

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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## The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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## January 16– 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/milerNL0113.pdf>

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### PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – President's Prattle

#### Man and Machine

My past articles have focused primarily on our motorcycles and on motorcycling events. Those things certainly make Vintage Iron Riders interesting and fun. An even more important element in the club are the members themselves.

I have been riding seriously for about 50 years now, and I have met a lot of truly top-notch people along the way. Quite a few of those people ended up in our club. For some (like Harvey, Leroy, Goog, George Hurst, Jorge Patino, & Lew Fehring), I remember the year and month or the details of our first meeting – even though those meetings occurred over 25 years ago. Others I met more recently because of Vintage Iron Riders. The great thing is that we are still getting new members who bring new interests and experiences to our lives.

The focus of our club is not *just* old motorcycles. Rather, it is **both** old bikes and the people who enjoy these interesting machines. Frankly, it is hard to tell at times which is more entertaining: machines or members. That is why our club motto is, as the Romans would say, “*vir et machina*” – or “Man and Machine.”

### Activities

- January 16      Movie Night "The Wild One" 7:00 pm – Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center  
February 9      Donelson Cycles Open House, St. Louis, MO  
February 23-24    Motorcycle Museum Visit, Anamosa, IA
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### Winter Road Trip

The visit to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA is set for February 23-24. We will leave Springfield at 8:30 am from George Tinkham's law office located at 1119 South Sixth Street. Feel free to bring a cooler for lunch or libations. We have scheduled a private tour of JP Cycles beginning at 2:00pm on Saturday. After the tour we will check into our hotel for an evening of fellowship and camaraderie. Sunday morning we will head to the museum by 10:00 am with plans to depart no later than 2:30 pm. We are estimating \$100/person, which includes discounted entrance into the museum, gasoline, and a double occupancy hotel room. Meals are on your own. Hopefully, your hotel will provide a complimentary breakfast. You will be responsible to pay for your own room, but the club will reserve a block of rooms for our group. The plan is to be back in Springfield between 7:00-8:00 Sunday evening. Ladies are invited also. **You must be prepared to commit to this trip at the January meeting.**

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### Movie Night



At our regular monthly meeting on January 16 at the Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center at 7:00, we will watch the 1953 film, *The Wild One*. This film inspired a generation of "rebel riders" and made Marlon Brando a major Hollywood celebrity. What a great opportunity to see a film jam packed with vintage motorcycles including the 1950 Triumph Thunderbird that Marlon's character rides. Bring your family because Goog and Tammy are setting up their popcorn machine.

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### Dues for 2013

As a reminder, dues for 2013 will be collected at the January meeting, or you may mail them to Gary Underfanger, 3985 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Road, Springfield, IL 62707.

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### Donelson Open House

Anyone interested in spending the day in St. Louis on February 9 at Donelson's Cycles, please speak to George Tinkham. Tentative plans are to leave Springfield by 8:30 am to view Donnellson's collection of motorcycles and enjoy customer appreciation.

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### Annual Audit

The annual audit of the VIR's financial accounts will be open for review at the Executive Board Meeting on February 6, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Bernie & Bettie's Pizza at the corner of Spring and Allen Streets.

Minutes of Meeting  
**Vintage Iron Riders**  
**Rt. 66 Hotel & Conference Center**  
**December 19, 2012**

Christmas party at the Rt. 66 Hotel and Conference Center. Meeting was called to order at 6:25pm, pledge of allegiance taken, and minutes of previous meeting approved. Tinkham suggested a brief meeting to accommodate the Christmas party. Members agreed.

January meeting movie night scheduled for Route 66 Hotel and Conference. "The Wild One" will be shown. Meeting to begin at regular time.

Membership was notified of the audit of the books for 2013.

**Events:**

Road trip to National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA. Commitments needed by January meeting. The trip is tentatively scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February.

**Treasurer's Report**

There is \$1,175.61 in the general fund and \$2,090.00 in the JWVF for a total of \$3,265.61.

Membership was also reminded that dues will be collected at the January meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Knox, Secretary

**February 2013**

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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	7	8	9 DonelsonCycles Open House
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17	18	19	20 VIR Monthly Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23 Anamosa, IA National Motorcycle Museum
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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, Springfield**

- 1/10 – It's Spring Somewhere, Chuck's Harley Davidson, Bloomington
- 1/12 – World Indoor Championship Ice Racing Bloomington
- 2/8-2/10 - International Motorcycle Show, Chicago
- **2/9 - Donelson's Open House, St Louis, MO**
- **2/17 - A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Swap Meet / Bike Show in Springfield**
- 2/12 – Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Evening, Chuck's Harley Davidson, Bloomington
- **2/23-2/24 – Visit to J&P and the National Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa, IA**
- 3/2 - Monster Energy Supercross, St. Louis, MO
- 3/16 – Monster Energy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
- 3/16 – St. Patrick's Day Party, Chuck's Harley Davidson, Bloomington
- **5/26 – Memorial Day Springfield Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 5/31-6/2 – AMA Pro Road Racing, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
- 7/19-7/21- AMCA Meet – Wauseon National, Wauseon, OH
- 6/8-6/9 - National Motorcycle Museum Vintage Rally, Anamosa, IA
- 6/8-6/9 – Road America Vintage Motorcycle Classic, Elkhart Lake, WI
- 7/19-7/21 – Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
- 8/3 – Rockerbox Show, Milwaukee, WI
- 8/11- 2012 AMA Peoria TT, Peoria
- 8/16-8/18 – Indy MotoGP/Mile, Indianapolis, IN
- 8/17 –Indy Mile and Park & Display, Indianapolis, IN
- 8/29-8/31 - Chief Blackhawk Chapter 42st Annual AMCA Fall Meet Davenport, IA
- **9/1 – Labor Day Springfield Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 9/28 – AHRMA Vintage Observed Trails, **Chokia Creek Dirt Riders, White City, IL**
- **9/28 -9/29 - "Ride to Ron's"**
- 10/5 – AHRMA Vintage Motorcross, **Duqoin State Fairgrounds, Duqoin**
- 10/10-10/13 Barber Vintage Festival, Birmingham, AL
- 12/1 The Sid Wood Memorial Run, Springfield
- **12/18 - Club Christmas Party**

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