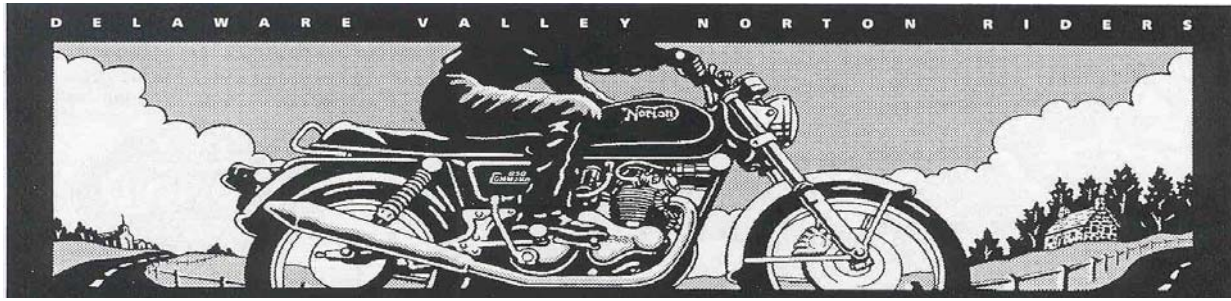


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Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The autumn leaves are turning their vibrant colors and the temperatures outside are cool enough that wearing a leather jacket is really quite comfortable. This is my favorite time of year! Savor the time you get to be outside... Plan to enjoy as many rides on your Norton as you can before winter gets its grip on the area.

Planning the 2008 INOA rally has become the focus the last few months. The following items have been addressed:

Location – Bob Norum and I will be compiling a proposal for the Army Corp of Engineers. The proposal will outline facility usage at Ives Run/Lake Hammond as well as identify the overall organization of the 2008 event. The proposal is to be delivered to Staff at Ives Run/ Lake Hammond in early November. The Army Corp of Engineers will review our proposal and determine the appropriate fees to secure the facilities we plan to use.

Rally Chair Persons - Tari Norum and Susan Waddington stepped forward to co-chair the 2008 Rally. They have developed an outline of committees that will be working on rally tasks.

www.dvnortonriders.com – Our website has a new section! The 2008 Rally tab takes you to an outline of the Rally committees. Each committee has a link to a page with additional information and updates on the sub-groups progress. Take a minute and check it out!

Get Involved! – The success of the 2008 INOA rally will be due to DVNR members that take time to assist with the duties required to host such an event. *After you look over the list of committees click on the link to send Tari & Susan and email to indicate your interests....*

The 2006 Fall Foliage ride will be headed to the Wellsboro area on October 21-22. The group will be visiting Lake Hammond and the Ives run campground facilities. They will be gathering some more information about resources in the area and simply becoming more familiar with the region. It is a great opportunity to get away for a nice fall weekend, enjoy time with your Norton friends and their motorcycles!

As most of you know, Susan and I are about to enter a new stage of our lives. We are expecting our baby within the next couple

weeks... We are both very excited and trying to prepare as best we can for the pitter patter of little feet!

NO, we don't know whether we are having a boy or a girl – Really! However, Susan will certainly attest to the baby's ability to kick.... Just practicing for its first Norton I suppose!

As far as the child's name.... *Norton Vincent Waddington*.....While the baby still needs a name, I was assured it would NOT be the aforementioned... Ummmmm???

Now, do I need a side car for the Commando? Someone has certainly done it before???

- Bill Waddington
Soon to be "Dad"...Yikes!

ROLLING THUNDER IN REVIEW

I woke up Friday to a beautiful morning, bright sun, air temp in the low 60's. This isn't just any Friday, but the Friday after Labor Day. This is the weekend that Nation's Capital Norton Owners hosts their annual Rolling Thunder Rally!

I open the garage door and instead of bringing out the Suzuki Bandit (which I usually ride on the long hauls), I pull out the Norton. It's already been a season of "firsts" for me - riding my Norton to the April Gathering and then taking it to the INOA National Rally in Michigan in July. It ran flawlessly at the National so I felt fairly confident, but still, Rolling Thunder?

I hooked up with Pat Daloisio on the way to Bob Norum's house. There would be three of us on the first leg of the ride to Mike and Desiree Forte's in Lancaster, PA. No problems so far. After a great lunch (Thanks Mike & Des!) it was off to Hancock, MD. As time and miles went on, I began to worry less about "What if I break down?" and started to enjoy the ride.

We arrived at Happy Hills Campground late that afternoon without incident. After checking in at the campground office, I pulled up to the pavilion and parked by the

other Nortons that had made the trip. I got to tell you, that first beer tasted real good! Di and Tari arrived shortly after in the car so we unloaded the gear and got back to the pavilion in time for a taco and chili dinner.

We woke up Saturday morning to another gorgeous day. After breakfast, we assembled for the morning ride. This time, Di's on back. She's never ridden on the back of the Norton before, but I think we'll be OK.



Pete getting the scope on this very tidy Model 88 Deluxe outside Hancock, MD

After another great ride courtesy of Chris Greenbacker, Pete Gallo, Bob, Tari, Di and I went to lunch in Hancock. We returned to the campground to see the group just leaving for the afternoon ride. At the same time, the sky opened up and it started to pour. There would be a slight delay in the afternoon ride. The rain didn't last long. The sun soon reappeared as did the line of bikes to restart the afternoon ride. I took that time to kick back and walk the campground. That night was the banquet. The food was excellent as usual and I ate too much (also as usual)!

Sunday morning was just like Friday and Saturday...Perfect! After a quick breakfast of coffee and doughnuts, it was time to head home. Our group consisted of Bob, Pat, Nick Lutwyche, and me. We rode two-lane county roads up to Downingtown, PA. The plan then, was to hit the turnpike for a quick run home. All went well except for a cracked shift lever which was temporarily repaired enough to get me to Norum's. Bob

had one to lend me so we quickly replaced it and I headed home. I put 610 miles on the Norton that weekend and averaged about 58 MPG. It was, without a doubt, the best Rolling Thunder ever!

- Dave Glover

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

The ride back from Rolling Thunder that Sunday was by far one of the finest rides I have enjoyed in quite some time. Nick, Pat, Dave and I departed Happy Hills campground around 9:15 am and for the next three hours we moved smartly down the road with hardly a vehicle in our path. Once we got northeast of Baltimore, Nick went his separate way following MD 23 South in order to hook into US Route 1 north, heading for the southeast corner of Pennsylvania. The rest of us headed north on MD 23 to MD 136 crossing over into Pennsylvania on PA 74. We crossed the Susquehanna River on PA 372 heading northeast into Lancaster County all the way to Georgetown on PA 896. Heading for Gap and US Route 30, we traveled up a road I never traveled before but spotted on the regional map that went into Gap from the southwest called Nickel Mines Road.

The area is dominated by Amish farms. On a warm, early September Sunday afternoon the roads were congested with open horse-drawn carriages occupied by young Amish couples and their assigned chaperons. It truly was a most pleasant riding experience.



Howard, new member Bruce Macphail, Dave and the four Nortons – Frenchtown, NJ

The following Sunday was our monthly meeting. The group ride left Washington Crossing Jersey side with Howard leading, new member Bruce Macphail, Dave and I. Howard took us on a great ride up through Hunterdon County. We didn't want to get to Ron's too early so we stopped at the Bridge Café in Frenchtown for coffee and donuts. It was T shirt riding weather.

We arrived at Ron Ettinger's country estate finding a rowdy group already assembled. Soon we were enjoying hot-off-the-grill dogs and burgers with all sorts of side dishes, ice cold beverages, deserts (sorry I was drifting off there). You should have been there - there were leftovers aplenty!

Prez Bill provided an overview of the primary issues we need to tackle to seriously begin our 2008 National Rally planning. I am looking forward to working together with club members on this noble effort – hosting THE Norton club party of '08. We have the distinct advantage of taking the best of the Oregon and Michigan rallies and OPTIMIZING their excellent efforts.

This weekend's DVNR Rally in Wellsboro will provide us the opportunity to experience the general area in which we intend to site the rally. Bill and Susan visited Ives Run Campground over the Labor Day weekend and came away so impressed by the place and staff that they and Bill's brother Steve developed a "video" highlighting the features of the facility. Go to our website and view the video first hand. It's really well done!

If you can view our video, then you must be receiving email. If you currently don't receive this rag by e-mail and you would like to do so going forward, give Susan Waddington a shout via email. Susan's email address is smgreulich@yahoo.com.

Ride hard, ride often, and ride the Norton!

- Bob Norum

Tank Slappers

Avoid drinking too many beers before riding your machine. The well known "sloshing

effect" of a large quantity of fluid in the stomach can induce tank slappers. My friend, Roger, is currently experimenting by eating a meat pie with every pint of beer he drinks, prior to climbing onto the machine to reduce the effects of sloshing. We are currently analyzing lap times and further information on this topic will follow...!

- source unknown

Ad Infinitum

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16" or 1/2" socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.

2006 Calendar of Remaining Events

Monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday each month unless otherwise noted. Dates and Events are subject to change.

- **October 21 & 22** - Fall Foliage Weekend – Wellsboro, PA – meet for breakfast at 9 am with ride departing 10 am from the Franconia Heritage Restaurant, 508 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA 18924
- **November 19** - Monthly Meeting: John & Patte Brownell, 1310 Wainwright Court, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002
- **December 9** (Saturday night)- The 2006 DVNR Holiday Party hosted by Ron Ettinger, 5709 Cottageville Road, Doylestown (Carversville), PA 18901

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- 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.
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