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May 18th-Monthly VIR Meeting at the “Dog House.”

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler’s newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL0511.pdf>

PRESIDENT’S PRATTLE

George Tinkham - President

May, 2011

Motorcycle Awareness

“Motorcycle Awareness Month” means more than noticing that two-wheeled thing with the gas tank and engine in your garage. It means that non-motorcyclist motorists should be aware of motorcycles sharing the road with them. Up to 80% of motorcycle/car collisions are estimated to be the fault of the car driver – largely because the driver was not **aware** of the motorcycle until the collision occurred. The month of May, then, has been designated to help other motorists be more aware of motorcycles sharing the road with them.

A cool thing about V.I.R. is that we can help people be aware of motorcycles. After all, when they see our vintage / antique machines on the road or at a show it is bound to leave a lasting impression. In that sense, we are not only promoting motorcycling and increasing people’s knowledge of its history, but we may be helping drivers be more aware they are sharing the road with motorcyclists.

See, you *knew* you were doing something for the public good when you ride/show your vintage motorcycle, didn’t you?

In Memorium: Walter Ade

On Sunday, May 15th, Walter Ade died – apparently due to complications from injuries (including a compound fracture of his leg resulting from a fall on Saturday, May 7th). Walter has been a cherished member of Vintage Iron Riders and of the motorcycling community. His patriotism and vigor has been an inspiration even as his health prevented him from riding. Visitation and funeral arrangements at Staab Funeral Home on South 5th Street in Springfield will be announced.

Activities

Harvey Tapscott

AREA MOTORCYCLE EVENTS FOR 2011

We want to thank all those members who participated in the Channel 20 filming for ILLINOIS CENTRAL PROGRAM (the Crusin' Illinois portion). We had a total of 15 motorcycles. The Channel 20 fellow spent a lot of time filming the bikes and interviewing the owners. He said a portion of the film he took will probably be on this week's program (Saturday night at 10:35pm on Channel 20). He said more than likely he would use the remainder bikes/owners in future program. So tune in or tivo it. Tapscott will provide additional info at the monthly meeting concerning future filmings, etc.

VIR EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2011

May 21-VIR Club Picnic at Lincoln Park #7, Springfield.

May 29 - VIR Park and Display at the Springfield Mile, Illinois Fairgrounds, Springfield.

MOTOR CYCLE EVENTS

May 27 – Amateur TT races at Spfld fairgrounds.

May 28 – Grand National TT races at Spfld fairgrounds.

June 18 – Virden Car & Motorcycle show.

June 26 – Ashland Summer Days Car & Bike show.

July 19 – Lincoln Land Motor Sports Club Show (at LLCC campus).

August 13 – Havana Car, Bike & Tractor show.

THANKS, CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...

VIR Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2011

The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country by participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Bob Tapscott reviewed upcoming events including the May 1, 2011, ABATE Freedom Rally.

Treasurer Underfanger said that as of April 19, 2011, VIR had \$3191.67 in club funds.

Bill Casson Spoke briefly about the "Patriot Guard."

Phil Drum reminded members that on July 9, 2011, Legacy Run for the children of fallen soldiers.

Club members were reminded that membership fees are due at the January meeting of each year. If you have not submitted your annual dues please do so as soon as possible.

Old Business: VIR had one new membership application submitted by Rodney Delay. Rodney has a 1978 Honda, 550-4K. Rodney was voted in as a new VIR member.

New Business: Products: Roy is currently handling all VIR apparel orders. Tickets for the VIP package for Labor Day weekend are now available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

**"Vintage Visdom
Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.**

Winston Churchill



FROM THE EDITOR
Tall Tales – The Present

Ah its mid spring and the weather begins to warm. It's an especially nice spring for me and most Americans because on May 9, Americas best flew under the blanket of dark and eliminated the embodiment of evil, Bin Laden. To enhance our pleasure I have listened and gathered some interesting quotes from the media and late night television. I do wish you a happy spring and be safe out there on your bikes. Remember our VIR picnic is this Saturday and I hope to see you all there.

"Osama Bin Laden's supporters want to rename the Arabian Sea where his body was dumped Martyr Sea. Really? Martyr Sea? Hiding in your bedroom for six years? How about Chicken of the Sea?" —[Jay Leno](#)

"The SEALs recovered an extensive stash of pornography from [Bin Laden's](#) compound. It's probably not easy just having sex with the same 11 wives all the time. There were interesting titles: 'Debby Does Abbottabad,' 'Deep Goat,' 'Bare Ankles 4,' and '2 Humps, 1 Camel.'" —[Jimmy Fallon](#)

"The Interior Minister of Pakistan said yesterday they have nothing to hide. Well, not anymore." —[Jay Leno](#)

"President Obama's approval rating is at a two-year high in the wake of Osama bin Laden's death. If I were Obama, I'd fish bin Laden out of the ocean and kill him every Sunday." —Jimmy Kimmel

"The death of Osama bin Laden has apparently damaged our relationship with al Qaeda. Al Qaeda says we're going to pay for Osama bin Laden's death. I'm pretty sure we did. We even took care of funeral arrangements. Maybe a thank you would be nice." —Jimmy Kimmel

And remember, if and only when you're not in a hurry; twist that throttle and speed up.

Cheers-Tommy

MAY 2011

1	2	3	4 OFFICERS MEETING	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 MONTHLY VIR MEETING	19	20	21 VIR Club Picnic at Lincoln Park
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29 VIR Park and Display-Spfd Mile	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				

JUNE 2011

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