



# *Vintage Iron*

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## **President's Prattle**

\$75.31

As 2019 greets us with opportunities and promises new adventures, we are also faced with a few challenges. One challenge Vintage Iron Rider faces is its depleted treasury. We started

the year with exactly \$75.31 in our general fund. The Jeff White Memorial Fund is kept separate.

This paltry balance is due to several factors:

V.I.R. has a fairly low annual dues structure. It is \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family membership.

V.I.R. spends money from its treasury on club events such as the annual picnic and our Christmas party. Although members may pay a part of these costs, V.I.R. bears a substantial expense.

The cost of mailing our newsletter via regular mail is approximately \$15 / newsletter / year. This means that each member who receives their newsletter by regular mail barely pays for the newsletter he receives and contributes nothing to other club expenses.

Non-motorcycle related contributions to good causes are made from time to time. It should be noted that V.I.R.'s by-laws limits its authority to the motorcycling interests of its members and that these contributions are in violation of our own by-laws.

Hey, don't shoot the messenger. Someone had to tell you what was happening. That person is me. That's why I get the big bucks. Now, that we know the problem, let's look at possible solutions.

1. We could increase our dues. After all, \$15/year is a ridiculously low price. Our dues have been increased only once: from \$10 to \$15 a year. The reason we have kept the dues so low is make membership available to those who may live from paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to spend a lot of money on non-essentials, such as club memberships.

2. We could stop contributing to club events. Before we even consider such an approach, we need to recognize that many of our members generously bear the costs of mailing membership reminders, providing food, and absorb expenses such as printing and website costs. We also need to recognize that club events help define us as a club and not just loose group of individuals who get together when they feel like it. We need these events to maintain our cohesiveness as a club. Our executive board strongly opposes ceasing event contributions.

3. The newsletter matter should not be ignored. Frankly, those receiving hard copies of our newsletter through the mail are living off the dues of their fellow members. The executive board has recommended that we phase in a newsletter surcharge for those who want to receive their newsletter via regular mail. The recommendation is to pay a \$7.50 surcharge this year and to pay the full \$15 cost as an annual surcharge in subsequent years.

4. The use of our treasury to help needy causes sounds fine until we run out of money. If we want to continue to make these contributions, such as the \$300 given to the Mission in Taylorville that was voted on at our Christmas Party meeting over an objection, then we should change our by-laws and find a way to raise the money. Giving away other people's money is

just too easy. We need to remember that the club treasury is not a magical pile of money that can be tapped freely. The executive board recommends that the money for all future non motorcycle gifts to good causes be raised by free will contributions from our members. That way, we are acting in accordance with our by-laws and those who want to give can be generous without using their fellow members' money.

OK, I am through being preachy. There is a lot in this article to consider. We may mention these concerns at our meeting this week; however, this our movie night and should not have too many serious matters that would detract from watching the movie. Come the February meeting, however, we should get as many of these concerns resolved as possible.

I promise that I will try to keep these articles more upbeat; however, some things just need to be said. I hope this discussion leads us to a more fiscally responsible future while allowing us to focus on the primary focus of Vintage Iron Riders. That is to have fun!

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### **Next meeting:**

January 16, 2019 @6pm Topcats Bar and Grill. This is movie night so meeting starts 1 hour earlier. Also dues are now due \$15.00 for single \$25.00 for family.

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### **Updates/ Events:**

- Jim Feagans has Motorcycle storage temp controlled \$50/month any question please call him at 217-652-2217
- Abate swap meet February 17th at the Orr building Illinois State Fair Grounds
- Leathernecks MC annual chili cook-off March 2 at noon-4 VFW Post 755 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd (217-652-9522 for chili entry)
- Tail of the possum will be collecting donations for the abate swap meet

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### **Products**

T shirts and calendars are here. Please pick up yours today.

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## **Minutes**

Pledge/prayer

Christmas party Dec 7th at Poe on the hill 6pm

Shirts

Calendars

Food

Donated \$300 to Taylorville

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## **Projects/sales**

- If you are selling anything or looking for anything let me know. It's free to post. I can and will post for you to all the members before the newsletter comes out if wanted.
- Less than 50,000 miles on bike, newer tires, and been checked and gone thru buy Cuyler. He is asking \$3,500. If any questions or interested, please call him at 217-498-9802
- 1983 Honda CX650 new fuse box and 30 amp fuse custom paint(small dent) needs stator asking \$800 obo please call Mandi Powell 217-416-5575
- Gary (Goog) is selling the following:
  1. 67 H-D 250 sprint
  2. 68 BSA 250
  3. 70 HD SERVEY CAR 3 WHEEL
  4. 75 YAMAHA 100
  5. 79 HONDA NA5202 EXPRESS
  6. 81 NA50 EXPRESS
  11. HD project hardtail evo 5sp wideglide
  12. 73 TRIUMP 750 TIGER
  13. 75 HONDA CB750K
  14. 77 SPORTSTER
  15. 80 FXE SUPERGLIDE
  16. 82NC50 EXPRESS

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| 7. 82 SHOVEHEAD ENGINE   | 17. 91 SOFTAIL TRIKE    |
| 8. 95 SPORTSTER          | 18. 02 SOFTAIL          |
| 9. 06 BUELL ULYSSES      | 19. 2 BAHA 90 PIT BIKES |
| 10. TRUIMPH ROLLER 250CC | 20. 74 HD FXE-FLH       |

Please call him at 217-528-9905      217-341-5550

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## **Treasurer's Report**

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$ 2462.43. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2500.00

General Fund has a balance of \$75.00

The total balance is \$2537.74

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Please make sure that I have everyone's email or address so I can get your newsletter to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Melissa Rowley, Secretary*

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