



VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com>

President's Prattle

Thank Goodness for Motorcycles

Even though I am steadily trying to lighten my load by edging further and further away from the practice of law, other headaches keep popping up that can wear one down. Whether it is the weather, your job, family, politics, finances, or just getting up on the wrong side of bed; at times you just need a release. For me and others in Vintage Iron Riders, a great source of release and relief is the joy of working on, showing, and/or riding a motorcycle.

The good news is that we are right in the middle of the riding and show season. The various motorcycle organizations (clubs, A.B.A.T.E., etc.) and civic/charitable organizations seem to be working overtime to fill every weekend with as many motorcycling events as they can. That is more good news: It is better to have too many opportunities than too few.

With the help of its members, Vintage Iron Riders strives to maintain a good balance between offering too much to do and not doing enough. Your input is critical in helping our club strike that balance; so, don't be reluctant to speak up. Remember: every new idea is not going to be a good idea, and every good idea may not work out the way we expected. Still, it is important for us to continue to adjust what V.I.R. does to try to find that perfect balance.

It is just as important to explore new ideas "in an atmosphere of fellowship and civility" – as stated in the by-laws of Vintage Iron Riders. If we do this right, V.I.R. will enhance our motorcycling experience which, in turn, will give us that release/relief that brings joy to our lives. When this happens, our club has fulfilled its mission (also in the by-laws): "The purpose of this club is to have fun."

Updates:

Info

Jim Grahn's was in a bad wreck with a deer and his chopper. He suffered a broken leg and knee, road rash, and damage to his hands, etc.

He is now at home healing

Minutes

7:24 June 21

Minutes approved

Abate state party in New Berlin June 24

Tt race in Peoria

Car and bike show August 5

Road of America races

Treasurer report

Website and Facebook posting

Products and calendars

Lou grawl new member

July meeting at capital city Motorsport at 6:30 (pizza)

5 apps for new members

Jim Grahm healing process

Chuck Cannon healing after accident

Events park and display 80 bikes

Picnic over 40 people great event

Knight's bike night Friday June 23

Ride to work

Pancake breakfast at Havana June 24

closing at 8:19

2018 VIR Calendar

We would like pictures from ride to work, pics of you when you were younger on your bike and now, bike builds. Email pics to Larry Rowley @ larryrowley59@gmail.com

Meeting

July 19th meeting @7:00pm @ Capital City Motorsports on So. 6th st Springfield, IL

Pizza and soda will be provided but donations are appreciated. Bring chairs and dress for the weather.

shirts available at meetings

Treasurer's Report

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2224.50 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2724.36 the total balance is \$4928.86. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

Keeping UP with VIR Current Events

Do you want to keep current on club activities and events? Did you know we have a Facebook page and the information it contains about the club is current? Did you know that if you join it, that you can post club information to it also? If not, I encourage you to "Join the Group".

For those of you not technical like me, here is how to join.

- If you are not a member of Facebook, you will need to create an account.
- Once the account is created, go to your internet home page and enter the URL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1020653317952869/> and click search.
- You will be taken to our Facebook page.
- Once there, click on the icon "Join the Group". You are now a member of the VIR Facebook page.

When you check you Facebook page, any new club posting will come up for you to review. You can add information and photos any time that you want to share with the club. Be aware that anyone with a

Facebook account can join this page. So don't post anything confidential that you do not want to be seen outside the club.

The page was created as a tool to keep members current about club happenings and as a recruiting tool for new members. It is important to note that this page is not a replacement of our webpage. The webpage will continue to be your source for official club and member information.

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.

What's Happening

Ride to Ron's is October 14th and October 15th (bring camp gear).

August 12th Havana Show at 12pm

Sept 2nd Elkhart local celebration

Labor Day Springfield Mile

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Rowley,Secretary

2017 VIR UPCOMING EVENTS



2016 Events of Interest (VIR sponsored events in Bold)

- **VIR Regular Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each**
66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St
Springfield, IL 62703
- **VIR Board Meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each**
& Betty's Pizza, 1101 S Spring St., Springfield, IL 62703
- 2/19 - Abate Swap Meet, Springfield
- 3/5 - Boone County Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet, Boone County Fairgrounds, Indiana
- 4/21-4/23 - Circuit of the Americas's MotoGP, Austin, TX
- 3/18 - Indy Supercross, Indianapolis, IN
- 4/1 - St. Louis Supercross, St. Louis, MO
- 5/1 - Abate Awareness Rally, Springfield
- 5/28 - Memorial Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 6/9 - 6/11 - Rockerbox MotoFest Show, Road America
- 6/10 - Nat Motorcycle Museum Vintage Swap Meet & Bike Show, Anamosa, IA
- 6/11 - Club Picnic, Springfield**
- 6/19 - National Ride Your Bike to Work Day
- 6/23-6/25 - Motoblol Urban Motorcycle & Hotrod Street Rally, Chicago, IL
- 6/23-6/25 - 2017 40th VJMC Rally- Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- 6/24-6/25 - J&P Cycles 38th Anniversary Open House
- 7/7-7/9 - Vintage Motorcycle Days @ Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
- 8/13 - Peoria TT, Peoria
- 8/31-9/2 - Chief Blackhawk Chapter Annual AMCA Fall Meet Davenport
- 9/3 - Labor Day Mile and Park & Display, Springfield**
- 10/6-10/8 - Barber Vintage Festival, Leeds, AL
- 10/15-10/15 - "Ride to Ron's"

11/25 - The Sid Wood Memorial Run, Springfield

Dates to be determined:

- **Club Wiener Roast**
- **VIR Winter Getaway**
- **Ernie Langheim Memorial Ride, Springfield**
- **Riverfront Car Show and Cruise In Return, Havana Show, Havana**
- **VIR Christmas Party, Springfield**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Rowley, Secretary