

Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

January 2001

Words From Pat Daloisio, the Ex-"El Presidente", on our Recent Holiday Party at Frank Mohr's Home

We had a great turn out and mucho fantastic food and drink. Seafood chowder, smoked ham, chili, hot sauces, awesome! While I was enjoying my favorite low fat beverage (from Pottstown, PA), I noticed a new trend among DVNRs: a real taste for the grape. Specifically, the red grape.

We had a great time. Thank you **Frank** and thanks to everyone for bringing something to the party.



Lauretta Atkinson said, "Seems like there must have been 50 people there -- always so good to see the Old Guard, and a real pleasure talking to the new members. They are so enthusiastic, like we were (and still are). And the food -- Chef Mohr is incredible! This gathering always reminds me of a

'frat party' minus the beer on the floor! **Chris (Greenbacker)** and I had a great time; he loves a good Chinese Auction."

Apparently the hot gift - or cool gift - was that Zip-Lock bag full of stainless steel nuts, bolts and washers. I don't remember who got it, but **Mike & Desiree Forte**, picked up that great Manx sign, and by all appearances had a great time.

Pete Gallo, Bob Katz and **Bob & Tari Norum** were in Frank's garage talking Isle of Mann for this June, like whether to ship bikes or rent there. Bob is spearheading the idea; he's been there before.

Incidentally, it is true that I was handing out cigars, but it's not true, as someone said, that it was my way of saying thanks for not reelecting me. I saw **Ron Ettinger & Lisa Nordell** talking to a wide-eyed non-Norton couple from Frank's gym, trying to explain to them what all the fuss is about Nortons. Indeed. *Pat*

Our January Meeting

... Will be at **Todd Robertson's**, 22 Buckley Hill Drive, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. 908 454-3765. E-mail: trob@fast.net. **Directions** -- [Click](#) for a Mapquest map to Todd's. Take Route 78 to the Phillipsburg exit, #3. Head west on Route 22 toward Pennsylvania until you see a Dunkin Donuts on the right. Make the next right onto Roseberry Street. Go to the end of Roseberry and turn right onto Belvedere Street; travel approximately 1.5 miles. #22 Buckley Hill Drive will be on the right. Todd has a '71 Commando Roadster in solitary confinement out back in the shed; also keeps a Kawasaki Ninja 500 and an '80 Vette being restored. (Bet they're in the heated garage.) Show up around 10am.

From the New President (Bob "Why Me?" Katz)

A short piece of business happened at Frank's; I assumed the Presidency. I've been a proud DVNR member for five years now. And I am really honored to serve a one-year term as President. I hope I can do as well as Pat did last year, and as well as those who served before him. There are a lot of exciting opportunities and events coming up this year that could make it a great riding one for us, starting with the Gathering of The Nortons at Washington's Crossing in April. Plus I have some ideas for some interesting new rides. For example, there's a great crooked road near Shamokin, PA. We'll talk more at Todd's house soon, I hope. *Bob*

New Members

Paul Geba, 110 Highland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032. Phone 201 991-6293. E-mail XCBMW@aol.com. Paul, who was introduced to the club by his riding buddy **Pete Bartholomew** writes, "Sadly, I must confess that I don't currently own a Norton. My second bike was a Commando 'S' that I bought new in 1970; first was a '66 Bultaco Metralla. I sold the Norton to buy a 1949 HD Panhead. After that, another Norton-Villiers product, an AJS Stormer MX bike that I pounded into the ground or the snow fencing more times than I'd care to admit. My current bikes are a '96 BMW R1100RSL, '80 Ducati 900 SS, and an '80 Honda CBX. I hope the future holds either another 'S', still have a soft spot in my heart for the marque."

Miles Bowman, 2977 Eastburn Road, Broomall, PA 19008. Phone 610 353-8126. E-mail bowman9@voicenet.com. Miles, who found out about the club on the Internet, claims he's "no expert on Commandos, but I've been keeping Brit-iron running for about 30 years. I've been riding a 1970 Triumph Tiger named Roxanne, and a 1967 BSA Lightning named Kelly. Both are very nice, but not absolutely pristine."

Vendors

For the past 18 months, I have been restoring a 1972 Combat Commando that I bought from Lauretta Atkinson's "collection." It had once been in the stable of her late husband and my good friend, **Steve Atkinson**, a dyslexic mechanic if there ever was one, and a co-founder of DVNR. I won't labor you with the ordinary decisions of my project so far; you'll see this Handsome Angel ride up soon enough. But I did want to "share" with you two interesting vendors I've encountered.



