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**The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders
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Upcoming Events

June 16th--Monthly meeting at the Funny Bone building on W. White Oaks Dr, Spfld, IL .

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0610.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Take Care

June, 2010

Summertime...

Summer has not yet started and Vintage Iron Riders has already had two quality events. The picnic was on a great day weather-wise, and a lot of members were able to be there. The vintage motorcycle display at the Springfield Mile was well attended with new participants bringing interesting bikes.

Now that riding season is in full swing, we are beset with numerous opportunities to display and ride our motorcycles. For example, I want to have my WW II Indian at the D Day commemoration at Oak Ridge Cemetery this weekend. If I can diagnose and fix the problem that causes it to be running on only one cylinder by then, that is where I'll be. If my Chief seems reliable enough, I'll take it to the A.B.A.T.E. State Party later this month. I'll also try to attend as many of the events we have listed in this newsletter as I can.

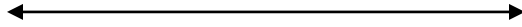
With older bikes (and older riders), we do not take for granted that we will be ready and capable for the ride when the time comes. With me, there is never enough time or expertise to accomplish all my motorcycling goals. That is why I rely on motorcycle professionals and on V.I.R. to help me stay on track. Frankly, my bikes might just gather dust if we did not have club activities to attend.

I truly enjoy riding and socializing with you all. You make motorcycling more fun. Thank you.

George Tinkham
Springfield, Illinois

VIR Activities Report
Harvey Tapscott

VIRDEN CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW---JUNE 19, 2010



MINUTES OF MEETING
Vintage Iron Riders
Comedy Club
May 19, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:19 P.M. The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

President George Tinkham: George reminded that we are approaching June and some members have not provided their annual club dues. George suggests the VIR treasurer should be henceforth, bonded.

Roy Sims: Asked club members if anyone might be interested in presiding over the Jeff White Memorial fund. Roy suggests that members attending the VIR May 22, picnic, should consider bringing a dish.

Gary Underfanger: Treasurer Goog Underfanger stated that as of April 21st, 2010, VIR had \$2023.96 in the VIR account. Goog reminds that VIR Spfld Mile package tickets are available. The drawing for the event will be on July 21st, 2010. Be advised that tickets for the VIR-VIP raffle at the Spfld Mile will cost \$5.00 each. The club, therefore, must sell 50 tickets to break even. Remember if each member sells just 5 tickets, our package event will be a success.

Harvey Tapscott: Discussed upcoming VIR and related events. Please see the calendar and activities section.

New Business: Club member Dave Reischauer reminds that the city of Virden will hold a “motorcycle show” component at their annual picnic/car show, and three trophies will be available and awarded to lucky/worthy participants. Club members voted to accept the membership application submitted by Margaret Hodges.

VIR has received two membership applications. The applications have been submitted by Linda Woolary of Pawnee and Howie Thornley of Ashland.

Mark Bumpus: Will now serve in the capacity of VIR clothing/attire coordinator and has taken an initial order for VIR stuff. .

Old Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Tommy Garber-Secretary



Tall Tales:

And let me tell you something: “There Ain’t No Cure For The Summertime Blues.” I think this was originally done by “Blue Cheer.” Just thereafter the “Who” did a snappy version. Every member remembers this tune as well as the film, “Easy Rider.” I saw that film with about 20 of my friends in 1969. Some kind of smoke thing was going around but you know what, I did not inhale. I swear it your honor and I never touched that young intern... But yea, who didn’t want to own a Harley thereafter? I saw a guy on a crème colored Sportster when I was about 12 and I wanted that bike so badly.

Some of those summers in the late 60’s and 70’s were sweltering. It’s so true. Many homes back then, as well as public accommodations, including many cars, had no air conditioning. I think there is a correlation between heat and attitude. HA! I know you remember; “Hot time, summer in the city, back of my neck getting dirty and gritty”: Lovin’ Spoonfuls “Summer in the City.” I have been there and so have you.

Take a trip in time and look at some of the footage of this time. The archival footage of Kent State, the departure of Sharon Tate and her lovely baby (I choose not to reference the savage who ensured her departure), Vietnam, our beloved Jimi Hendricks, Woodstock, and last but not least, “Tricky Dick.” The footage is at the start of the film documentation of all daily events and continues to affix our attention, and are treasures of what we, dare I say it, “Boomers” are. On a really hot day in the near future, think about that time and put that Woodstock album on the turntable.

We as VIR members have had such a great spring. Our club family picnic was just a great success. It really was. We had a wonderfully sunny day, a variety of foods and families and fellowship and friendless you don’t expect/observe in other clubs.

Need more? We had a super event at the Memorial Day Spfld Mile. Officers agreed we had 39 bikes on display. Additionally we had approximately 15 non –VIR members appear with their beautiful bikes/restorations. You weren’t there? I took some photos for you.

That’s it then. VIR is maturing and with each event we participate in, gaining in number and strength. It’s a good thing...

“Vintage Visdom”

Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence.

George Washington

June 2010

		1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Monthly VIR Meeting @ Funnybone	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 AHRMA MX @ Casey IL	28	29	30			

July 2010

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4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Officers Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Monthly Meeting @ Funnybone	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 AHRMA Road Race-Sparta, KY