

Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

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Note to members: As you perhaps already know, access to certain areas of our web site requires a "user name" and "password". If you e-mail me at Hans@dvnortonriders.com, I will send you back both words. Hans

No Cappy's

By Bob Katz

DVNR's June event scheduled for the 17th was to have been a group ride to Cappy's Restaurant in Nockamixon State Park for lunch and a ride afterwards (for those who have no Fathers' Day duties). We had a great turnout last year, and we really needed to have a brief meeting to discuss the upcoming National Rally, as well as future rides and summer business. The meeting and ride never materialized because of the violent storms that blasted through the area and closed many of the roads. Sunday actually turned out to be really nice around noon, but by then it was too late.

- ❖ I would like to put out a call to the members heading to the National next month to register their trip plans to the National before they depart – itinerary, cell phone numbers, ETA, etc., so if there are any problems en route, INOA can contact

By The Wayside

By John Brownell

My alarm clock startled me from my sleep at the unheard of hour of 5:45am, on Sunday, May 20th. I stumbled to the kitchen and plugged in the

someone in the vicinity, and perhaps get help.

- ❖ I have a list of motels in the area for those who chose not to stay at the campground.
- ❖ Howard Nenner and I are leaving early on Wednesday, July 18th, with a trailer and truck. Any rider can email [Howard](#) or [me](#) if you want to ride along.

Also, please email [me](#) or call me at 215-884-1174 if you will be there **Wednesday night**. I would like to get a keg party going, and I would like to have as many DVNR members there as possible. I would also like to have a drawing at the party that night to raise money for the club. I have some ideas on the prizes to give away. Anyone have any other ideas? Please email [me](#) or call me at 215-884-1174.

coffee pot knowing I didn't have much time to waste. A quick check of The Weather Channel told me I'd need my jacket liner. The forecast was for

cool and breezy, but no rain. Good, the rain gear can stay home.

My Norton started on the second kick, and I was off to meet **Bill Waddington** at his place. By the time I arrived there, I was wishing for long johns; it was cold at speed on an unfaired bike.

Bill was ready when I arrived at 7. We planned our route to Leesport where we would pick up Route 61. Starting from Souderton, we wound our way to Green Lane and then across country through the park there to Route 100 in Bally. South on 100 a couple of miles, and Route 73 took us all the way to Leesport. We stopped in Blandon for hot coffee and to warm up a few minutes before riding along the reservoir at Lake Ontowannee.

The ride up Route 61 wasn't as appealing, but it was quick and direct. Our goal was to meet the gang at 10:30 in Weigh Scales for the May DVNR Monthly Meeting and Group Ride. There wasn't any time to lose. Both our bikes were running well and we enjoyed the curves north of Pottsville experiencing some serious *lean angle* while we scrubbed our tires almost to the edge of the tread line.

This stretch of 61 gets interesting as the road climbs to Centralia and on to Mt. Carmel. The underground coal fires are still burning in this area and you can smell the smoke as you ride through this barren town. Soon we were in Shamokin. My hunger pangs were beginning to announce out loud my need for a good breakfast, or maybe an early lunch. Fortunately, we spotted three bikes in the parking lot of the Wayside Inn; an easy task as the only other vehicles in the whole lot were two pick-up trucks. "Great," I thought. "The place is probably closed, and I'm starving."

Calendar of Events

July

11 to 15 **Mid-Ohio AMA/AHRMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, Mid-Ohio Raceway, Lexington, OH.**
2001 is the year of the Indian.

Turning into the lot, I recognized DVNR members **Pete Gallo** and **Nikki Radway** beside Pete's Yamaha, and **Peter Wright** beside his spectacular black Fastback. We stood in the lot and kicked each other's tires awhile when behold, the restaurant opened for business.

Five hungry DVNRs trudded inside and commandeered a corner booth. The food was great and the coffee hot. Having satisfied ourselves, the reason for our presence there became the business at hand. We were about to ride Route 125 south ("the crookedest road in the state") from Shamokin to Pine Grove, about 20 miles of twisties.

