



Vintage Iron

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President Prattle:

Because It Feels Good!

One of the great things about happiness is that, when you give it, you get it back. This is certainly true when riding and showing older motorcycles.

This past Monday, I met with representatives of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum so that they could learn about my World War II Indian prior to putting it on display. It was a joy sharing this piece of American history with true historians and an even greater thrill knowing that scores of visitors to the museum will see this fine old bike this summer.

Our members and guests who participate in V.I.R.'s "Park & Display" at each Springfield Mile Race experience this same sense of joy when sharing their machines with others who appreciate them. Our joy in having these treasured motorcycles is heightened by the positive reactions we receive from the visitors to our area. In a sense we give to them, and they give to us.

Of course, another joy in having an older machine is riding it. After my visitors returned to the museum last Monday, I just could not put the old Indian away putting it – and me – in the wind. After making sure it had gas, oil, and air; I gave it 4 primer kicks and turned on the ignition. The next kick brought it to life. It was an absolute hoot to roll down the road on this unique machine. Even then, I was able to share my joy with interested individuals with whom I would stop and talk as part of that ride.

Now that Spring is clearly here, we should strive to make the most of what our time and health – and the weather – will allow. Whether our interest is riding or showing, we really need to spend some time with our bikes. It is the right thing to do and *it feels good!*

Next Meeting:

April 17th, 2019 @ 7pm. Located at TopCats Bar and Grill 3211 E Sangamon
Springfield Illinois

Upcoming Events:

Picnic June 9th 11-3 Chatham
Park and Display May 27th Illinois State Fair
Niehaus Open House May 17th
Christmas Party December 6th at Poe Catering @6pm
Freedom rally May 5th at DOT

Minutes:

Pledge of allegiance and prayer
Treasure report
Events picnic, park and display, Niehaus cycles
Purchase of a Illinois and American flag
Products still for sale
Brandon on calendars

George's war bike going into the Abraham museum
Club approved renewal fee go to \$25/\$35 next year
No more hard copies of the newsletters will be sent out
A committee has been formed for the JW MF
Health of Dave Reischauer

Products:

Calendars
shirts

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff White Memorial Fund: \$2,500.00
General Fund: \$1,270.54

Special Messages:

Prospective new members:
Bill Carpenter
Missy Underfanger
Logan Baptiste

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Rowley, Secretary