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## **VINTAGE IRON**

Newsletter of the Springfield, IL Vintage Motorcycle Club - Vintage Iron Riders

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**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 19th, 2006, 7:00 P.M. at Top  
Cat's Chill & Grill!**

### **DUES:**

There are still a few members who have not paid their 2006 dues. Dues can be paid by attending the April 19th meeting, or feel free to mail the dues to Robert Tapscott, 19531 Hunt Road, Petersburg, IL 62675.

### **CHANGES:**

Mike Irwin is willing to take over as Treasurer to replace Bob Tapscott, who is taking over as Events Chair.

### **DECALS:**

Stick-on decals are available now, and will be sold for \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00. They will be available at this month's meeting.

### **CALENDARS:**

Only two, 2006 V.I.R. calendars remain! At only \$12.50 each, we have almost completely sold out! If you'd like to purchase one, you'd better hurry. Quantities are very limited! Each month features a photo of a VIR member's motorcycle! This month features a 1956 Harley Davidson KH, owned by Emerson Roderick!

Mike Irwin is currently accepting motorcycle photos for next year's (2007) calendar! We are also considering accepting advertisements for next year's calendar to further offset the already low price! This would be a great way to advertise your business!

## Upcoming Events

- V.I.R. Monthly Meeting- Wed., April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm .... Top Cats Bar and Grill
- May 7<sup>th</sup>- The 16th Annual A.B.A.T.E. Freedom Rally is on Sunday, May 7th. We meet at the IDOT building (2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy) and leave at 1 o'clock for the capitol. This is a **BIG** event and is an excellent opportunity to show our machines. This year, let's try to ride as a group. If we arrive around noon, we should have plenty of time to get together before we leave. This is also a great chance to gawk at motorcycles and meet riders from around the state. Please bring a stuffed animal for the "Bears for Lil' Buddies" program that gives them to local law enforcement and fire departments.
- Douglas County Museum exhibit in Tuscola will remain open through May 13th.for public viewing. We currently have 5 members who have their machines on display. The museum is in a former grocery store at 700 S. Main Street. As you come into Tuscola from the west on Rte 36, go under a railroad overpass (highway underpass). Turn left (north) at the first stoplight. The building is on your left (west side of the street) about a block or so north of the stoplight. The hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you want in anytime after that, all you have to do is call Lynnita Brown, the museum's director, at her home: (217) 253-4620.
- Petersburg Races - It's been reported, that Petersburg will continue to have motorcycle races, beginning this spring. Stay tuned for details!
- Lincoln Circuit Ride will be September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> starting in Springfield and including towns up through Pekin, Metamora, Champaign, Danville, Shelbyville and back home.
- Bob Tapscott would like to have an open discussion to see what events the members would like to have this year, and get some themes from it. Some ideas suggested were local shows, rides, group events, events with other clubs, etc. He will put together a survey for the next meeting.

## President's Prattle:

New Riding Season is Here!

Don't be so surprised. We knew it would happen: Winter is gone and riding season is here – if we make it through the tornado season first. For those who did not ride through the winter, it is time to see if the storage techniques and products we discussed last fall really work.

Speaking of rides, I had breakfast last month with Marion "Bunk" Flatt, an old family friend who lives in Monmouth. In the early – mid '50s, Bunk would work for my dad on the farm at times. His mode of transportation was the first year Hydralide that Harley made. My brother Ron and I were fascinated by that Panhead **and** had our very first motorcycle rides behind Bunk on his bike. I guess something took, because Ron and I are still deeply immersed in motorcycling with no signs of letting up.

Yes, old bikes and old memories: that is one of the reasons so many of us like these older machines. Somehow, it is more fun to re-ride old trails (and discover new ones) than it is just to read about them in a diary. Our bikes can still be as much fun as they were "in the day." It is up to us to make sure they stay that way – and that we stay that way too!

## OLD MAGAZINES:

Do you have an excess of old calendars, magazines, etc. containing pictures of motorcycles that might be of interest to other members? Rather than discarding them, bring them to the next meeting. Maybe someone would like to have a picture out of them!

## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

Warm weather, is finally here! Historically, this is the most accident-prone time of the year, regarding motorcycle accidents. Some automobile drivers seem to forget about motorcycles, after not seeing them all winter. NOW is a great time to check the air pressure in your tires, and make certain that the headlight and taillight are adjusted correctly, and working properly!

## **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

If any members would like to contribute any articles of interest toward future monthly newsletters, please e-mail Al Lyons, and he will include them in future newsletters. We'd like future newsletters to feature a particular "motorcycle of the month." Our club represents a wide variety of motorcycle ownership and interest! Perhaps you could send him an e-mail, with details on a particular model, the years they were produced, the size of the motorcycle, production figures, etc. Each and every one of us has a lot of knowledge, and it would be great to share this knowledge with the rest of the members!

## **V.I.R. CLASSIFIED ADS**

FOR SALE: 1975 (first year) HONDA GOLDWING in very good shape. Partial parts bike (*sans* engine) also available. Interested parties can contact Steve Kren at [spfldtown4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spfldtown4@sbcglobal.net) or 487-9031

<p>Wills - Trusts – Probate Personal Injury George W. Tinkham, attorney-at-law 1119 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL 62703 523-8300</p>
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FOR SALE: 1969 BSA LIGHTNING 650 cc. New paint, tires, battery, seat, handlebars, and pegs. Forks rebuilt. Carb rebuilt. Updated rectifier. 1500 miles on engine. Photos available. \$4200 OBO Contact Larry Bradley 217-638-2964 or [bradley990@insightbb.com](mailto:bradley990@insightbb.com) References: Dave Young has worked on this bike, and owner is an acquaintance of Dave Yost.

REWARD: Paying cash for pre-1946 Illinois motorcycle license plates. Contact Alan...217-416-0733 or [springfieldscooter@hotmail.com](mailto:springfieldscooter@hotmail.com)

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