

VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham – VIR President

Times, they are a changin'

As I write this, the weather outside cannot make up its mind whether we are experiencing a fresh breath of Spring or the last gasp of Winter. I rode my bicycle to work two days in a row this week, and a winter storm with several inches of snow and strong wind is predicted tonight. The old saying is right: "If you don't like the weather around here, just wait a few minutes and it will change!"

I say, "Bring it on!" My stove is loaded with split logs and there are a few left in the rack. Honda Bob Dermont is going over my '66 Honda 150 Dream, and Cuyler is correcting a few things on my '48 Chief. My '56 Harley and '84 Moto Guzzi are primed and ready to go. Hmm, come to think of it, it would not hurt to check the valves and brakes on the Guzzi – just to be sure. Maybe it is a good thing that we still have a little bit of winter left.

Pretty soon, I'll get a chance to test how well I have taken care of myself and my machinery this winter. My brother Ron invited me to join him and friends on a riding / camping trip to see vintage racing down south and then head to New Orleans. Last month, I wrote about combining motorcycling and Scouting. Well, this may give me a chance to put that concept to work.

Whatever form of motorcycling trips your trigger, I hope that neither health, wealth, nor weather slows you down. Now is the time to dream and to prepare so that those dreams come true. We are fortunate that Vintage Iron Riders include many knowledgeable members and businesses that can help us get ready for our respective adventures – and to share those adventures. A whole new season beckons us full of promise and opportunity. Now, if we can only get this winter out of the way!

VIR Website

We have been working to improve the VIR Website. Bill Hart has been actively editing and adding features to the site. At our April meeting, Bill and Mark Morrison will give a lesson on how to log on and navigate the website. Hopefully, this will allow more member usage for this valuable resource. One of the features of the website is a listing of current members accompanied by pictures. At our March meeting next week, Mark Morrison will be taking photos of our newer members or any members whose pictures are not yet on the website. We hope to promote member participation by attaching a name with a face. So, if you want your picture taken, wear a VIR shirt or ball cap and smile for the camera! Condolences to Bill Hart on the passing of his father.



Courtesy at the Meetings



The VIR consistently has a large number of members faithfully attending our monthly meetings. We always allow 15 minutes before the meeting for talking and visiting among members. When the meeting is called to order, **PLEASE** refrain from talking until the meeting is adjourned. We are a motorcycle club, and the promotion of fellowship around vintage motorcycles is our shared passion. It is only courteous to allow fellow members the ability to hear what is being discussed at our regular meetings.

Park and Display

The handouts for 2014 Park and Display participants will be ballpoint pens with a flashlight with club information on them. We have 200 pens to give away this year. We are also going to have specially-made

handlebar placards to put on vintage motorcycles letting the owners know that their motorcycle is welcome to park at our display. Our printing needs are being fulfilled by Gooch and Associates, owned by member Jim Feagans. For all your printing needs, please patronize Gooch and Associates. Their staff is exceptional.

Moto GP

Mark Morrison has donated to the club, two (2) Moto GP tickets valued at \$350.00. We are going to raffle these tickets for the August 8-10 event. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 and we hope to sell a couple hundred tickets. Members are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets and even try to sell some. We will have raffle tickets available at the Memorial Day Mile. This could be a very beneficial moneymaker for our club. Thank you Mark for your generosity.

Minutes of Meeting
Vintage Iron Riders
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
February 19, 2014

Socializing began at 7:00 and the meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Pledge was taken and cell phones were turned off.

Minutes: Emerson Roderick motioned and Dave Drum seconded, accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The Jeff White Memorial fund has 2,177.75 and the General fund as \$2,795.38 for a total of \$4,973.13. Goog reported that a majority of the club have already paid dues for 2014. Other members were encouraged to pay promptly.

Events: Morrison reported on the Swap Meet in Boone County, IN and a brief report on the St. Louis road trip. Members were reminded of the club picnic on May 10, 2014.

New Business: The club OK'd the purchase of 200 pens with a light and club logo as handouts for the Park and Display. Knox and Goog are going to meet Jim Feagans before the next Executive board meeting to design handlebar invitation cards.

A.B.A.T.E. Swap meet: Very low turnout and vendor dissatisfaction.

Website: Bill Hart has been updating the website. Members were encouraged to send pictures and the club was reminded of password and logon procedures.

Visitors: Steve Edge – not certain if he wants to apply for membership.

New Member: Keyn Keiffer, sponsored by Bob Dermont and voted into membership.

Membership: Bobbi Ozanic was reinstated as a member.

Projects: Bill Follis reported on a 1964 Montgomery Ward Scooter.

George Tinkham spoke on House Bill HR524 to study the effects of E15.

Jim Woolery addressed the club to voice his displeasure at the lack of quietness during the meeting. He apologized for the members who interrupted Mark Morrison at the Xmas party. Dave Culbertson stated that even with his new hearing aids, he was unable to hear at February's meeting. Woolery suggested a Sergeant at Arms position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Tommy Knox, Secretary

Tell us About Yourself

Please take a minute to write down “your story” about how you came to join the club or something you have enjoyed about being a member of the VIR. This will help all of us to get to know each other better. We have over 80 members, many joining in the last few years. Tommy will edit your responses and publish them in future Newsletters.

Save the Date

Saturday, May 10, 2014 will be our annual club picnic at Tommy and Tracy Knox’s, 2312 West Lake Shore Drive. If you’ve never attended, you really want to come to this event. We have members ride from as far away as Missouri and Edwardsville, IL for lip-smacking BBQ and a ride pioneered by the legendary Leroy Solomon. For many members this is a hi-light of the riding season. More information in coming weeks.

April 2014

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