

## VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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## *The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders*

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1114.pdf>

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### President's Prattle

Ridin' or Writin' – What to Do?

Motorcycling may not be weather dependent, but *enjoying* motorcycling certainly can be influenced by the weather. Right now, it is a bit chilly, but the rain is easing off; there are still a few bright leaves left on the trees; and a crisp autumn urges us to leave our warm homes and enjoy what Nature has given us.

We have a major event at the end of the month that was created by, and is still managed by, Goog and Leroy. The Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Unless there is ice or salt on the streets, I am definitely participating in that event. My motorcycle is ready, and I have a toy ready to go. I can hardly wait.

Rather than rattle on about motorcycling, maybe I should throw a leg over a bike and see if I still remember how to do it. We can talk more at this month's meeting. Right now, it is time to ride!

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### 2014 Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, December 16 at the Elk's Lodge. Food will be provided by Poe's catering, with a similar menu to last years. Happy Hour will begin at 6 pm and continue thru 6:30 when dinner will begin. The Board has approved a fee of \$6 per person for each member their guest (one guest per club member). Reservations and fees are due by December 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest. We would like to get

fees and rsvps at the November meeting. There will be a gift exchange for all who would like to participate, if you bring a gift you get a gift. If you bring a gift specifically designated for a gender, please mark it as so to ensure it goes to the correct person. There will also be a club gift give a way for members that will be placed at each seat at the Christmas party.

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### **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run will take place on Sunday, November 30, 2014. Sign up and registration will take place at Pipefitters Local 137 beginning at 12 pm and running till 1pm. The ride will begin at 1 pm from Pipefitters Local 137 and will end up at Contact Ministries. Please bring donations of Cash, Food, or Toys. For further information, please see the attached flyer or contact Goog @ 217-528-9905. This is a rain or shine event.

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### **Upcoming Elections**

Nominations for all positions were opened at the October monthly meeting. Election will take place at November monthly meeting.

### **Monthly Meeting**

Our regularly scheduled November 19th meeting will take place at the Rt. 66 Hotel and Conference Center..

#### **A Few Things To Look Forward To:**

Sandy MacDonald, a friend of Tommy Knox, will be coming to the meeting. Sandy is from Scotland and will be giving a short slideshow presentation and discussion on motorcycling in Scotland.

Board member elections will take place.

Reservations and payments are due for the Christmas Party by the end of the meeting

### **Welcome to New Members**

Welcome to new members Tom Baird & Donna Graves. I incorrectly reported them as new members in the October newsletter. Their application for membership was received and voted eligible by the E Board at large during the October E Board meeting. Membership was then put to a vote at the October Members meeting and unanimously voted in. They are now officially new members. I apologize for any confusion.

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## Member Submissions

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Circa 1993

Since we have an MS patient in the family, when the MS charity organized a sponsored run, we jumped at the chance. It was a really big run for Jackson, Mississippi with about 50 or so bikes participating.

For some reason, we were being led by New Orleans motor cops, with the Mississippi State Police ignoring speeding violations.

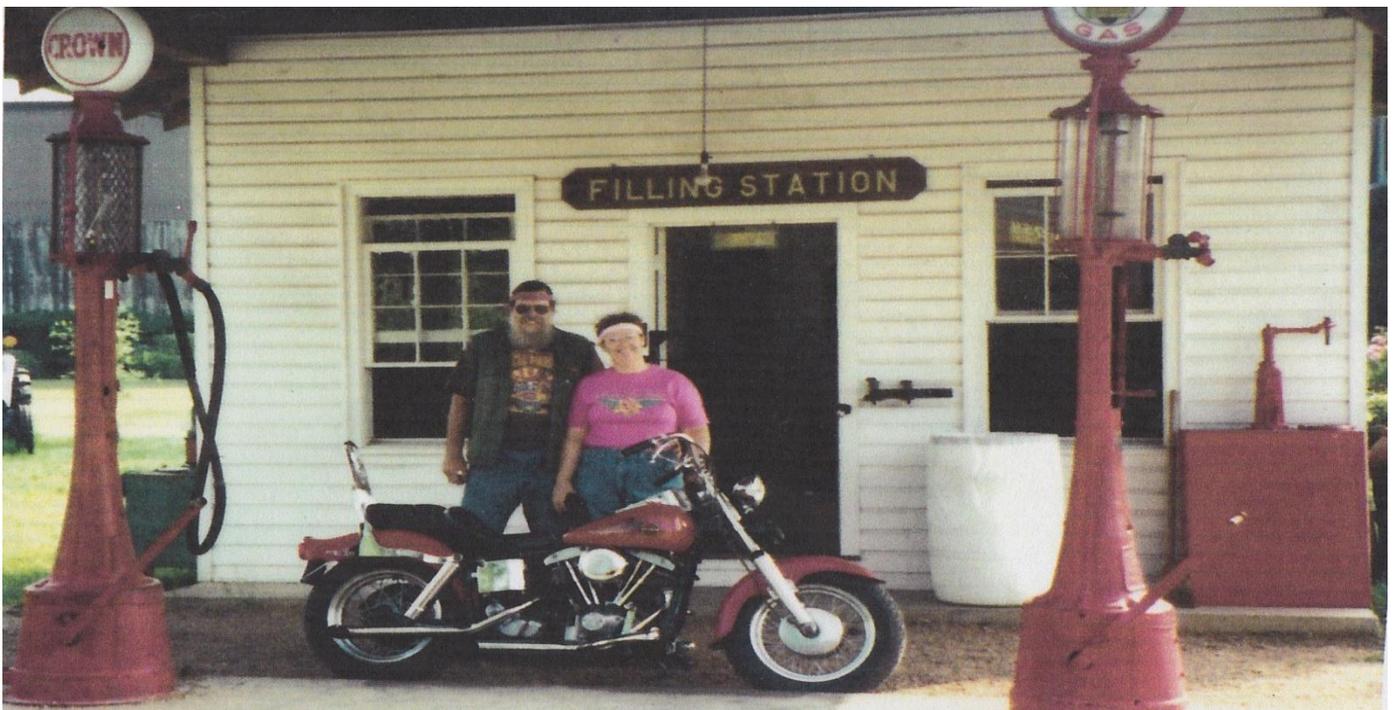
The five Harleys rode together, bringing up the rear, all of us two up.