I'd say this road has earned its reputation. But I suggest that to really get the best out of it on a Sunday morning, be on it before the local churches let out. Although we were a little late, the traffic was really light. But earlier



Left to right, Peter Wright, John Brownell, Bill Waddington and Pete Gallo, all hoping to not fall by the Wayside.

is better.

Tight turns lightly sprinkled with gravel connected to steep inclines and blind crests make riding this road smoothly a real challenge. Pete and Nikki were riding two up, so they set the pace as we swept through the hills between Shamokin and Pine Grove. Gorgeous scenery and rolling hills are what this area is all about. From Pine Grove we rode Route 501 south to Lititz, just north of Lancaster, where we split up. Bill and I wanted to pick up Route 23, which is a straight shot home for us. Pete and Nikki rode with Peter along a more southerly route. It was a long day in the saddle, but truly a worthwhile ride. What the heck ever happened to President Bob Katz? I hear Harley tires are real hard to come by in southern Virginia on a Saturday night! You missed a good one, Bob. So did the rest of you DVNRs. Plan on this one for next year.

- 18 to 22 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](#). Please register early.
- 26 to 29 10th Annual Days of Glory Motorcycle Celebration. Dirt track racing and great local roads for riding. Contact [Bill Tietjen](#) for details.
- The Fall Member Jim Guerra of Springstown, PA, says he'd love to help host a monthly meeting late summer or early fall. He says, "It's a nice ride out to our place, thru a covered bridge. Let me know how we can proceed with this." Jim. If you'd like to give Jim a hand, please email him at JimRay03@aol.com.
- 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

- ❖ **For Sale: Honda V-4/750.** No carbs. #RC07E-4007297. \$200. Call (678) 355-0521
- ❖ **For Sale. 1967 Norton Atlas** for sale. Restored by Walt Merk and located in Florida. (850) 773-3107 or emerk@streamail.com.
- ❖ **Bill Milish** in New Britain, Connecticut, has a **1971 Commando** for sale and “a ton of good used and new service parts and spares.” Double click his name above and you can email him. A lot of stuff on this Commando. And he has pictures. Of the '71 Commando, he lists: Belt drive dry primary with aluminum clutch basket and Barnett clutch plates (friction and floater); dual Mikuni VM32 carbs with K&N air filters; 2-into-1 exhaust system, jet-hot coated; factory optional stiffener kit installed on front brake; factory optional oil filter kit; VW Beetle valve adjusters (eliminates valve stem tip wear); fiberglass front fender; Dunstall headlight brackets with 5” Lucas headlamp; ¼-turn quick throttle; Hi-Rider fiberglass gas tank; Mark II rear brake drum, sprocket and hub assembly; 850 vernier isolastic front mount; 850 headsteady system; and a 19-tooth countershaft sprocket.
- ❖ **For Sale. 1967 BSA Lightning.** Boyer, Halogen headlight, etc. Call 609-397-4698.
- ❖ **For Sale. 1972 Norton Commando 750 cc Roadster,** 4000 original miles, \$6,500. Needs no work. Call Andy Pramer, (609) 924-0947 (home), or (732) 247-9190 (work). apramer@aol.com.

- ❖ **For Sale. 1967 Norton Atlas.** Restored by Walt Merk and located in Florida. Call 850-773-3107 or emerk@streamail.com.

- ❖ **For Sale. 1970 Triumph Tiger.** Ground-up restoration, except that I didn't keep strictly to the model year details on a few items. Gas tank and fenders are black with a red center stripe, same exact layout as the 1970 Tiger, but much nicer colors than the avocado green. The engine is 1974 750cc 5-speed for better all around drivability, but exhaust, rocker boxes, etc., are the entire original 650 type. Unless you can recognize cylinder base bolt patterns, one would not be able to tell that it isn't a true 650. The ignition system is all electronic, but original zener diode, etc., are preserved for esthetic appearance. If you like Triumphs, this bike is absolutely beautiful. \$6000. Firm. Call Andy Pramer, (609) 924-0947 (home), or (732) 247-9190 (work). apramer@aol.com



For Sale. 1972 Bennelli Tornado 650. Plus another '72 Tornado 650 not running. Plus a 3rd motor, frame and lots of parts. All for \$3,500. Call Gary Koehler, (856) 769-1452.

