



This helpful guide was also used for the 2014 meet. There may be a date or time I may have missed changing. If something looks out of place please let me know or contact me with any questions at dchafin1122@gmail.com

Hello! I'm Darren Chafin, the current Vintage Motor Bike Club President. I thought I'd clear a few things up for those who attend the meet on a yearly basis, and give those who are thinking of attending the VMBC meet for the first time an idea of what goes on. New members frequently ask me what to expect when they first arrive at our club meet. I repeat this so often that I decided that I'm just going to write it down. I should have done this some time ago and hopefully, you will find this helpful.

Our club event is much different from most motorcycle clubs or swap meets that I'm aware of. First, unlike most swap meets our members can arrive early. When our meet starts it is not uncommon for folks to have already been there for two weeks before our meet even begins. However, the 2015 meet will be slightly different from previous meets. For example, **you will not want to enter the fairgrounds any earlier than July the 12th 2015.** The reason being that this year we follow the Jay County Fair! Because we follow the fair you will not be allowed to show up as early. Second, there are no assigned spaces, which is another reason why our club event is different.

Third and most important: You Must Be a VMBC Member to camp at the Jay County Fairgrounds before and during the meet!! Membership to the VMBC is \$30 (or \$40 international)!

Your membership to the VMBC will include;

- 4 quarterly magazines
- A complimentary license plate (to be picked up at the meet during registration)
- Free ad space in the classifieds section of the club magazine
- Permission to enter the fairgrounds during the VMBC meet without charge (if you are staying in a hotel)

Fourth, if you choose to arrive early at the fairgrounds before VMBC takes possession, the Jay County Fair Board will collect an extra \$15 per day. This charge is in no way related to the VMBC Meet, collected by the VMBC, set by the VMBC, nor do we receive any commission from the \$15 collected. **The VMBC has no affiliation with the \$15 daily camping fee at all!** Our club takes possession of the grounds on Friday, July the 17th and rents it through Tuesday, July the 21st 2015. Depending on how early you arrive, there may or may not be someone from the Jay County Fair Board to collect for early camping. But, you can count on someone chasing you down to collect. The VMBC generally shows up a few days early at the entrance to start collecting for VMBC camping fees and membership dues. The VMBC only collects money from those who have not pre-registered. The new member or renewed member in return receives the necessary paperwork to complete and return to the secretary in the Green 4-H building (please refer to the meet schedule for membership registration days and hours).

The VMBC Secretary, Kaitlyn Edelbrock, prefers that our members pre-register for membership renewal and VMBC camping (check out our Meet under Events section for pre-registration form). It makes for a much smoother entrance into the grounds and takes loads of work off her shoulders. If you pre-register, your camping fees will be \$60 for the whole duration of the meet and an additional \$30 for membership dues. That's \$60 camping from sunrise Friday, July the 17th through sunset Tuesday, July



21st 2015! It's a deal folks. **If you do not Pre-register, the VMBC will collect an extra \$20 camping fees for a total of \$80 plus \$30 membership dues at the entrance of the grounds.** Now we have overlooked this for new members that are attending the VMBC meet for the first time, but they are expected to pre-register the following year. If you have any further questions please **contact Kaitlyn Edelbrock through her email: vmbc.kr@gmail.com or call her at 419-605-5336. Hours are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday Ohio time.**

Fifth, now that you have paid your camping fees and paid your club membership dues you may proceed to pick your spot. Yes that's right! You may pick your spot. There are no assigned areas for camping or vending like most other swap meets. We have always had a first come first serve motto. Most anywhere that there is grass is free for the taking. There are some buildings that can offer shelter, but they do come with a rental fee. Very reasonable! Please see me if you would like to inquire about these shelters. There are about a dozen full hookup sites on the grounds that have water, sewer, and electric (they go fast and are generally gone before the meet officially starts). Again, electricity is a first come first serve utility. Remember, we charge everyone \$60 whether you get electricity or not. Unfortunately, we have just grown so much over the years that we just cannot keep up with the electrical demand. I know there are some that disagree with our method of camping fees, but this system we feel is the easiest payment system for our secretary to keep track of payments. There are also about twenty 50amp hookups for larger campers along with many other 110 circuits throughout the grounds. Lots of electric outlets can be had, but it is usually gone by the start of the meet. **For those who have never been to the VMBC meet must realize that this is a fairground, and just because you have tapped into a 50amp breaker doesn't mean that you have an endless supply of electric.** In fact, July can be a scorching hot month, and we have at different times had circuits overload because of the high use of air conditioners. Some members have the mindset that they have paid for electricity and they are going to use it. Please don't test the circuits.

When you think you have found a good spot to enjoy the meet, you will find two restroom buildings with showers. Again, this is a fairground and they aren't up to hotel standards by any means. However, my wife and kids use them just fine and after a long day in the hot sun, they feel pretty darn good! You will also notice several port-o-potties situated at various spots on the grounds. For those motor homes we have a pumper truck that comes about every other day to suck it dry! LOL They arrive un-announced and we generally announce over the PA system that they are coming around on the grounds.

Sixth, you will find when the meet officially starts there are several places to eat on the grounds. A few vendors carry ice cream, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries, chili, and brats. The optimist club has a small grocery store that carries a few necessities such as ice, eggs, bread, and milk.

Seventh, the rules on the grounds are simple;

- There are no fire rings or open fires of any kind allowed on the grounds.
- Quiet time is from sundown to sunrise! Please be considerate of those around you.
- If you have brought a generator, please don't run it all night. If you think it is necessary you may camp back by the far woods.
- You must have a valid driver's license and insurance to operate a motorized machine.



I hope that this makes your first stay at Portland, Indiana more enjoyable and pleasing. We look forward to spending the week with you. Other than that, come and see what we are all about and enjoy yourself!