



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

# VINTAGE IRON

The Newsletter of the Springfield, IL Motorcycle Club - Vintage Iron Riders  
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REGULAR MEETING:      November 17, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. at Top Cats Chill & Grill on Stevenson Drive.  
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## *Christmas Party*

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, at **Shakey's Pizza and Buffet** in the Town & Country Shopping Center on South MacArthur Blvd. in Springfield. The cost is \$9.30 (including tax) per person for the all-you-care-to-eat buffet. Their buffet includes a lot more than pizza. We will have a private room, so just come in the front door, pay for your meal and come on back to our room. **There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes.** So please come – bring your spouse/friend and have a great time! We hope to see ALL our members!

### PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Did anyone notice? It's getting *chilly* out there! Last month had some of the finest riding weekends of the entire year. I hope you were able to enjoy those days.

November is gradually edging away from the time to ride and toward the time to reminisce over the past season's adventures and to prepare for next year's good times. Even though I ride through the winter (except when the roads are slippery or salty), I use this time of year to maintain my bikes and leathers.

I really do not like doing this sort of thing in good weather when I would rather be riding. In inclement weather, however, working on my equipment in anticipation of the next season feels good. When it is blustery and cold outside, it is heart warming to have a fire roaring in the stove and my favorite biker tunes on the boombox whilst doing all I can to make sure next riding season will be more about **riding** and less about repairs.

In a way, Springfield, Illinois Vintage Motorcycle Club is also going through a similar reminisce and preparation stage. This month, we have election of officers. (No surprises, however: it will be the same crew as in 2004.) We will also discuss the Christmas meeting / party. Once again, we will address the issue of club emblem / symbol. We will also be working on an events calendar. This sort of "maintenance" is as important to a motorcycle club as mechanical maintenance is to a motorcycle.

Our club may have a few unfinished features, but this winter – if we work together – we should have the Vintage Iron Riders (and our motorcycles) just how we want them to be when the riding and motorcycle show season arrives. Let's roll up our sleeves, get at it, and have fun!

### "Vintage Visdom"

If you could kick the person responsible for most of your problems, you wouldn't be able to sit down for a month!

## MEMBER PROFILE

This month's member profile is **Events Chair Lew Fehring**.

**AGE:** 46. Married to Alison. We have two sons: Bill (19) and Josh (15)

**Profession:** President, Fehring Ornamental Iron Works, Inc.

**Residence:** Chatham, Illinois

**Motorcycles Owned:** 1910 Indian single, 1946 Indian Chief with sidecar, 1948 S7 Sunbeam, 1952 Triumph Thunderbird restored as a flat track racer, 1977 900 Kaw, 1978 1000 LTD, 1978 1000 LTD, 1987 SRX250 Yamaha, 1988 Harley XLH1200, 1999 Excelsior Henderson, and other stuff....

**Why older bikes?** They just don't make them like they used to, and my father's love of Indians rubbed off on me.

**Other interests** include any type of racing, Boy Scouts (Josh will soon be an Eagle Scout}, Masons, church council (St. John's Lutheran), and I am also a pilot.

**Why SIVMC:** Almost all old motorcyclist enthusiasts are really good people and fun to be to be with; the sharing of knowledge, and the help for the HUNT of old motorcycle parts is invaluable. My hope is for our club to create a museum at our own club location. These machines should be shared... plus a lot of us need more storage space!!!



## MEMBER REPORTS

George Tinkham went to a visitation in Chicago Heights for "Sidecar" Jack Wheeler, Asst. State Coordinator of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. It was a great day for a ride, but not as joyful as other weekend rides I have had on every weekend so far this month!

Dave Young has moved his shop. You now can find him just south of Ash Street on South 9<sup>th</sup> Street. That was quite an undertaking, and he's still trying to find where his helpers put stuff, so give him a chance to settle in, but go see his new set-up!

Alvin Edwards finally got his Ariel so it would run farther than Walgreen's on So. 6<sup>th</sup> before it had to rest! If the weather is nice, look for it at the next meeting.



## NEW MEMBERS

Please remember that according to the By-Laws, new members must be sponsored, as well as voted on by the membership. So if you know someone who is interested in joining our club, please be prepared to speak on their behalf to the membership.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At last month's meeting, a motion was made and seconded to retain the current slate of officers. The current officers all agreed to serve another term. The motion passed. Therefore, there will be only a short, perfunctory, formal "election." Officers will be installed at the December meeting and serve for the 2005 calendar year. Congratulations to the "new" officers!

## MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

Remember that this space is available at no cost for members to advertise vintage or near vintage bike-related bikes or items. You may also place "wanted" ads. It is also available for commercial ads at a cost of \$2.50. Commercial ads will be bordered. All ads will be reviewed by the Board for content.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club**  
**Top Cat's Chill & Grill**  
**October 20, 2004**

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

Motion made and seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as sent out. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tapscott reported that we have \$343.20 in the treasury.

Events:

- Lew Fehring reported on the "Ride to Ron's" where a good time was had by all! We plan to do it again next year, probably the first weekend in October, depending on Ron's schedule.
- This weekend there are AHRMA races in Alabama.
- The Christmas party will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Shakey's. Cost will be \$9.50 per person. There will be a raffle and other door prizes.
- Lew also reported that Tom Colby (E & F Distributing) had provided the Club with a banner during the Springfield Mile. However, someone stole it prior to the races.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Insignia: Mike Irwin was unable to attend tonight, but George reported that the artist had not returned the sketches to Mike. We hope to have it for next meeting.

George reported that Tony Jones had written a letter concerning the insurance rates and George got some feedback tonight for a report. George reported on hearing protection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- George intended to wish Walter Ade a happy birthday, but Walter is in Germany.
- George asked for comments on the seating arrangement. We had moved tables and chairs to form a classroom-like setting.
- He also asked about judging antique motorcycles. American Motorcycle makes you start the bikes before entering the building. ISCA makes you start and ride them.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:**

Election will be in November. Lew Fehring stated that he believed the officers are willing to continue next year. However, he would like to work with other members on planning the events. One of the main events should be to go to Davenport. His thought is to have other people be in charge of certain events. Willie Bedolli made a motion, seconded by George Embrey, to keep the same slate of officers if they are willing to serve. Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

- George went to the AMA awards banquet in Columbus, OH. He suggested that we take a trip somewhere that we could trailer the bikes and ride later. Several places were suggested.
- Roy Sims has a catalog of leather items.
- Dave Young reported that there a movie being made about the world's fastest Indian.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 VMC Regular Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run*	29	30				

\*Starting at Noon, participants are to arrive at the Plumbers & Steamfitters hall on E. Cook. At 2:30 P.M., they leave to ride to Contact Ministries with the toys.

DECEMBER, 2004

REMINDER: DUES FOR 2005 ARE DUE IN DECEMBER!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Hanukkah		
12	13	14	15 Christmas Party	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	