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## *Upcoming Events*

### **March 17th--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/milerNL0310.pdf>

## **PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE Take Care**

So, how is your year looking?

Whether the groundhog saw his shadow or not, it seems like winter is losing its grip. The rains of late winter are clearing the roadways of salt. Yes, temperatures are rising – along with expectations of a fine year to ride, show, and experience our motorcycles.

Although my duties at the Capitol have caused me to neglect most of my projects, my new trailer just about has the last of the finishing touches added. With my Chief, a trailer can come in handy!

On a more somber note, our treasurer and founding member, Mike Irwin, has tendered his resignation. Goog (Gary Underfanger) has been appointed by the executive board and was voted in at the February meeting as our new treasurer.

Mike had talked to me about the need for an antique motorcycle club for months before I fully embraced the idea. He has been an officer of our club since its inception. He has helped members find motorcycles and parts and has rendered technical assistance throughout the life of Vintage Iron Riders. Mike produced all of our calendars and has been an active participant in club events. His selfless enthusiasm has been an inspiration to all of us. Mike Irwin will be missed. We can only hope that he will find his way back when the time is right.

We have already experienced our first bike show here in Springfield at the end of February. Roy Sims won his class and Goog's son won \_\_\_\_\_. Hmm, maybe we should talk Gary, Jr. into joining the club.

On Palm Sunday (3/28/10), we have the Easter Basket Run to Hope Institute. Not only will your presents (and presence) brighten the lives of the children, but we also get to demonstrate our bikes in motion – a motorcycle's natural state. This is great opportunity to meet old and new friends and to see what others are riding and how they have set up their machines.

Hopefully, this month's meeting on St. Patrick's Day will be on a clear, temperate evening perfect for riding. I certainly look forward to riding more and writing about it less!

***George Tinkham***

**"Vintage Visdom"**

*Remember that a government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have.*

**Barry Goldwater**

**VIR Activities Report March 2010**

**Harvey Tapscott**

March 28<sup>th</sup>: ABATE's Easter Basket Run to Hope School. Gathering at K-Mart Parking Lot on Clear Lake Ave. Run at 1PM.

**Goog Underfanger**

AHRMA Cross Country event at White City on May 2, 2010.

AHRMA road race at Road America in Wisconsin will be on May 12 & 13, 2010.

Spfld Mile and VIR Vintage Motorcycle Park display on May 30, 2010.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Vintage Iron Riders**

**Comedy Club**

**Feb 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President Tinkham.

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

**Mike Irwin:**

Not present at monthly meeting.

**George Tinkham:**

Stated the "Hot Rod" show will be held downtown in June 2010. The event will require approximately 10 volunteers.

Indicated he has a new bike trailer which he has not, at this printing, used.

Reminds club members that the ABATE Freedom rally will occur on May 2, 2010. The ABATE "sausage breakfast will be from 7 thru 11AM. Additionally the Freedom Rally party will be held at the north end VFW on May 1, 2010.

**Roy Sims:**

States that a single add for the Spfld Mile will cost \$115.00 for the spring event and \$230.00 if VIR decides to run ads for both spring and summer event.

A program ad for both events will cost \$290.00.

VIR provides \$100.00 to the racer with the fastest lap.

**Gary Underfanger:**

Stated VIR patches and decals are available.

**Jim Anderson:** Jim displayed his 1947 leather "kidney belt." Additionally Jim wrote a poem about his past riding days.

**New Business**

Gary Underfanger will assume the role of club treasurer.

Rod Westendorf has purchased a 1973 Yamaha 350.

Goog has purchased a 1967 250 Harley Sprint.

VIR received 1 new membership application from Tammy Underfanger.

VIR votes to purchase 2 ads for the Spfld Mile.

**Old Business:**

None

**Motion to adjourn at 7:45PM**

**Tommy Garber-Secretary/Editor**



*“Food for Thought”*  
from the Editor

Goodness, March 2010?? It cannot be.

And so approaches the “Ides of March.” Initially the Ides of March was a festive day dedicated to the god “[Mars](#)” and military parades were usually held. In the days of old we had lots of gods. Let’s see - we had Poseidon, Saturn, Mars, Narcissus and hosts of other ancient omnipowers. Somewhat important to earthlings, however, is Helios, the “Sun God.” I really like this god as do trees, birds, seeds, mankind, and all the wonders of our earth. I also ascribe to this Jewish carpenter guy who, although came along a bit later, was pretty well concerned with the fate of mankind. Probably, however, a good thing we reduced the god list these past few centuries... I think that science concept really put a dent in the cool god thing. Darn those mathematical theories and guys with telescopes.

I digress. In more recent times, 44B.C. to modern times, the term “Ides of March” is best known as the date that [Julius Caesar](#) was assassinated. Yes, killed by an assassin who possibly was concerned with the tyranny of governmental power and greed. I wonder if Caesar was in pursuit of an unfunded, astronomical governmental expenditure strapped to the backs of future generations and vehemently opposed by the majority of the public. Good thing that these days change occurs in the voting booth. That’s “food for thought.”

Ok, without further delay here it comes, “*Tall Tales*”. I initially proposed this portion of the newsletter to learn a bit more about our members and hopefully, their “tall tales.” I think the entries we have had this far have been great and just what I hoped to hear from members about events, issues and personal experiences with motorcycles, cars, and whatever... All of us life long riders certainly have something to share.

Here is another great example of what I am looking for and is presented by ABATE’s newsletter coordinator/editor and avid biker, Bobbi Ozanic.

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"In retrospect, here's how fast something can happen so think for a second before you make a decision you may regret".

I got on a 4-wheeler (I don't do any off-road riding) with my old hillbilly neighbor who said he'd give me a quick ride up a hill rather than me walking, which was my first choice, after I had went out to survey their new dirt bike trails they'd made.

I should've gone with my instincts. He knows zero about 4-wheelers let alone riding a passenger but I jumped on. The hill was steeper than he could have possibly ever climbed with a passenger. Not to mention that freaked him out, so that he didn't gose it at all and did not commit to the climb, never gained the speed to make the hill - so that he and the 4-wheeler came back on top of me down a 10ft, straight up and down, hill. I heard cracking in my neck and lay in a crumpled pile, soaking wet, and it was a dry summer day. I thought "I either just got the best free adjustment of my life or I am paralyzed".

Tried to go to Prompt Care to avoid the ER, but after fessing up I'd been in a 4-wheeling accident, they wouldn't look at me. Both Spfld ER's were a minimum "plan on being there 10 hours affair". I went home and drank instead. Went to my own doc the next morning, he said that was a really dumb choice; I could have "become" paralyzed overnight if there had been a bone fragment. I was lucky!

OK, I think that's a pretty good story, no?      Bobbi Ozanic

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