefully, I’ll hear that the “President’s Prattle” is too long and that I should spend more time riding than writing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29-30 – Conclusion of Lincoln Circuit Ride.

October 6-7 – Ride to Ron's – We will be taking reservations at this month's meeting for this annual event.

October 19-21 - Barber Museum Car/Bike Show, Birmingham, AL. This year's Festival will include a Cross Country Race on Saturday; Moto-Cross races both Saturday and Sunday; Trails on Saturday; and Roadraces on both Saturday and Sunday. The Festival will also include bike shows, swap meets, plus other special events. It is also a good chance to visit the premier Barber Motorcycle Museum.

October 27th Weekend – AMCA St. Louis Chapter Fly-In/Car/Bike Show, Columbia, IL. The St. Louis Chapter of the AMCA will participate in the Fall Fly-In at the Columbia Airport at Columbia, IL, the weekend of October 27th. This event will include vintage airplanes, motorcycles and cars/trucks.

"Vintage Wisdom"

What happens around us is largely outside our control, but the way we choose to react to it is inside our control.

Calendars

We are aiming for November meeting to have calendars ready for purchase. These make nice Christmas presents (yes, there are only about shopping 100 days until Christmas)!

MEMBER SURVEY

We have received survey replies from only 15 of our members. If you have not already done so, please complete and return (either at the meeting or by mail to Carol at 4115 S. 3rd St., Spfld., IL 62703 or email to waecje@sbcglobal.net) the following form.

Calendar Year You Began Riding _____ Current Age (don't lie) _____

Number of Bikes Presently Owned _____ Number of Bikes Previously Owned _____

Number of Wrecks in Lifetime _____ Number of Years Sanctioned Racing _____

Have you taken the Safety Riders' Course? Beginner Advanced

Do you wear a helmet when riding? Yes No Sometimes

To what other motorcycle organizations do you belong? AMA AMCA ABATE

Other: _____

MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Break Time – Funny Bone
August 15, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Vice President Jim Trader. Suggestion was made by Walter Ade that we say the Pledge of Allegiance, which we did, and plan to do at future meetings. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent with the newsletter and posted on the web site. Visitors were Dudley Watts, Matt Sims and Todd Walbaum.

Events: Mid-Ohio event report is on the web. Some of our members were invited to the AMA Hall of Fame Motorcycle Show. Leroy Solomon reported on riding in the State Fair Parade along with George Tinkham.

August 11th was the Havana Car & Bike Show. We had 28 bikes and won the \$250 prize for most entries. The committee asked if we would help them set up the classes and judge next year. They plan to raise the prize money for most entries to \$500. Jim Trader thanked everyone who participated.

Davenport Show/Race will be Labor Day weekend. Not enough people will be going to this event to be able to man our own space. September 2 will be the Ride to the Mile. We will meet at IHOP for breakfast and leave for the Fairgrounds at 10:00. Parking area will be set up for vintage bikes.

Cruise for Charity is September 7 & 8. Jim Trader asked people to sign up so they would have an idea how much participation there will be. There will be a bike contest and games on Friday night and display on Saturday. **Volunteers are needed for registration** and parking the bikes. Advance registration is \$12, and day of registration will be \$15. The registration form can be downloaded from www.wnns.com and sent in. Registration for the Cruise For Charity will begin on Friday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 A.M. at both Lincoln Park and at the Fairgrounds. Registration will end at 5:30 P.M. at Lincoln Park and at 7:00 P.M. at the Fairgrounds. Folks can also register the day of the show Saturday morning (Sept. 8), at 8:00 A.M. at 5th and Capitol. Awards will be at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, followed by a poker run and a cruise through the Convention Center on Saturday night. A list of classes and events was distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Irwin reported that we have approximately \$902.85 plus tonight's business.

Old Business: The Club received a certificate from the Land of Lincoln ABATE Chapter for our contribution for the "Downed Riders." Mike Irwin still needs photos for the calendar and will take photos at upcoming events. George Tinkham is still working on the insurance survey.

New Business: A flyer was discussed. Frank and Carol will work on one for distribution at our events. Bob Tapscott reported that we are sponsoring Lap 6 at the Springfield Mile, which he paid for. Motion was made by Leroy Solomon, seconded by Walter Ade, that we reimburse Bob the \$100 for the sponsorship. Motion carried.

Carol asked that the survey sent out in the newsletter be returned as soon as possible so we could announce the results. Survey can be snail-mailed or emailed to her.

Dave Reischauer is looking for a trailer to haul two motorcycles. Don Udey has a brand new 12 x 12 shelter for sale.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

September, 2007

						1 AMCA Meet Davenport
2 Ride to the Mile VJ Day	3 Labor Day	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7 Midwest Cruise for Charity	8 Midwest Cruise for Charity
9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 1 st Day of Rosh Hashanah	14	15 Lincoln Circuit Ride
16 Lincoln Circuit Ride	17	18	19 Regular Meeting	20	21 POW/MIA Recognition Day	22 Yom Kippur
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Lincoln Circuit Ride
30 Lincoln Circuit Ride						

October, 2007

	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6 Ride to Ron's
7 Ride to Ron's	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Regular Meeting	18	19 Barber Museum Show	20 Barber Museum Show
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28 AMCA Fly-In Show	29	30	31			