



VINTAGE IRON

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**Nov 17th-Monthly meeting at the former Funny Bone building (now, "Dog House") on
2937 W. White Oaks Dr, Spfld, IL**

For more non-VIR events, please check out the Springfield Miler's newsletter at
<http://www.springfieldmilers.com/milerNL1110.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

George Tinkham - President

November, 2010

It's About That Time...

Last month, I mentioned preparing our cycles for winter storage. Well, guess what? The time is *almost* here. I say "almost" because these clear, crisp autumn days are just begging us to fire up an old bike and let it sing.

Perhaps the best ride of the month will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28th: the Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run. Not only will participants get to show off their motorcycles whilst helping underprivileged kids have a better Christmas, but we get to participate in "the oldest and coldest" motorcycle event in Springfield. Besides, this event was founded back in 1985 by two valued members of V.I.R.: Leroy and Goog.

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits – and your machines in good order. At the end of riding season, our motorcycles may need a bid of tweaking to correct the things that loosened or broke. There is a time to ride and a time to wrench. Right now, Mother Nature is telling us to get ready to shift from the riding mode to the maintenance phase of motorcycling.

Vintage Iron Riders is a boon to both riding and wrenching. I intend to mine the depths of wisdom of fellow members as I work on my bikes this winter. Remember, we are there for you – just reach out and enjoy the benefits of a club full of knowledgeable, helpful friends.

George Tinkham

Activities
Harvey Tapscott

Nov 28, 2010 -- Sid Wood Memorial Toy Run

Dec 15—VIR Christmas Party

MINUTES OF MEETING
Oct, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by president Tinkham.

The club acknowledged a respect and love of our country by participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

George said the Oct 2, 2010, "Ride to Ron's" event had 12 VIR participants.

The "Toy" run on Oct 17, 2010, had 4 VIR participants.

The Sid Wood Toy Run will be held on Nov 28, 2010 and will depart at approximately 1:30.

Harvey Tapscott mentioned the potential of VIR members putting a patriotic group of riders together to support our fallen soldiers.

The finance report was presented by Goog Underfanger who said VIR currently had a balance of \$2,873.93.

George stated that pictures for the 2011 VIR calendar are need by the Nov meeting.

Additionally George said a group from China has inquired about the VIR domain name.

Old Business: Roy Sims said the website is doing well and Carol added we could use additional pictures for the site.

New Business: VIR had one new membership application. Applicant is Mark Morrison and he submits for a family membership. VIR members voted to retain the current officers for the coming year.

Products: Marc Bumpus stated another clothing order will be arranged for fall of 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

"Vintage Visdom"

**"When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic."
Benjamin Franklin**



FROM THE EDITOR

Tall Tales of the Pilgrims

Really I bet there were tall tales among those who initially arrived here. I have read that because of the pollutants within water stored in barrels on long voyages, only a small amount of water was on board. What then did they drink? Beer... Yes, men, women and children consumed beer. Obviously there must have been a considerable amount of Germans on board. Actually there is a rumor among my family that certain lineage of Garber's were on board the Mayflower. This accounting is not well known as the story is they were stowaways.

So now I will reveal a German secret that makes our turkeys the best in the world (uber allas in die Welt). Use a good variety of German beer and get the turkey drunk before you slaughter it.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Tommy

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"JUST HOW LONG DO YOU ILLEGAL ALIENS PLAN ON STAYING IN OUR COUNTRY?"

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DEC 2010

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