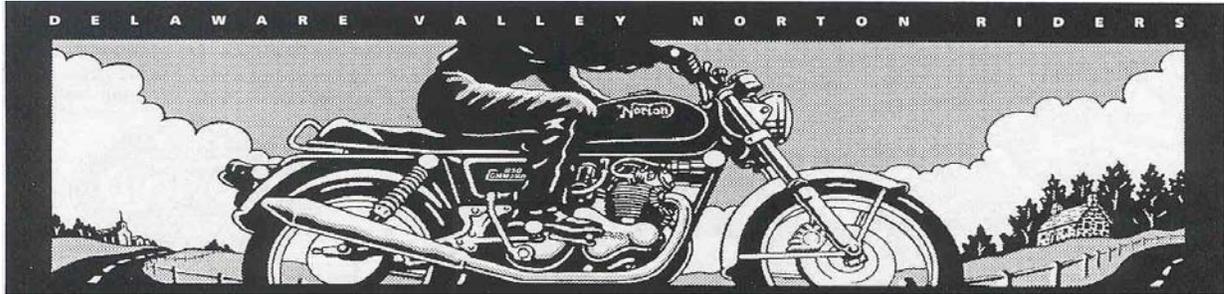


**JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
2003 Edition**



Delaware Valley Norton Riders
NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Several months of great riding have passed since the last DVNR newsletter. While I am patiently trying to recover from a broken clavicle--sustained from an unexpected fall from Susan's Buell Blast in my driveway-- I have the opportunity to reflect on some of the summer's DVNR events, and continue to work at planning a couple future events.

This newsletter is primarily a recap of the last several DVNR events. If you participated in these events, I hope the following photos and comments cause you to smile as you in some way relive the experience. If you were unable to participate, I truly hope you will be able

to join us in up-coming DVNR adventures.

May you enjoy riding your Norton until the roads wear out.

- Bill Waddington

THE NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

The newsletter saga continues. There is a genuine need to have members contribute to the newsletter. While I appreciate the suggestions received from a few members about article topics, reprints of past articles, or web sites containing Norton stuff, what I really need are articles and pictures in a format ready for publication.

It is your organization and your newsletter... I encourage you to become involved in whatever capacity you are able.

TENTH ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE NORTONS

Certainly Sunday April 27, 2003 was a day God created for the motorcyclist. The weather was simply perfect. The DVNR was blessed to have a fantastic turn out at Historic Washington Crossing, Bucks County PA, followed by a group ride to a barbeque at Rolling Hills Farm.



Over 250 motorcycles were gathered in the parking lot!



These vintage racers are examples of Norton's "Glory Days" and captured everyone's attention.



Michael Leuz demonstrates first hand the tinkering sometimes required while riding Vintage British as he improvised roadside repairs to his BSA.



Rick Hill along with eighty other motorcyclists made their way to Rolling Hills Farm.



Mike Forte examines the bikes now occupying the barnyard.



Bob Katz proudly displays the great food provided at the DVNR barbeque.

The Tenth Annual Gathering of the Nortons was an incredible event. Special thanks to all those who helped make the event such a huge success.

MAY MEETING

Plans were in place for the DVNR to participate in the British & European Motorcycle Day at Butler's Orchard in Germantown MD. However, it rained, rained, and then rained some more. This event ended up a total wash out for the DVNR.

THE 2003 DVNR RALLY

Ahh, June was finally here and the long anticipated three day rally weekend at the Fin, Fur and Feather in Haneyville, PA was all set. A great weekend of traveling to central Pennsylvania was planned. We were prepared to visit The PA Grand Canyon and Kinzua Bridge. Twisty roadways were to be flanked by mountain laurel in full bloom. Perfect, well almost.

Unfortunately, the rain plagued us once again and several DVNR members opted not to venture out. Others of us simply didn't have sense enough to get out of the rain. Instead, we gathered for breakfast at Meyer's Restaurant, threw

back another cup of coffee and proceeded with Plan A.



Bob Norum, Dave Glover, Bob Evans, and I enjoyed a dry moment prior to our ride.



Mike Forte's Norton earned "Best of Show!" He premiered his Norton's new paint job and left an impression on all of us. (I guess I shouldn't mention Mike's Norton was the only one in attendance).



"Wash Me" was all my SuperHawk had to say about the ride!



Hunter and Eric used the time inside to work on their game of pool. If challenged by these two, proceed with caution!

Rally plans were dampened by the rain, but the resilience of DVNR members to rally was not eroded in anyway. Mike and Desiree were die-hards, and drove their truck to visit the Kinzua Bridge. Others, thanks to the use of the Norum Family Van, managed some form of a group ride.



