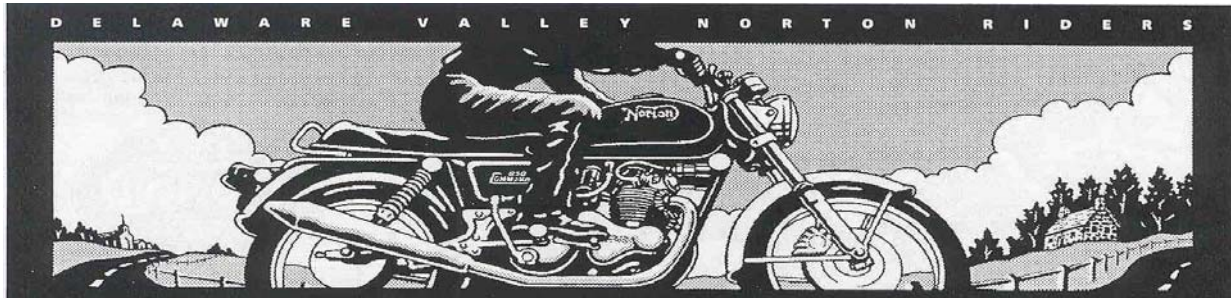


NOVEMBER '06 THRU JANUARY '07

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Delaware Valley Norton Riders

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is 2007. The dawn of a new calendar year and a time to reflect, as well as, look into the future, establish goals etc.

Thoughts of 2006 have me focusing on the relationship that Susan and I continue to build together, her health concerns and of course the birth of Morgan Faith on October 23rd.

Suddenly, while immersed in this deep pondering, it has occurred to me that it was 32 years ago that the last batch of production Nortons were made available to the motorcycle enthusiasts.... For those that are smirking and remarking about just how old I am (not to mention scatter-brained)... I remind them I was in elementary school. I knew about Nortons because I had a very cool metallic green one parked next to my Dragon Wagon in my Hot Wheels collection!!! Even at nine years old I dreamed of one day owning one... Some dreams do come true - eventually.

We really have so much in life in which to be grateful, the Norton and opportunities to ride are certainly on my list.

For winter we certainly have been blessed with some great weather... take advantage of it before Old Man Winter wakes up and gets busy!



Bill Waddington and his "Norton Girl" – Morgan (12 weeks old)

Over the weekend I decided it was the perfect opportunity to introduce Morgan to another one of her siblings... Norton. She was a bit reluctant at first... After all, Norton has a rather chilly exterior... and there are certain parts on Norton that get a bit messy... Not quite like a diaper though! As time passes and Morgan gets a little older I

am certain the two of them will become better acquainted... Perhaps "Nor-An" will be one of her first words?

I am looking forward to 2007 with the DVNR. There are several events and opportunities to get involved in the organization. I hope your resolutions include active participation in DVNR and continuing to build friendships with your fellow Norton enthusiasts.

Happy New Year!

- *Bill Waddington*

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Happy New Year everyone! Although the weather was perfect for an afternoon ride on New Years Day, couldn't do it. No, it wasn't the battery or the tires or all that thick, gelatinous motor oil laying in the bottom of the sump. Nada. I happened to be out to the west cruising in my Maxima around Garrett County, Maryland. The day started out warm; the rain came and went then came back for a second shot. The sun came and went. You get the drill. It was very dynamic weather. Temps were warm all day even through the rain until the front finally pushed through. Finally had an excuse to burn some firewood.

Tari, Erik, and I drove out Friday afternoon the 29th. Headed west on the turnpike then south on 202 at Bedford. Ah, Route 202 ... shades of Rolling Thunder a few years back ... a very warm Saturday afternoon ... John, Dave, Ed, Bill & Susan, Mike, Tari & I headed north on 202 after an afternoon romping along the back roads surrounding Deep Creek Lake Maryland. Did I mention an hour hanging at the Honi Honi Bar next to Uno's? Back to Route 202; 25 miles or so of curvy, fast two lanes of smooth pavement. Up along the northern stretch, you can see for a mile or so – which we took full advantage and nearly full throttle of. More smiles to the mile that one.

Over the years I have explored many of the fine country roads through Cumberland and Garrett Counties in Maryland. Get tired of

too many Maryland plates?...head south or west into West Virginia or north into southwest Pennsylvania. Just don't fly too high or you might become a casualty of one of the rapidly growing number of very tall wind turbines dominating the once unspoiled mountain vistas. At what point does such a form of renewable energy no longer make sense?

Starting this year, I am going to devote a fair amount of saddle time to learning the roads in and around Tioga County Pennsylvania. Tioga County will be the site for the '08 National Rally. I sampled some of the many fine roads running north of Williamsport last June and more recently this past October. Not too many places left in these here parts where a man can go riding for hours and rarely have to stop or slow down for much of anything except to pull over and admire a spectacular, high country panorama.

Don't tell anyone but club member Bob Evans knows every fine, twisty little road in Berks County. Berks is a lot closer than Tioga. So when riding time is limited get in touch with Bob and convince him to go for a ride north of Franconia/Souderton. A couple of us did just that the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Have you ever been to the northern end of Route 309? It's way above Allentown. That's where our group ride started back south again towards home. That was a 200 mile afternoon ride in the country. It was a mighty fine ride. Did I mention we rode through Virginville on our way north? We conquered the Maiden Creek Bridge north of town. The founding fathers were a frustrated bunch I'd say.

