

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

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### **November 16 -Monthly VIR Meeting at the “Dog House” 7:00 pm**

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler’s newsletter at

<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL01111.pdf>

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#### **PRESIDENT’S PRATTLE**

George Tinkham – President’s Prattle

#### Road Trip

One November 1<sup>st</sup>, Mark Morrison and I drove to Glenview, IL (just north of Chicago) to view the Lee Hartung estate collection of cars, motorcycles, etc. before it went on auction. It was a beautiful day well spent checking out the remains of a man’s lifetime accumulation of used vehicles that no one wanted at the time. Much like a swap meet display, there were tables full of mystery parts – some in rough shape and some still in the original boxes.

We and other participants had running discussions on what piece belonged to what machine. We also debated which motorcycle or car was the most interesting or desirable. What we all were able to agree on, however, was that each and every one of us would like to be able to put together a collection like this for ourselves. Yep, all you have to do is be at the right place at the right time – with the right amount of money!

I mention the road trip with Mark because it is getting to be that time of year: we may be riding a little less and may be starting to think of winter storage and winter projects. Even with the downturn in riding and shows, we will have plenty to keep us entertained over the winter. This road trip is just an example.

Right now, our club has a few things on its plate:

- Nomination and election of officers will be at the November meeting.
- Hopefully, calendars will be ready at this month’s meeting.
- Final preparations for our Christmas party need to be made, including making (& paying for) reservations and bringing simple gifts to be used as door prizes.

- Our clothing order must be completed by this month's meeting for people who want to give V.I.R. products as Christmas gifts.

With all this going on, please do not be too busy to enjoy the season. Each day is a gift to be cherished. I look forward to enjoying the season with all of you.

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**ACTIVITIES**

**MOTORCYCLE EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2011**

November 16	VIR Monthly Meeting – 7pm
November 27	Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run
December 21	VIR Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on December 21 at 6:00 pm at The Doghouse. There will be a \$5.00/person charge for each meal. Meals can be chosen from the following menu:

Spaghetti w/ meat sauce  
Served w/ garlic bread, dinner salad & dessert

Lasagna (meat or veggie) or Stuffed Portobello Mushroom Ravioli in Alfredo sauce  
Served w/ garlic bread, dinner salad & dessert

Fried Chicken, Baked Herb Chicken, Roast Beef, Glazed Ham or Seasoned Baked Pork Chops  
Choice of corn or green beans plus 1 side (AuGratin, Baked, or Mashed Potato [with gravy], Rice Pilaf or Baked Beans)  
& dinner rolls

All entrees include Coffee and Ice Tea; Cash bar available

**ORDERS AND MONEY DUE TO ROY SIMS (546-1428 OR 720-3945) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30**

Members are encouraged to bring an inexpensive gift for a gift exchange. Motorcycle-themed gifts are best but any gift you think a rider would like is great. Plan to attend and show support for the club and appreciation to the Doghouse. Spouses are welcome; I'm bringing my wife, Tracy, who is composing this Newsletter right now!

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**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Sid Wood Memorial Run**

Sunday, November 27, 2011  
Pipefitters Local 137  
2880 E. Cook Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Sign up Noon – 2:00 pm  
Ride will begin at 2:00 pm from the Pipefitters Hall  
And end up at Contact Ministries, 11<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street

Bring Donations of Cash\*\*\*Food\*\*\*or Toys

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**Officers' Elections**

The offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Activities Director and Secretary will be open for nomination and election at the November meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, you can nominate yourself.

## Clothes Order

A new hoodie, sweatshirt, ball cap or tee shirt with the VIR Logo would sure look great under your Christmas tree this year. Roy Sims will be taking orders at the November meeting and placing orders the next day. Check out the catalog he'll have available at the meeting and place your order in time for Christmas.

### **“Vintage Visdom”**

*I don't want a pickle, I just want to ride my motorsickle.*

~Arlo Guthrie

*Everything looks better from the inside of a motorcycle helmet.*

~Anon

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **Vintage Iron Riders**

#### **Dog House/Break Time**

**OCTOBER 19, 2011**

7:00pm Social Hour

7:05pm Meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance recited. Vice President Roy Sims conducted the meeting in Pres. George Tinkham's absence. Motion to approve Minutes from September meeting by Dave Drum, seconded by Mark Morrison. Bill Flair was welcomed as a guest. Joel Pitchford was proffered as a new member and voted into membership by hand vote.

Roy Sims recounted that the Ride to Ron's was a great weekend and may shoot for the second week in October for next year's ride.

On October 8, George Tinkham took his Indian Chief to the Toys for Tots cruise in at Lowe's.

On October 13 there was a Bike Night at Quaker Steak. Members of the club that attended event have high expectation that this could be a great activity for the club in the future.

A request was made for a volunteer to handle products for fall and winter. Regrettably, no one came forward at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Underfanger reported that the club has a balance of \$3,985.05.

2012 Calendars: Cuyler Coleman reported difficulty formatting the software for the calendar. Motion made by Dave Drum and seconded by Cuyler Coleman, and approved by vote of the club to buy new software to produce 2012 calendars. \$40.00 is estimated to be spent on the software.

Christmas Party: Location changed from Golden Coral to the Doghouse. Motion made Dennis Yates, seconded by Leroy Solomon and approved by the club. A copy of the menu will be in the November newsletter.

Activities: The A.B.A.T.E. toy run is Sunday, Oct. 23. Contact Ministries Toy is in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, but a permit is now required, so those attending will meet at Pipefitters Local and ride to Contact Ministries without escort.

New Business: George Tinkham is considering a car trip to Glenview, IL to view a spectacular collection of vintage motorcycles to be auctioned off later. Jim Davis reported a Silver Pidgeon motorcycle that sold for \$1,500. He also donated a brand new helmet with proceeds from the sale of the helmet going to the Downed Rider Fund.

It was reported that Harvey Tapscott is feeling much better and appreciates all the calls.

At 7:30pm Dave Drum made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Tammy Underfanger.

The 50-50 amounting to \$25.50 was won by Shelia Roderick. A calendar was won by Jim Woolary.

Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox, Secretary

**December 2011**

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4	5	6	7 <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <b>VIR Christmas</b> <b>Party- 6:00pm</b>	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve