

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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President's Prattle

Happy New Year!

Sooo, how are your resolutions? Right now, I bet most of us are resolving to keep warm. Some of us are just wishing for good health. Hopefully, you have escaped the viral respiratory illness that has afflicted so many of us. I say, let's get that nasty stuff out of the way so we can focus on having fun when riding / show season returns.

Fortunately, we do not have to wait until spring to enjoy ourselves. The January meeting of Vintage Iron Riders will have a showing of "World's Fastest Indian." We get to see a good motorcycle movie, along with popcorn and good company. Bring your honey – it's a cheap date!

The best thing happening with me and motorcycling this winter, however, is that I may finally be getting more of my old bikes in riding condition. Sure, I have been saying this for years – just like I keep promising I will close my law practice and concentrate more on farming and motorcycles. This winter, I plan to make this club really perform: If things work out as I hope, I'll have three bikes farmed out to three separate members' shops. This should mean that 3 more antiques will run reliably – and that I will have more room to work on stuff in my own shop.

Speaking of room, the State Military Museum tells me they have a display area prepared for my WW II Indian desert bike. As soon as I get the transmission straightened out, that is where the bike will be parked. That is, it will be there when I am not riding it – or using it at a Moto Guzzi rally, military event, or one of our club's shows.

Well, those are some of my dreams for the New Year. Before I sign off, I want to say how much I appreciate the contributions to V.I.R. made over the years by Tommy Knox as secretary, newsletter editor, picnic chef, and inspiration. His leadership, willingness to pitch in, and innovative spirit have helped keep us on track and have made V.I.R. a better club. Thank you, Tommy.

A club like Vintage Iron Riders does not run itself. It functions only if our members will roll up their sleeves and make things happen. As I sit here, I can think of dozens of members, including officers, who fit into this "worker bee" category. It is always a thrill to see someone set up to bat and hit one out of the park. Tommy Knox certainly did that.

Fortunately, we get to see a new member willing to take over the duties of secretary and newsletter editor. Sara Follis certainly comes from a strong motorcycling background with father Bill and great-uncle Hank already in the club. She has been doing a great job, and we are lucky to have her.

As much as we appreciate the workers, our events would be dull and empty without participating members. Let's face it: our members who enjoy themselves at our events and meetings are fulfilling the most important purpose of Vintage Iron Riders, and that is

TO HAVE FUN!

George Tinkham
Springfield, Illinois

Annual Dues

Happy New Year! Welcome to January, cold dreary weather and monthly dues time! Dues are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. This year we will be giving out membership cards when you pay your annual dues. You can see Sara at the January meeting to pay your dues. You can also mail dues checks to Sara or Goog if you won't be at the meeting.

Winter Getaway

The Winter Getaway trip will be to the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI on February 27th & 28th. Admission to the Museum is \$18 per person. There are 3 additional tours available at an added cost.

1. Museum Behind the Scenes Tour (\$20)
2. Archives Tour (\$6)
3. Harley Factory Tour (\$32) *20 person limit*

We would like to get a head count of interest in the 3 add on tours at the January meeting in order to decide which ones will be best to attend. Mark has reserved the factory tour for 12:30 pm on the 27th to ensure availability.

Accommodations: Best Western Plus – Milwaukee Airport

VIR has reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$94. These are non-smoking, 2 queen bed rooms that include breakfast. To make your reservation, call the hotel at (414) 769-2100 and ask for the VIR block. You may also inquire as to the availability of smoking rooms if you prefer.

We will also need to get a definite commitment from all interested no later than Friday, February 6 to allow time to finalize all the details. Anyone interested in driving should contact Mark Morrison.

Monthly Meeting

Our January monthly meeting will be on Wednesday the 21st at Donnie B's and it's Movie Night! We will be watching *The World's Fastest Indian*. Popcorn will be provided to enjoy during the viewing. Dinner and drinks will be available through the restaurant as usual. We will hold a short business meeting prior to the movie.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to new member Sandy MacDonald.

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Elks Club – Lake Springfield
Dec. 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President George Tinkham. Pledge was taken. Minutes approved from November meeting.

Activities:

Christmas Party: Our December meeting was very short at the beginning of our annual Christmas Party. All in attendance enjoyed food catered by Poe's Catering; drinks, camaraderie and a gift exchange. We also took a

group picture for all members in attendance. The club provided gift bags for all in attendance and we had a member's gift exchange. Tommy and Traci Knox were presented with chef hats bearing the VIR logo.

Treasurer's Report: The Jeff White Memorial fund has \$2,415.75 and the General fund has \$3,507.88 for a total of \$5,923.83.

New Business:

New Member voted in: Sandy MacDonald.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Follis,
Secretary

February 2015

1	2	3	4 E Board Meeting @ 5:30	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Monthly Meeting @ 7	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 VIR Winter Getaway to	28 Harley Davidson Museum

Ride to the Blues – Every Monday 7:00 pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands.
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