



VINTAGE IRON RIDERS

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The Newsletter of the Vintage Iron Riders

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<http://www.springfieldmilers.com>

President's Prattle

What Kind of Club is This?

At the Memorial Day Weekend Springfield Mile race, Vintage Iron Riders enjoyed a beautiful day for its "Park & Display" of vintage / antique motorcycles. It was a joy to see the various bikes brought to the event and to visit with owners, riders, and enthusiasts. At the Park & Display, I heard someone ask, "What kind of club is this?"

The question was apparently asked because of the highly diverse types, ages, and brands of motorcycles & scooters on display. As I looked around, there was no clear theme or pattern of motorcycle type etc. Our efforts to recruit more Japanese motorcycles may be working; however, they certainly did not flood the place. One might expect Harleys and Indians to predominate; yet, the distinct plurality seemed to be Brit bikes. Of those bikes, the majority were BSA.

You can see the same eclectic non-pattern of various brands in V.I.R. events – whether rides, shows, or otherwise. The one unifying feature of the club is that we all appreciate cool, old bikes. I recall a round of applause at a meeting when it was announced that Alvin Edwards acquired his Ariel Square 4. Again, this does not mean that we are Brit bike club – it just means that Vintage Iron Riders welcomes all riders / owners, regardless of age or gender – and all older motorcycles, regardless of make. A great example of that

was when Goog rode his Honda CBX on this year's A.B.A.T.E. Awareness Rally whilst wearing his Harley-Davidson jacket!

With riding and show season in full swing, we have plenty of time to enjoy our machines and each other. After all, that is what kind of club we are: "Man and Machine" or, as the Romans would say: "Vir et Machina."

Club Events

Club picnic on Saturday June 18th at Tommy Knox's 2312 W Lakeshore Springfield Illinois. Please bring chairs and a covered dish. **BYOB**

If you know of any events that we can do as a club let us know.

Things to Know

Please bring money with you to the June Meeting for your club shirts that you have ordered.

This year at the Springfield Mile the attendance was nearly sold out. They had 65-70% attendance. We had 55 bikes from BSA, Hondas, Indian, Vespa, Triumph, Norton, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Harley. Thank you to all that participated. Can't be done without you. Monzey #80 has been released from the hospital he had a broken vertebrae in his neck.

2016 Dues

With the arrival of the New Year, we still have around 10 people that have not paid their dues. Annual dues are due. \$25.00 for family and \$15.00 for single. If not renewing, this your last monthly newsletter. If not sure just call your ask Goog.

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes for the May meeting 7:17-8:20

- Covered the mile
- Covered the funds
- Shirts are on the way
- Calendars are going good
- Hank on dues we need 10
- Your pic on the web site
- Bike show
- 1947 Indian selling for \$25000.00
- Houndog Cramer selling motorcycles
- Mark Schrock new member
- *George's Indian is well maybe next month*

- *Goog is raffling off tickets for a Sportster \$10.00 proceed goes to Digger*
 - *Next month meeting George and another attorney will have a talk after meeting will estate*
 - *Pinic at tommy knox's*
 - *June 10th Rockie in Auburn @6 on 104*
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3rd Annual Bike show

The Bike Show Committee holds it monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at Bernie and Betty's on Spring St in Springfield at 6pm. Everyone is welcome join the group. Everything is going as scheduled.

Treasurer's Report

The JWMF (Jeff White Memorial Fund) has a balance of \$2189.50 and the General Fund has a balance of \$2846.15. The total balance is \$5035.65. The maximum balance allowed for JWMF is \$2,500.

Welcome to (prospective) new Members

Ron Havens

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting will be at the Rt.66 Hotel and Conference Center @ 625 E St. Joseph St., Springfield, IL. 62703. On [June 15, 2016 @7:00](#)

Of Interest:

Attention AMA members:

June is the time to vote for your representative on the AMA Board of Directors. Here is how to do it via the Internet:

1. Go to <https://eballot4.votenet.com/ama-cycle>
2. Enter your AMA membership number as "User ID."
3. Enter your last name (capitalize 1st letter only) as "Password."

The next page on the website should be the list of candidates. Vote for one and follow instructions to complete. If you do not have Internet capability, call Bruce Moffat at (614) 856-1900 for instructions on how to proceed. Let me make a pitch for one of the candidates: Jim Viverito. Jim is an incumbent, running for re-election. This new term will be his last in accordance with AMA rules. Jim Viverito is involved in highway and off-road motorcycling, as well as motorcyclists' rights. His knowledge and experience will help AMA continue to be a strong advocate for all of motorcycling.

Please check out on You Tube:

The history of the Indian Motorcycle

1933 Indian Motorcycle Jay Leno Garage

Motorcycles history

Trust estates talk in June after meeting. Attorney Patrick Chesley will Join us after the meeting.

From Don Butler: IL Secretary of State website for license renewal reminder:

<https://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/>

Because of money shortages, the IL Sec. of State will no longer mail license renewal reminders.

2017 VIR Calendar

The calendars are coming along great. The calendar committee is meeting this month to start placing things together.

For Sale

1948 Indian Chief with a 1947 engine.

Also a 1966 Triumph Daytona 500. Partially disassembled.

1957 Harley Panhead w/sidecar tranny. Call or see George for all.

2016 VIR UPCOMING EVENTS

6/18	Club Picnic @ Tommy Knox's)
6/20	National Ride to work
6/23-25	2016 VJMC Rally Spring Mill St. Park Mitchell, IN
6/25-26	J&P Cycle 37 th anniversary open house
7/8-10	Vintage Motorcycle Days @mid-Ohio, Lexington
8/13	Havana's riverfront car/tractor/motorcycle show
8/14	Peoria TT
9/1-2	Chief Blackhawk swap meet @ Davenport, Iowa
9/4	Springfield Mile Race
9/4	Labor Day park and display
9/10	VIR bike show
9/11	Ernie Langheim "Tail of the Possum" ride
9/24-25	Ride to Ron's
10/7-9	Barber Vintage Festival: Leeds, AL
10/23	ABATE Toy Run
11/26	Sid Wood Memorial Run
12/21	VIR Christmas Party

Ride to the Blues-Every Monday 7:00pm join Tommy Knox for a ride to The Alamo downtown to listen to quality blues bands. 529-2655