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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## VINTAGE IRON

**The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders**

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**Regular Meeting – November 21, 2007 – Break Time/Funny Bone 7:00 P.M.**

### PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

It's a Good Thing....

Martha Stewart could not have said it better when it comes to old motorcycles. Within limits, things that make you feel good are inherently good themselves. In church, we learn the Second Greatest Commandment: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This tells us that we need to care for ourselves as well as others.

Restoring, riding, and showing antique/vintage motorcycles clearly give us personal joy. The good thing is that we also brighten others' lives when we exhibit our machines. You can see the joy in the eyes of someone who gazes on a restored Bridgestone or BSA that could have been his first bike – or an old Indian like his grandfather used to ride.

Food, shelter, clothing, etc. are essential in our lives; but so is joy. If we – through our old motorcycles – bring joy into our lives and the lives of others, then we are truly doing a "good thing." It may not be the same as bringing relief to a tsunami victim, but it is still good.

At this month's meeting, there will be a discussion of whether we should contribute a portion of what might otherwise be spent on our Christmas party for a charitable cause. Also, Dave Yost would like for us to bring aluminum pull tabs that we may have been collecting. Although charity should not be limited to a single season, the Thanksgiving / Christmas season seems to remind us of opportunities to share with others.

As we meet this month on the day before Thanksgiving, we can be thankful for family, health, our country, friends, and other things that bring joy to our lives. I know I am thankful for this club and joy it and you, my fellow members, bring me. We truly are doing a "good thing."

Keep it up!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fall Rides – Non-VIR** – Leroy Solomon has some fall rides coming up. For details, please contact Leroy at 529-5672.

**December 19 – VIR Christmas Party** – This year's Christmas Party will be starting at 6:00 P.M. at Kicks. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Reservations will be required. We have \$500 to spend on the Christmas Party. Various suggestions have been made, but nothing has been decided. This will be discussed at this month's meeting, so please come prepared with ideas.

**"Vintage Visdom"**

The steam that blows the whistle can't be used to turn the wheels.

**"BUSINESS" CARDS**

Did you get YOUR business cards yet? Bob Tapscott has them available. They have our logo and web site on them, as well as a place for you to put your name.



**CALENDARS**

Mike Irwin will have 50 of the 2008 calendars available for purchase at this meeting. They are \$10.00 each. If we sell all 50 calendars, we can order more, but they will have to be paid for in advance. These will make great, inexpensive Christmas gifts!



**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

This month is our nomination of officers for 2008. It would be great if someone else would step up to the plate and give some of our officers a break. This is YOUR club, so please do your part to keep it going! And for 2008 you can get double the salary of the present officers!

**More "Vintage Visdom"**

We always have time enough if we but use it right.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Vintage Iron Riders**  
**Break Time – Funny Bone**  
**October 17, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President George Tinkham. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent with the newsletter and posted on the web site.

Products: We have two shirts for sale with the club logo – a denim and a T-shirt, which were mis-sized.

Events: October 21 is the AMCA St. Louis Chapter Fly-In/Car/Bike Show at Columbia Airport in Columbia, IL. At the AMA Bike Show, we had 4 bikes shown and Jeff Christy placed second in his class. Mike Irwin reported on the Ride to Ron's. There were 3 bikes riding; the food was good and plentiful, and everyone had a great time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Irwin reported that we have \$1,167.89, not including tonight's business. Motion made and seconded to approve the report.

Old Business: The last picture for the calendar was delivered to Mike. He will have 50 calendars ready for next month's meeting and hopes to keep the price at \$10.

Reward for riding vintage motorcycles and participating in events was discussed. No one volunteered during the meeting to be on a committee to come up with a reward and rules.

Bob Tapscott brought business cards for members to hand out. They will be distributed after the meeting.

He has talked to 5-Star Graphics and discovered that Ace Sign Company uses 5-Star for their work. We are checking with them to see if we can bring in our own clothing items to be embroidered. Walter Ade suggested that we have flags made and was informed that we already have two flag and a banner. Bob also talked to Sam's Club about embroidered denim shirts, but they have a minimum order of a dozen shirts.

New Business: Membership applications were from Mark, Michelle and Melissa Bumpus, and from Keith and Linda Milliman, both of whom are recommended for approval by the Board, and unanimously approved by vote of the membership.

VIR was mentioned in the November issue of *American Motorcyclist*, along with photos of Jim Trader, Alvin Edwards and Bob Tapscott at the Springfield Mile event.

After the Board designed letterhead for the Club, thank you letters were written to Bangert Plumbing and RTD Motorsports for their contributions to the Midwest Cruise for Charity.

Christmas Party will be at Kicks. Jim Trader was able to book our room at no cost to us. The party will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that part of our Christmas party money go to a charity. Other ideas for spending the \$500 won at summer shows should be brought to the November meeting and discussed.

ABATE Toy Run is this weekend. Sid Wood Toy Run will be November 25<sup>th</sup>.

George reported on parts from Wisconsin company being the same as Indian parts. Other parts were discussed.

Dave Yost is trying to arrange a ride to Ronald McDonald House to present the can tabs to them and possible take a tour of Ronald McDonald House.

He also brought up the State's motorcycle test, which is very hard to pass on a bike larger than a 250 cc. Oren Lowder pointed out that if you take and pass the MSF Safety Course, you do not have to take the State test. This was discussed at length and George is going to look into this as well as bring it up to the ABATE chapter meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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