



## A Rider's Poem

I saw you  
hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.  
But, you didn't see me  
put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you  
pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.  
But, you didn't see me  
playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you  
change your mind about going into the restaurant.  
But, you didn't see me  
attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you  
roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by.  
But, you didn't see me  
driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you  
frown at me when I smiled at your children.  
But, you didn't see me  
when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you  
stare at my long hair.  
But, you didn't see me  
and my friends cut ten inches of hair for Locks of Love.

I saw you  
roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves.  
But, you didn't see me  
and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.

I saw you  
look in fright at my tattoos.  
But, you didn't see me  
cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you  
change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.  
But, you didn't see me  
going home to be with my family.

I saw you  
complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.  
But, you didn't see me  
when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you  
yelling at your kids in the car.  
But, you didn't see me  
pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you  
reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.  
But, you didn't see me  
squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you  
race down the road in the rain.  
But, you didn't see me  
get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you  
run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.  
But, you didn't see me  
trying to turn right.

I saw you  
cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.  
But, you didn't see me  
leave the road.

I saw you  
waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.  
But, you didn't see me.  
I wasn't there.

I saw you  
go home to your family.  
But, you didn't see me.  
*Because, I died that day you cut me off.*

I was just a biker.....  
A person with friends and a family.  
But, you didn't see me.

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## **PRODUCTS**

We have 227 decals, 41 patches, 8 caps, and 2 calendars. (George would probably sell the calendars a little cheaper than \$12.50, since the year is ½ over!)

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING Springfield (IL) Vintage Motorcycle Club Top Cat's Chill & Grill May 17, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President George Tinkham.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes as sent out with the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Irwin reported that we have \$1,302.87 in the treasury. We have 51 members who renewed their membership for this year.

Product Report: We have 227 decals, 41 patches, 8 caps, and 2 calendars. Bob Tapscott has purchased two 16" x 24" flags for \$60 each for our events.

Events Report: Mike read Bob's list of events and proposed rides. This will be published in our newsletter. Mike reported that Buster's Tavern on Sangamon Avenue will have their First Annual Bike Show on May 27<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in showing their bike there. Roy Sims called a Route 66 committee person, who said they will get back with him. We cannot attend their meetings. Approximately 100 Hondas are supposed to be at the event. The Motorcycle Exhibit at the Douglas County Museum ended May 13<sup>th</sup>. Six of our members had bikes and/or memorabilia on display there. George T. has convinced IDOT to produce a professional map for the Lincoln Circuit Ride in September. A ride to New Salem and picnic was discussed. Members voted to meet at Lincoln Park on June 10<sup>th</sup> and ride to New Salem State Park for a picnic and then ride back.

Old Business: Walter Ade is out of the hospital and has moved to Brendon Gardens. He is doing well. The tabled motion concerning the contribution to Prairie Thunder was discussed. Members voted to contribute \$250 to that club. Passes will be obtained and available at the next meeting.

Mike Irwin is still working with Lew Fehring on the photo directory. There are only a couple of people to photograph. He again asked for photos (in any format) of motorcycles for next year's calendar. If necessary, he will come to the members and take the photo himself.

New Business: Carol announced that Alan Lyons, who took over the newsletter on the condition that if he became employed, he would no longer be able to do the newsletter. He is now employed full time on night shift out of town, so Carol is taking it back. She asked for any and all literary contributions, ads, tips, cartoons, etc.

Leroy Solomon re-introduced membership applicant Dave Nicholson. He was unanimously approved. Leroy asked about the movie, "World's Fastest Indian." Everyone who saw the movie said it was a very good movie. Mike informed us that the DVD will be out on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Reischauer extended greetings from Dave Young, who is in Florida.

Bob Tapscott is participating in a Corvette tour in the Lake of the Ozarks area.

Lisa Casson reported on Dave's Locksmith Shop on MacArthur.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Carol J. Edwards, Secretary

## **NEWSLETTER**

Alan Lyons has found employment on the night shift out of town. Therefore, I (Carol) am taking the newsletter back (until we can find ~~some other sucker~~ someone else to do it.) I am counting on YOU. We have some very good writers out there. So how about contributing an article or a tip or a cartoon or whatever will fill up space now and then!

**Please and Thank You!**

## June, 2006

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4	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10 Ride to New Salem/ Club Picnic
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 humane society fund raiser
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Regular Meeting	22	23	24
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## July, 2006

2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Board Meeting 1902: Indian perfect score in Boston - New York endurance race	6	7	8
9 Ride to Kampsville for lunch	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Ride to Work Day <hr/> Regular Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 1937: Edward Turner unveils the Triumph Speed Twin	28	29
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**883 Class** - The United States Classic Racing Association has announced the revival of the highly popular 883 road racing class, exclusively for that Harley-Davidson 883 XL. Go to [www.Race-USCRA.com](http://www.Race-USCRA.com)

Illinois Humane invites you to join us for the HOGS FOR DOGS Dice Run!

June 17, Registration 11am, Start Time 12:30pm

Start Location: Hooters of Springfield, 3241 Horizon Drive

End Location: The Curve in Springfield, 3219 S. 6th

Party All Night w/ Sons of Circumstance at The Curve

Registration Fee \$10 per person, includes band & food

**No bike? Ride the Trolley!**

Trolley fee \$20 per person includes band & food.

Call (217)793-3138 to register for your seat on the trolley.

**ALL BIKES & RIDERS WELCOME!**

Route:

Hooters - Springfield, IL

Jan's Bar & Grill - Edinburg, IL

Rumors - Bull Pit, IL

Rockys - Auburn, IL

The Curve - Springfield, IL