- ❖ **Wanted. Commando fork sliders,** front wheel, and rotor. Also wanted, Atlas oil tank. Call Glenn Logan, (856) 453-0007.
- ❖ **For Sale. Disk brake conversion,** Grimica caliper, master cylinder and alloy conversion plate. \$200. Call Frank Mohr, (215) 661-9148.
- ❖ **For Sale Cheap. 1986 Kawasaki 650.** Runs good. Needs TLC. Call Charles Strunk, (215) 679-9147.
- ❖ **Trade. Pre-alternator Dommie Primary Cover,** good condition, black gloss paint, for book by Phil Irving, “Rich Mixture.” Call David Schmidt, (215) 269-2755.
- ❖ **For Sale. Dunstall 810 kit,** with pistons (needs a helicoil) \$200; Mk3 gearbox cradle and swingarm, \$75; 750 gearbox cradle and swing arm, \$50; front disk brake assembly, including lower fork leg, caliper, master cylinder and brake rotor, \$125. (All the brake parts need to be re-done, naturally which is easy and cheap.) **Axtel cam,** \$75; **Atlas** gearbox parts and engine cases, \$?; new set of intake manifolds, \$30; a salvageable 750 Commando cylinder head, \$75; most of a

BSA 650 gearbox, \$40; and tons of other stuff I'd love to get out of my garage and cellar. Call Rich Casey, (732) 494-0519.

- ❖ **For Sale. DVNR tee shirts.** 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 Gallo, (610) 461-6582.

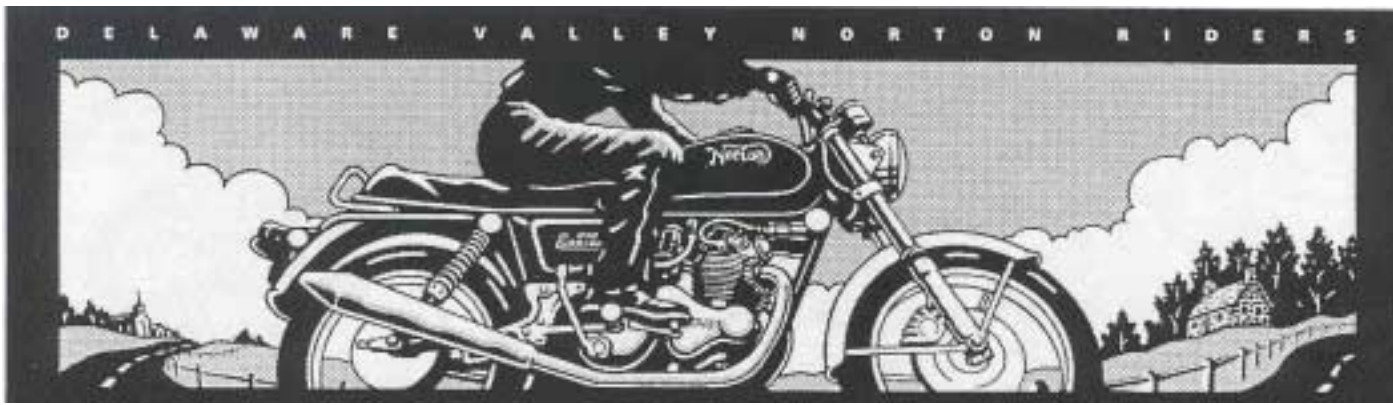
Got a bike you want to sell? Good new or used parts that someone in the club might need? If you are interested in buying or selling anything, please contact Hans with the information and it will be in the next newsletter. E-mail Hans at hanswinberg@home.com, or call 908 518-9603, or fax to 908 317-0584.

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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.

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