



VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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

Next meeting: 7 P.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2017, @ Topcat's Chill & Grill (3211 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL) located between Dirksen Parkway and I-55. Take exit 100B off I-55.

President's Prattle

Election Year*

It is time to nominate and elect club officers. The good news is that we do not have mudslinging, cutthroat campaigns for officer positions. The bad news is that we do not have qualified individuals eager to assume the duties of a critical office that keeps this club running.

Gary "Goog" Underfanger has served as our treasurer since early 2009. He constructed records from the mess that his predecessor had left. His written monthly reports are so precise that they could serve as monthly audits. Because he handles membership dues, he has maintained the membership roster and works closely with Hank Charles on membership matters. Even though it is not required of a treasurer, Goog and Tammi are major participants in, if not organizers of, our Park & Display at the Springfield Mile races, our Christmas party, and various bike shows. Goog's organizational skills and drive have helped V.I.R. become the club it is today.

When a man of Gary Underfanger's stature tells you that he needs a rest, you cannot help but think: "What took you so long?" Most of us would have been worn out doing half of what he does. Well, Goog tells us that he is ready for someone else to be treasurer. Frankly, we owe it to him to have a quality individual take over for him.

What this boils down to is: Vintage Iron Riders needs a new treasurer. If we want a club with the qualities we have exhibited for the past decade, we need a quality person in this position. Goog leaves big shoes to fill, but we have fine people in V.I.R. who can do the job – if they can find the space in their schedules and in their hearts to do it.

Please do let me pressure anyone to do something that will take the joy out of being in the club. After all, the primary purpose of Vintage Iron Riders is to have fun. Let me assure you that helping a fine club like ours better serve our members and community is a joy. You will not be in this alone: You will have a willing cadre of officers (present and past) to work with you; our members will appreciate your efforts (I hope!); and you will get a warm, fuzzy feeling that you are benefiting mankind!

[* Editor's note: This is largely a rehash of what was printed in the October issue last year. This time, however, Goog cannot take his position for one more year. If we want Vintage Iron Riders to remain the vibrant club with all the advantages of a well-run treasury, then we **MUST** fill this position with a quality individual. This cannot be put off.]

Updates:

Darren DeGroot's brother passed away shortly before this newsletter was published. Our hearts and condolences go out to Darren and his family.

Norm Diehl was seriously injured by an inattentive motorist as he was heading home from last month's VIR meeting. He is convalescing at home.

Ride to Ron's has been moved to November 4th and 5th, weather permitting.

Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run November 25th

December 8, 2017 will be the Christmas party at the Elk's Lodge.

Minutes

Goog is stepping down. We need a new treasurer for next year. This is election time again. If anyone would like to step up to the plate let us know.

Ride to Ron's November 4-5

Wienie Roast on October 21st at 6pm

Calendars are at the printers cost is \$10.00 please let us know who would like one.

New jackets and hoodies for the club

Christmas party at the Elks

Sec. of State car and bike show next year.

2018 VIR Calendar

Calendars are coming. Please let Larry Rowley know if you want a calendar. The cost is \$10.00. You can email him at larryrowley59@gmail.com. If you would like to advertise please let Larry now ASAP cost is \$50.

Treasurer's Report

The JWWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2351.00 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2665.38 the total balance is \$5016.38. The maximum balance allowed for JWWMF is \$2,500.

VIR WEBSITE

VIRMC.COM PASSWORD FOR MEMBER SECECTION IS "V1Ret"

Also you can post items for sale on the website in the classified ad section and through the newsletter.

Dave & Pat Reischauer invitational Weiner Roast

Weiner Roast Oct 21st at 6pm (or earlier). The club will provide soda, meat, buns and napkins. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share with the club. Please bring your own lawn chairs. The site can be reached by turning off IL Rte 4 south of Virden on road 3250N. Go west past Pleasant Hill Rd (19000E) to Seifert Rd. Take Seifert Rd south to where it joins Neff Rd and starts to turn west. At that turn, there is an entrance to the Reischauer property. That's it!

New Member

Gary Ori passed by board and is recommended for membership.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Rowley, Secretary