Bob Logue's Honda dealership was a great choice for motorcyclists on a rainy rally.



Bob Logue's dealership houses an incredible collection of antique and vintage bikes and motorcycles.



We were fortunate enough to have Bob Logue take us on a private tour and point out some other cycles "in the back." Plans are in place to expand the museum allowing him to better share his growing collection.



A family that rides together has fun together.... Just ask the Norums!



The Woolrich store was another stop of the day as we dodged the rain and enjoyed some shopping.



The Fin, Fur and Feather provided an unbelievable assortment of great food for the rally's barbeque.

Although rally attendance was limited, those who persevered now have some memories to cherish and stories to tell about the 2003 DVNR Rally.

PASSENGERS MOVING TO THE FRONT

My faithful riding companion, Susan Greulich, opted to move to the front of the motorcycle. She mustered up several of her girlfriends--including DVNR member Sue Walsh--and enrolled in the Motorcycle Safety Course.

They endured hours of rainfall while learning to ride. Experiences taught on "the range" will certainly prove to be valuable as they continue to develop their riding skills.



DVNR Biker Babes, Susan Greulich and Sue Walsh line up at the starting line.

Congratulations to each of the women for completing the course. Susan and Sue now have their own motorcycles and are racking up the miles!

JULY MEETING

The DVNR was fortunate enough to have spectacular weather as they gathered for a New Jersey group ride. Bob Norum led us on his now famous "Route 12 Ride". Sixteen motorcyclists followed Bob and Tari as they led the way along some back roads through New Jersey's scenic Delaware Watershed. Then we crossed into PA and concluded the ride at the popular VanSant Airport.



Bikers gathered for a nice breakfast and the "Norum Route 12 Ride."

BUCKS COUNTY “KISSIN’ BRIDGE” TOUR



Bob says’ “This way!”



DVNR members and guests gathered in front of the South Perkasio Covered Bridge built in 1832. A sign clearly states, “\$5 fine for any person riding or driving over this bridge faster than a walk or smoking segars”.

August’s meeting was a voyage back in time to visit the structures that allowed our forefathers to travel over nature’s watery obstacles. These bridges were covered to protect their wooden structures. The ones standing today are icons of yesterday’s construction and transportation systems.

Twenty-one of us began the tour at Trave’s Family Restaurant in Souderton, PA. We crossed nine covered bridges and rode seventy some miles, ending at the Tohickon Tavern for a late lunch.

Other than some carburetor issues with Ron Ettinger’s Norton and his leather jacket abandoning his bike along Route 413--thanks to the really nice woman who called me to have it returned to its owner--this was a great ride for all those that were able to participate. If you missed this one, I’d be happy to give you a ride sheet. Even better, I’d enjoy tagging along!



Vintage aircraft and soaring gliders draw many motorcyclists to VanSant Airport in Bucks County, PA.



DVNR Nortons line up along the VanSant Runway.

Thanks Bob for introducing us to some really nice roads! If the goal was to cross Route 12 as many times as possible I say we scored a good bakers dozen!

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to Donna Kadish & Michael Leuz as they joined together as husband and wife on September 13, 2003.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21, 2003 – Bob Katz to lead a DVNR ride to Sweetwater Casino. 11:00 AM Departure from the Brass Ring Diner- Rt. 31 & Rt. 518, Hopewell NJ.

October 18 & 19, 2003 – DVNR Flaming Fall Foliage Tour.



Ride along the scenic Delaware River. See Roebling's famous Delaware Viaduct and The Zane Grey Mansion. Throttle your way through Route 97's twisties. Then enjoy dinner out at Manny's Steak House and an overnight at the Days Inn, Liberty, NY.

Reserve your room by contacting the Days Inn at (845) 292-7600. Let them

know you are with the Delaware Valley Norton Riders.

Group Rates:

Single - \$57.00

Double - \$62.00

***Cut Off Date for group package is October 4th.

Questions or concerns; please call Bill Waddington (215) 723-1443.

OTHER NEWS



The Kinzua Bridge Collapsed. On July 21, 2003 an unusual windstorm caused serious damage within the Kinzua Bridge State Park as well to the Bridge itself. Mike and Desiree may have been the last DVNR members to see it standing! Visit the following web address for more info.

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/press/kinzua22jul03.htm>

On September 16, 2003 Fire destroyed most of the internationally-renowned collection at the National Motorcycle Museum at Bickenhill, near Solihull, West Midlands (UK). This is a tragic loss. The ability to salvage these extremely rare pieces of motorcycling history is yet to be determined. Visit http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART18082.html for additional information.

RIDE 'EM. DON'T HIDE 'EM.