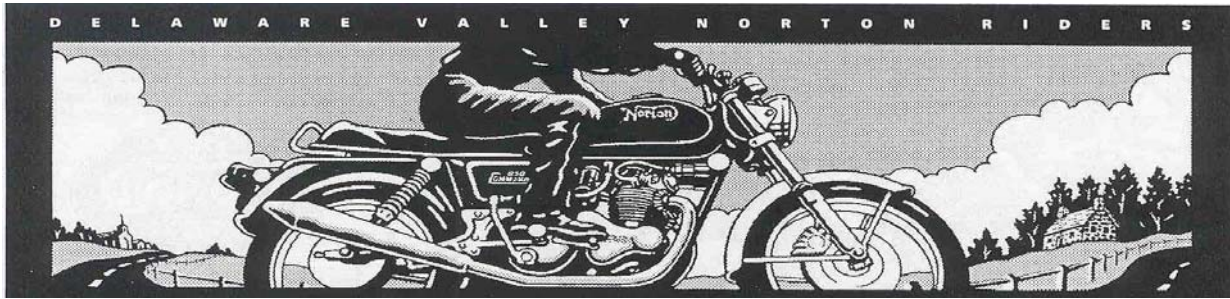


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Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spending some political capital!

WOW! If this awesome weather doesn't have you excited about the 2005 riding season. Call your doctor and have him check for a pulse!

I have been enjoying my rides to work as much as I possibly can. I encourage you to do the same. However, I do need to mention a few words of caution:

1) Allow plenty of extra time in the morning... It just seems to take a little longer to get to work in the morning.

2) Make sure you brush up on your cornering skills...the last turn into the parking lot is an extremely difficult one... the motorcycle simply resists that last turn!

3) Be fully prepared to be the envy of your coworkers.

4) Keep track of extended lunch excuses... how many times can you get a bad tank of fuel or get a slow leak in your tire before the boss gets suspicious?

I look forward to another successful Gathering of the Nortons event this coming Sunday. I sincerely appreciate the interest and support that comes from each of you. The DVNR has been hosting this event now for twelve years. We have a lot to be proud of. Let's make this the best one yet!

- Bill Waddington

Headline News: July, 2007

British Invade Pennsylvania Town

500 vintage Norton motorcycles and their proud owners are gathering to kick tyres (very British), spin yarns about the good ol' days and share a pint or two. What better place than right here? Our back roads twist and wind through some of the greatest scenery anywhere. The local restaurants, campgrounds and hotels are opening their doors to welcome these two wheelin' aficionados. It is certain to be one week this town will long remember.

The Norton owners come from all walks of life. However, they have one common thread that binds them as one... the smiles that indicate a great day of riding and the zest for living each and every day the good Lord grants them.

Our unassuming town in rural Pennsylvania is fortunate to be the site of the International Norton Owners Association (INOA) Rally.

The event is hosted by the Delaware Valley Norton Riders, a dedicated group of Norton enthusiasts eager to expose our little corner of the world to Norton owners across the US and Canada. Participants will be involved in a concourse motorcycle show, friendly riding skill competitions, technical sessions and daily excursions through the countryside.

Please join in welcoming the INOA to our town. Stop by the campground to see the display of vintage Norton motorcycles. Give a thumbs up or friendly wave as they pass by. Welcome Nortons! Enjoy your stay!

-Press Reporter - Somewhere, PA

INOA Rally 2007 in Pennsylvania

Is it feasible? If so, how do we make this our best event ever? Where? What do you think? Share your thoughts at the DVNR Barbecue, give a call or send an email. If we are willing to host this, we need to present a bid at the INOA Rally this July in Oregon. Shall we call it the **Double O Seven Rally?**

- Bill Waddington

UPDATES FROM OUR SECRETARY

March DVNR Meeting

The March 20th DVNR meeting was held at Howard and Denise Nenner's. Twenty-one members were in attendance to assist in planning the 12th Annual Gathering of the Nortons. Many of the members in attendance volunteered to assist in making the Gathering a successful event this year.

Volunteer committees included:

- Membership and merchandise table at Washington's Crossing
- Rolling Hills Setup Crew
- Parking Lot Attendants
- Rolling Hills Cleanup Crew

Thanks to all of those who volunteered. If you have not volunteered and wish to help out, please let me know. Email me at smgreulich@yahoo.com

Although planning the 12th Annual Gathering of Nortons was the focus of the meeting, a few other topics were also discussed:

- *Rain Date* for the Gathering is Sunday April 24th
- '07 *INOA Rally* – To bid or not to bid? A committee has been established to research ideas
- *June 18-19 DVNR Rally* – John Brownell and Ed Pologruto have planned a weekend trip from

Frenchtown, NJ to the Hershey, PA area. For more info see our Events Calendar in this issue.

A special thank you to Howard and Denise for being such great hosts, Michael Leuz and Mike Shebest for coordinating the barbecue and to each of you that will contribute to making the 12th Annual Gathering of the Nortons another great success!

- **Sue Greulich**

DVNR Membership Dues

Just a reminder...if you have not already sent in your dues, please do so at or before the April Gathering of the Nortons. The Gathering event is the deadline for remaining "members in good standing..." after that, your name will be removed from the active membership list to Tari's infamous "deadbeat list" aka the Hall of Shame.

Membership forms are available on our DVNR website, and will also be available at The Gathering of the Norton's event. Additionally, a membership renewal email will be sent to all who have not yet renewed, prior to the Gathering.

Drop me an email or give me a call if you have misplaced your DVNR website userID and/or password.

- **Sue Greulich**

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Yesterday (Saturday the 9th) was so fine and I had the time, I rolled two machines out of the garage and prepped them for a quick ride (one at a time). First the '81 Yamaha 650 twin. A recent purchase from an old friend, she needs a bit of TLC but overall solid. I ran my favorite loop through the nearby countryside. Stopped at the Shell station in Holland,

filled the tank and paid at the pump. The station was crowded with cars. No one seemed to be the least interested.

Back home it was Norton's turn. What a difference in overall sensations between the two. Rode the same loop and stopped at the same Shell station to fill 'er up. The owner was attending to a car at the Full Service pump. He couldn't ask enough questions about the Norton. Turns out he rode a BSA Rocket 3 in his youth (so did I after trading in my Dunstall). I experienced a reality shift – Nortons and other Brit Bikes trigger an emotional response from many people. I guess that is why we still ride them.

Double O Seven Rally? Let's do it!

We already have two club members who have volunteered to be Rally Co-chairs – Todd and Diane Robertson. **Thanks!**

- **Bob Norum**

ETC.

I recently read a very interesting article in the Feb. 2005 issue of Classic Bike. It gave a detailed account of dyno tuning for the classic bike.

Since most of the old bikes we ride are not stock from the factory, many of the tuning factors will be different too. Most of our bikes have a combination of different pistons, cams, carbs, and exhaust systems than when they were new.

Another big factor is the modern fuel we now use. It bears little resemblance to the good old high test that was standard when the classics were designed.

The dyno allows us to analyze the air/fuel mixture over the entire range of throttle openings and loads. Based on

the readings, we adjust the different jetting areas to obtain just the right mixture for each condition.

I work at a shop where we have a state-of-the-art Dynojet Dynamometer. Mostly we tune modern sport bikes and cruisers but I have found it very useful to diagnose carb problems on vintage bikes as well.

It's a whole lot easier than endless road testing and much more precise too. As an example, I recently bought a 2002 Mean Streak. I tested it stock and then installed a Power Commander, which allows us to adjust the fuel injection. With no other modifications, after retuning the bike, the Meanie picked up 5 hp and 5 ft-lb of torque. Pretty cool me think!

I'm sure most of you own modern bikes as well as the classics. So, if you are having tuning problems, contemplating modifications, or just want to see if

everything is up to snuff, call me at JDS Cycles. Their phone is 908-245-2445.

- Tom Schaefer

MACHINE FOR SALE

2002 Honda Shadow Cruiser 600, showroom condition only 2,800 miles. \$3,000. Call Glenn at 609-656-1633

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, April 17 10 am to 12 noon

12th Annual Gathering of the Nortons
Washington Crossing Historical Park
Washington Crossing, PA

BBQ to follow at Rolling Hills Farm in Ottsville, PA until 5pm

A minimum donation of \$10 per person will be collected. Tickets are available at The Gathering.

Directions to the Gathering of the Nortons Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania side

From the north – due to the closure of River Road (PA Route 32) north of the park - Follow the Detour signs south of New Hope that will put you onto Taylorsville Road. Travel south on Taylorsville Road turning left at the intersection of PA Route 532. Travel a short distance to the intersection of River Road and turn left going north Take Route 32 (River Road) north a couple hundred yards. Turn left into the Parking Lot marked by the Flag Pole.

Traveling from New Jersey? Due to the recent flooding of the Delaware River, the **bridge at Washington Crossing is closed** until further notice for repairs. Alternate routes are the Route 202 Bridge at New Hope, New Hope/Lambertville Bridge, and I-95 Bridge at Scudder Falls.

2005 Calendar of Events

- **April 17** - 12th Annual Gathering of the Nortons – Washington Crossing Historic Park, Bucks County PA 10 am to noon with BBQ to follow at Rolling Hills Farm (\$10 per person)
- **May 22** - [British & European Classic Motorcycle Day](#) – Butler's Orchard, Germantown, Maryland
- **June 18-19** - DVNR Chocolate Lovers Rally – Hershey, PA - 20 rooms are reserved under DVNR for Saturday night at the EconoLodge outside of Hershey (address is 252 Bow Creek Road, Grantville, PA 17028) You must book the room no later than 5/18/05 for the discounted rate of \$71.99 + tax. The hotel can be reached at is 717-469-0631
The ride will begin Saturday morning 10 am departing from the Bridge Café, Frenchtown, NJ. Get there early for a great breakfast.
- **July 15-17** - [AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days](#) – Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio. The 2005 "Featured Marque" is Ducati.
- **July 13-17** - [2005 INOA RALLY](#) – Oregon Anyone? (The Norums are attending)
- **August 21** - (Monthly Meeting) - To Be Announced
- **September 10-12** - Rolling Thunder Weekend hosted by Nations Capital Norton Owners
- **October 16&17** - Fall Foliage Tour Weekend - To Be Announced
- **November 20** - (Monthly Meeting) - To Be Announced
- **December TBD** - The 2005 DVNR Holiday Party will be hosted by Bob & Tari Norum

- The DVNR Newsletter is published by the Delaware Valley Norton Riders club to inform and entertain its members.
- Members are encouraged to submit articles, tech tips, photographs, classified ads or other material. The deadline for submissions is two weeks after the monthly meeting.
- The Delaware Valley Norton Riders principles are to promote the use and pride of Norton motorcycle ownership and to provide an arena for the exchange of technical information and parts availability in an effort to extend the useful life of Norton motorcycles.
- Membership in the Delaware Valley Norton Riders club is currently \$12.00 per year. Annual membership fees are due in January of each year, with a grace period ending with the April monthly meeting. Dues will be waived for new members who joined between November and December of the prior year. DVNR usually holds monthly meetings the Third Sunday of each month but members are asked to check their newsletters or the web site for current information.
- DVNR is affiliated with both the American Motorcycle Association and the International Norton Owners Association. Members are encouraged but not required to join these organizations.
- Group rides are not sponsored by DVNR and participants ride at their own risk. Motorcycling is a dangerous sport and DVNR will not be responsible for individual rider's conduct or safety. Anyone riding on public highways is responsible for maintaining liability insurance. DVNR assumes no responsibility for the acts or omission of its members in connection with club activities.
- DVNR Newsletter articles or other materials express the author's view only and not necessarily the official policy of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders. Technical tips published in the DVNR Newsletter have been reviewed for technical content and are believed to be both acceptable and workable but no guarantee is made or implied that they will work correctly nor is any liability assumed by either the DVNR or the members for any problems resulting from the use of these tips. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject or alter all editorial and advertising material submitted for publication. Advertising published does not imply endorsement of products, goods or services.

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