First is Chris Wyckoff of Hawthorne, NJ. He was raised in his father's Norton dealership in Wayne, NJ, and he knows his Nortons. He has a motorcycle collection of his own now that includes one (cross yourself when you say this name) MV Augusta. (And he rides dangerously fast, if you ask me.) Chris' business is called "The Shining", and his profession is polishing aluminum pieces so smooth that they are easily mistaken for chrome. It was not my intention to faux chrome the whole Handsome Angel; I was just looking for someone to clean up my ugly lower fork legs. There were painful looking road gouges in both, typical of Atkinson's ordinarily-upright riding style. Couldn't

"I ran across a 1970 Commando "S" model, but with Roadster pipes – running, but needing work -- for cheap. So I bought it; it's actually in my wife's name because she always wanted me to get one! It smokes badly. So it's getting a rebuild. (Thank you **John Brownell** for the lead.) The engine work should be finished sometime in January, after which I'll begin the other work, starting with painting the frame, rebuilding the front-end, rewiring the electrics, etc. I have a favorite setup that eliminates most connectors and adds extra fuses to separate the ignition from everything else. I'll probably keep the points, but use a Typanium rectifier. The Amals have what look like new jets already and the slides are OK, so I'll probably keep them too. The wheels are OK, but the exhaust, fenders and seat need replacing.

"Hopefully, I'll finish all the mechanicals by May, so I can prep and paint the tank and side covers when it gets warmer outside. With any luck, I'll have it on the road by summer."

Miles works for Verizon in Philadelphia, and has four children and a wife (who owns a Norton that she has yet to name).

bring myself to put them on the bike. A local auto body shop turned me on to Chris, and when he gave me the legs back, they were clean as a whistle. Sold me. At this point, there's nothing left on my bike for him to do. If it's aluminum, he already polished it. Instrument housings, Z plates, covers, levers, you name it. Wasn't cheap but it looks nice. Contact Chris Wyckoff, The Shining, 275 Wagaraw Road, Hawthorne, NJ 07506; phone 973 636-9700.

Second, there's a fellow in Caseyville, Illinois, named Gary Hollowich. His business is called Disk Brake Reconditioners. Name's pretty self-explanatory. The front disk that came with my bike was probably already old when the poor thing was put out to Mother Nature's corrosive pasture 6 years ago following Steve's death. It was borderline garbage. And the garbage is exactly where it was headed until Chris Greenbacker, Norton Wizard Extraordinaire, referred me to Gary Hollowich. He does just what the name says, and your disk comes back looking just like new. As I recall, he offers three basic options: 1) Plain reconditioned surface; 2) Plain disk surface and nickel-plated center; and 3) All chrome. I picked option 2 for \$60. Looks great. Gary also offers drilling as another option. Contact Gary Hollowich, Disk Brake Reconditioners, 19 West Scates, Caseyville, IL 62232; phone 618 344-7683.
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2001 Meetings & Events

January

- 12-14 International Motorcycle Show, Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- 20-21 NJ Motorcycle Spectacular, Garden State Convention and Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ.
- 21 The Will Stoner Swap Meet, York County Fairgrounds, York, PA.
- 21 DVNR January meeting, Todd Robertson's, 22 Buckley Hill Drive, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. 908 454-3765. E-mail: trob@fast.net

February

- 18 DVNR February meeting, Tom and Irene Schaefer's, 514 North Chestnut Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. (908) 232-4190. _Your planning to ride, aren't you?

March

- 3-11 Daytona Bike Week, Daytona Beach, FL.
- 5 Turn 6 Party at Speedway, and Club Meeting at Lighthouse, Ponce Inlet, Florida.
- 7 Nortona

April

- 22 8th Annual DVNR "Gathering of the Nortons" at Washington's Crossing State Park, Washington's Crossing, NJ.

June

- 1-3 The [Ontario Norton Owners](#) Black Fly Rally, 25 Kms north of Kingston, Ontario. This is a wonderfully relaxed event. Great riding and fine food are mainstays of this event. For more information, contact [Guy Fortier](#), 613 376-3228.