Things started off fine, but speed gradually crept up until after about 20 miles the column was going in excess of 90 mph.

That was faster than the Harley riders were comfortable with, so, since we knew the final stop we dropped out and went straight there.

That destination was the Agriculture and Air Museum of Jackson. Since we were the only ones there, management let us ride into areas normally closed to motor vehicles. Rose Ann and I pulled in by the pumps in the old fashioned (non functioning) gas station, resulting in this great picture. Yeah, that's the same old shovelhead I still ride.

Thankfully,  
Zoo Dave



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Aiden Follis (grandson of Bill Follis and nephew of Sara Follis), 6 years old, learned to ride his very own motorcycle at the end of October in Bill's back yard. His 2013 Honda CRF-50 was his Christmas present from Grandpa and Grandma Follis last year. On his second day riding, he was zooming all over the place and standing up on the foot pegs while riding. We took many pictures and a few videos of him riding and sent them to the Donelson Family, owners and proprietors of Donelson Cycles in St Anne, MO, from whom Bill purchased Aiden's (and many of his own) bike. A few days later, our newest little rider appeared on the Donelson Cycle's facebook page for the world to see.



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Minutes of Meeting  
**Vintage Iron Riders**  
Joes's Place  
Virden , IL  
Oct. 15, 2014

Original meeting was to be at Reischauer's Farm as a bonfire and cook out. Meeting was relocated day of due to bad weather over the previous few days. Notice was sent out early afternoon to members and 26 were able to attend. Meeting was called to order by President George Tinkham at 6:03. Pledge was taken and cell phones were turned off. Minutes approved from September meeting. Mark Morrison and Tommy Knox were both unable to attend the meeting. We want to thank the Reischauers for all their efforts in preparing for the cookout and for handling a last minute change of venue for the meeting. Meeting was closed at 6:24 pm.

**Activities: R2R:** The report was in on the Ride to Rons. 11 bikes attended for the entirety of the event, 13 attended in all. The weather cooperated well and made for a very nice visit. The food was wonderful and plentiful. Many members have stated that this trip is highly recommended and hope to see many more next year.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Jeff White Memorial fund has \$2,385.75 and the General fund has \$2,844.61 for a total of \$5,230.36. The only outflow up to 10/15/14 was \$810 made thru the September Bike Show that was donated to St John's.

**Products:**

John Anderson reported that no products were in due to a vender complication. Will resume delivery and new orders at November meeting.

**50/50:** No 50/50 at October meeting.

**New Business:**

New Members voted in: Tom Baird & Donna Graves.

Flyers for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run were given out. This year’s run takes place on Sunday, November 30.

Sara Follis announced on behalf of Tommy Knox that reservations have been made for the 2014 Christmas Party. Party will be Tuesday, December 16 @ 6 pm at the Elks Lodge.

It was mentioned that member Chris Carcutt owns a wonderful property in Missouri and knows some great areas to ride. A suggestion for scheduling a trip for next year was made.

Reminder that November’s meeting will be back at Donnie B’s at normal time.

**Visitors:**

No visitors.

**Delinquent Members:**

Hank Charles reported that several more delinquent members have submitted dues payments and are now current. 9 members remain delinquent and will be removed from the club roster as was decided at board meeting Oct. 1, 2014.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Annual Dues will be due for the 2015 Calendar Year at the beginning of January. Please pay your annual dues at the January Members Meeting. If you cannot attend the January meeting (it’s movie night!) you may pay your dues thru February’s meeting. For anyone who joined our club in the latter half of 2014, please be aware that your dues paid are annual and current until December 2014. You will owe annual dues again effective January 1, 2015. Thank you all for your membership.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Follis, Secretary

**December 2014**

	1	2	3 E-Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Christmas Party @ 6:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Ride to the Blues** – Every Monday 7:00 pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands.