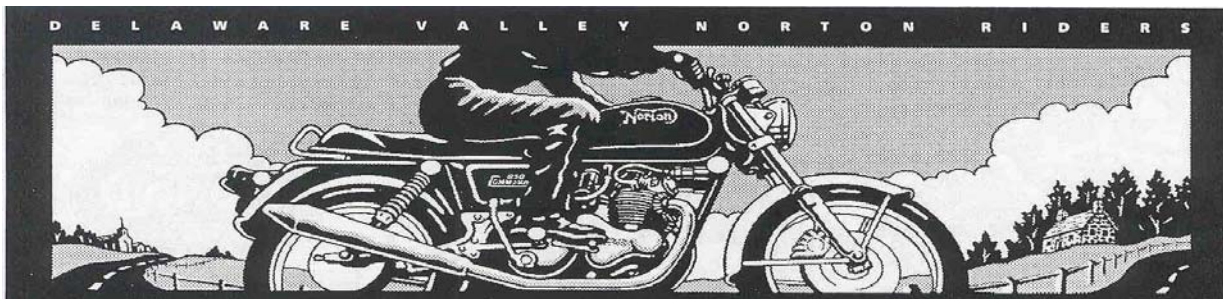


February 2003 Edition



Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last night I heard a frantic knock at the door. My thermometer wanted to come in!

Single digit temperatures and the white blanket of snow in my yard are daily reminders that it is still very much winter. The Norton is all tucked in, wrapped up in its "blanky". A day of riding is simply a remote thought.

Meanwhile, schedules fill with a host of other interests and commitments. However, we all know the riding season will be here before we know it! Probably, before our Nortons and we are really ready.

I encourage you to set aside a little "tinker time" so you will be prepared for the 2003 DVNR events. The Gathering of Nortons and the June rally will be great opportunities to spend

some time riding your Norton with fellow DVNR members.

This is the time to formulate our plans. "Plan your work, then work your plan" is a quote I rely on periodically.

The February 16th meeting will focus on The Gathering of Nortons and our June Rally. Please bring local maps and some ride ideas to the meeting. Remember your sweetheart and a bottle of wine or cheese and cracker platter. Look forward to seeing you there!

-Bill Waddington

"TECH TALK" IS HERE

Visit www.dvnortonriders.com. Log in and click on Tech Talk. A powerful tool now available to DVNR members. Post a question or technical tip for other members to respond to. You can even perform a search to display topics on our discussion board.

I am proud to announce the web site is now 100%. No more under construction here! Just the regular updates and downloads. Thanks again to Steve Waddington.

2002 CHRISTMAS PARTY



The DVNR Annual Christmas party was held last year at the home of Ron Ettinger on December 21, 2002. Approximately 30 members gathered to celebrate the season and enjoy an evening of great food and drink while a cheery fire burned in the fireplace and the Eagle's game played on the TV (although we turned the sound off). Dave Paller made an appearance with a new lady friend on his arm and the members who knew him were indeed pleased to see him.

Ron and Lisa put out a spread of lasagna, salad and all the Italian bread and butter needed to sop up the gravy, or if your taste ran a little more continental there was a honey baked ham along with an assortment of cheeses, rolls, and mustards to satiate your taste buds. A large tray of hot wings was available for



those who like a bit of spice. We also enjoyed an assortment of fine wines supplied by the members along with an assortment of beers. Do I see a trend

developing here, as our members seem to be enjoying the grape more than ever? before? Ah like a fine wine we all improve with time as they say.

The Chinese Auction was the highlight of the evening as we enjoyed opening and then stealing each other's gifts. Bottles of wine, bike calendars, miniature Harleys, mugs, bungee nets, and many other neat gifts were the object of our attention while our imaginations ran wild with new and exciting ways to use our new gifts. Ever seen a bungee net halter-top? It's a new fashion certain to take hold in the coming riding season. You had to be there...

I'd like to express a huge THANK YOU to Ron and Lisa for sponsoring the party. It was a great evening to socialize and celebrate the spirit of the season in your beautiful home.
- John Brownell

JANUARY MEETING

The January 19th, Nifty Fifties, meeting was held at Rays Dinner and Malt Shop in East Norriton, PA. Ray was a great host allowing us to use his Malt Shop to hold our meeting.

Between hamburgers, malts and sundaes DVNR members in attendance introduced themselves and shared their Norton New Years resolutions. If we follow through, there will be lots of Nortons on the street in the spring.

Our treasurer's report reflected the large percentage of members renewing their dues promptly. We also are proud to have several new DVNR members. Your dues are important to the function of the DVNR. These funds are used to provide the website, postage for mailings, offset the cost of event functions and occasionally some beer.

A report on the development of the www.dvnortonriders.com web site was received very favorably. Members are encouraged to visit periodically as

information will be updated on a regular basis.

John Brownell reviewed the DVNR Constitution and coordinating a small group of members to revisit these documents and determine if they satisfy the needs of the DVNR or if some amendments should be made to better serve the organization.

Dave and Diane Glover provided information on several DVNR souvenirs they have available and are looking for ideas for additional items. They also presented Ray with a bright red DVNR mug in appreciation of his hospitality.

Bill Waddington presented information related to the 10th annual Gathering of Nortons event. IT WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE REGULAR LOCATION THIS YEAR. Washington's Crossing (NJ side) has a conflict with other events. Alternative sites were suggested for investigation. Details will be presented at the February meeting

All in attendance approved the proposed June Rally site. Additional information will be coming from Fin,

Fur and Feather to help us prepare for the event.

The fall foliage tour is also in the early planning stages. The northern part of the Delaware River has been suggested as a possible destination.

Unfortunately, our meeting did take us away from the first quarter of the NFC playoffs. It was a somber evening as the Buccaneers clipped the Eagles wings. A tough time for Philadelphia sports fans.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Donna Kadish and Michael Leuz are hosting the February 16th Meeting and Valentines Celebration. Donna and Michael recently joined the DVNR and welcome you to come meet them at 2420 Greensward North in Warrington, PA. This will be a planning meeting for the Gathering of Nortons and June Rally events. The February meeting flier is available as a .pdf download from the Calendar section of the website.

DVNR Officers for 2003

President: Bill Waddington

Secretary: John Brownell

Treasurer & Membership: Tari Norum

Ride Captain: Bob Norum

Legislative Officer: Ron Ettinger

The logo for Norton, featuring the word "Norton" in a stylized, bold, black font with a white outline. The letter "N" is particularly large and prominent.

“RIDE ‘EM DON’T HIDE ‘EM!”