July

- 11-15 Mid-Ohio Vintage Motorcycle Day's. 2001 is the year of the Indian.
- 18-21 The INOA International Rally (Ivy Lea, ON, Canada – minutes from the US/Canadian border) will be hosted by the [Ontario Norton Owners](#). The [Ivy Lea KOA](#) will be the host campground for the first INOA International Rally of the century. For more details, contact [Guy Fortier](#), 613 376-3228. [The 2001 Rally Page is up and running.](#)
- 2002 International Norton Owners Association National Rally will be hosted by the [Northern New England Norton Owners](#). [Mike Frick](#) 603 883-3038
- 2003 International Norton Owners Association International Rally will be hosted in British Columbia, Canada. Ken Jacobson 775 Richter Street, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y-2J8 kjacobso@city.kelowna.bc.ca.

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For Sale or Wanted

- ❑ Tom Schaefer is still trying to thin the herd, so call him at 908 232-4190 if you or a friend are interested in one of the following. If you miss him, Tom asked that you leave a message and he'll get back to you.
 - ✓ 1999 Kawasaki ZXR-1100. For this nearly new, great all around bike, Tom is asking \$6,000.
 - ✓ 1995 M-Z Scorpion for \$4,100 obo.
 - ✓ 1970 Norton Commando S. You've seen this beautiful yellow bike for which Tom is asking \$6,500.
- ❑ 1979 Triumph Bonneville 750 twin. Black with silver flash. All original, 400 original miles. This bike has been in storage the last 12 years. Call Walt for details, 215 453-9460.
- ❑ 1972 Norton Commando 750 cc MK IV Roadster, 4000 original miles, \$6,500. Needs no work. Call Andy Pramer, 609 924-0947 (home) or 732 247-9190 (work).
- ❑ DVNR tee shirts are available from Pete Gallo. They come in either Black or Green with the very popular six color front/back graphics you've seen many of our members wearing. Pete got these great shirts reprinted and they are now available for only \$15 each. All sizes are available. Pete also has Norton ratcheting tie downs. They are 5'2" long and include the Norton logo. They are \$15 per pair. Call Pete at 610 461-6582.
- ❑ 1967 Moto Guzzi V700, number 1509. Ground up restoration in 1995. Red and silver, perfect in almost every way. All fasteners replaced with filed and polished stainless except for highly stressed items such as engine mounts and axles. This bike is the sister to the V700/Watsonian that won best loop frame at the 2000 Guzzi National. An outstanding example. Another purchase makes the bike redundant. Offers around \$5,500 considered. Email for photos. Glenn Bewley, 770 414-8444; GBewley@Bellsouth.net

Got a bike you want to sell? Good new or used parts that someone in the club might need? If you are interested in buying or selling anything, please contact Hans with the information and it will be in the next newsletter. E-mail Hans at hanswinberg@home.com, or call 908 518-9603, or fax to 908 317-0584.

Interesting & Useful Links (for those receiving this electronically)

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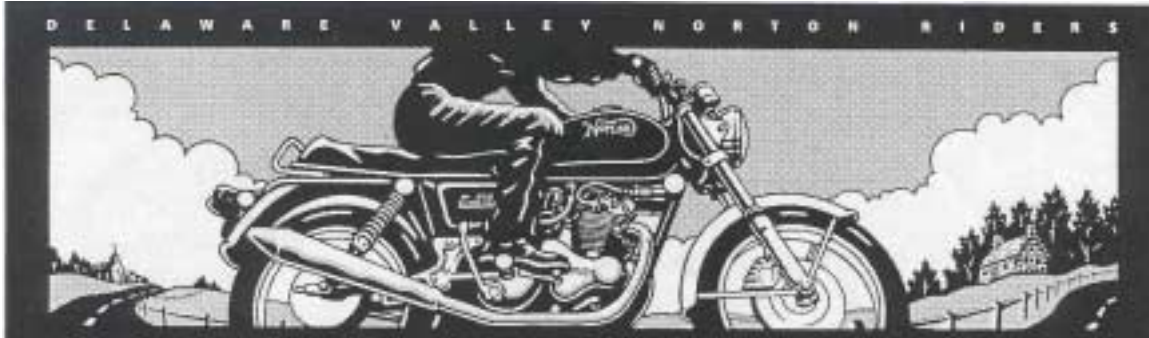
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Where would you rather be?





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With postal rate increases, this would be one way of keeping postage costs to a minimum. Would you like to receive your newsletter via E-mail? YES NO _____

Dues for **2001** are \$12.00. Monthly meetings are usually held on the **THIRD** Sunday of each month. Check your monthly newsletter for the exact time and place.

Please return this form with your **payment made payable to:**

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It is important that you completely fill out the above including phone #. Thanks for your help.

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