DVNR have seen a fair amount of activity since our Fall Foliage Ride. November's meeting was held at John and Patte Brownell's elegant home off Old Bethlehem Pike north of Spring House Road. No one earned the Norton Long Distance trophy that day but Dan Sellers did get an honorable mention for riding over on a Triumph twin! Elections were held. Elections were actually a non-event since those assembled concurred to maintain the existing management team. I tried to hand

off the newsletter editor's job but nobody was buying that day.

December's meeting was a party – literally. Ron E again opened his country estate to us Nortoneers for our annual Holiday extravaganza. The attendance was healthy, the food was terrific, the adult drinks plentiful, and the women kept getting finer and finer looking as the evening progressed. Those, my friends, are the marks of a truly great party. John Brownell assumed the duties of Master of Ceremonies for the Chinese Auction. Although the gifts showed a great deal of forethought, I am sorry to report that there was a greater selection of women's briefs than cool Norton stuff.

I mean, would you rather have this...



John demonstrating the finer points ...

...or this?



Barb just realized she knew what she was giving husband Bob for Christmas!

Regardless of your choice in clothing, everyone had a hoot and vowed to return next year!



Nortoneers doing what Nortoneers do best!

I did get the Norton fired up last Saturday afternoon. After all, it was 72 degrees and sunny! Did my own little loop through Holland, Churchville, over the reservoir, zig right onto Holland Road, zag left onto Rocksville Road. Don't forget to hit the throttle as you pitch it over to the right at the bottom of the dip as the road bears sharply right. We're having fun now. Turn left onto Bridgetown Pike. What a sweet stretch of country road if it wasn't for the cars. Cross Neshaminy Creek on the concrete bridge. To your right is the old, retired, steel truss bridge. Things *were* different then. You glance sideways at the 19th century farm house sitting back from the road on high ground overlooking the creek. Turn right onto 413 back into Langhorne. That's my version of the quick spin. You got one? Let's hear it!

'08 Rally Update

Our Rally Co-Chairs, Tari and Susan, are working with Bill in drafting our proposal for use of Ives Run at Lake Hammond. This is the first step in getting our rally jump-started. The proposal is required by the US Army Corp of Engineers. USACE operates the facility which consists of two huge lakes, plenty of shoreline, and Ives Run Recreational Facility. Speaking of the lakes be sure to bring your boat along with your Norton. These lakes are designed for recreational boating, water skiing, fishing ...

did I mention no horsepower restriction on boats – just our Nortons!

The Rally Committee is scheduled to meet after the conclusion of the regular monthly meeting this month at Todd and Diane's home in Phillipsburg, NJ. Come one, come all! Don't be shy about being a part of The Norton Celebration of '08. Seriously folks, we need everyone's help in this so please show up, have fun, enjoy good company and contribute to a good cause. Date, time and directions found in the Calendar section and beyond.

Rally Committee information is now available on our DVNR website. Bill is doing a fine job in promoting the '08 National Rally on our home page. If you haven't checked out the video yet, don't wait any longer. Check it out now. Not Oscar quality but it's up there.

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 smooth, ride as often as you can, and remember to ride the Norton!

- **Bob Norum**

'08 RALLY NEWS

We are off to a good start with Bill Waddington offering to put the proposal together for the Ives Run Campground located 12 miles out side of Wellsboro. The first draft is in the process and will be in the mail to the campground before our January Meeting. While we are still missing some information, this is the first step to be completed. We expect to go back to them several times with information or updates while we work through the agreement.

Now we need to start the meetings - Susan and I feel that the best way to utilize everyone's time is to have our Committee meetings directly following the monthly DVNR meetings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, as we really need everyone's participation.

We still have several "Chairs" to fill so don't be surprised if you receive a call from Susan or myself asking you to step up to the plate. We will also be going through the membership list and deciding who would be a good fit to just help out on a committee as well. Now is the time to let us know if there is a particular committee you want to help out with. Committee information is posted in the *Members Only* section of our website.

Our February meeting will find us looking at the designs submitted for our rally pin, t-shirt and possibly a poster or some other such paraphernalia. While three of our members were asked to come up with designs, anyone is welcome to participate – you just need to have it to me (Tari) by February 15th.

This is an important time for our club. Please consider what you can do for the club to help this event run as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions about the committees please give either one of us a call. Any ideas you have can be brought up at a meeting or if you can't attend send us an e-mail or give us a call. Thanks!

- **Tari Norum & Susan Waddington**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our DVNR membership form and INOA membership form is included with this newsletter. Please complete and send Susan your DVNR renewal as soon as possible. Thanks!

2007 Calendar of Events

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

- **January 14** International Motorcycle Show, Washington D.C. – gather at 12 noon at the Triumph Booth if you want to hook up with DVNR members. If there is no Triumph booth (none listed in the event details on the web) head for the Ducati display.
- **January 21** Monthly Meeting at Todd and Diane Robertson's – 10 am w/ Rally Committee Meeting directly following. Phone 908-454-3765. Directions further back.
- **February 18** Monthly Meeting at Bob and Tari Norum's – 10 am w/ Rally Committee Meeting directly following.
- **March 18** Monthly Meeting at Ron Ettinger's - Planning for April's Gathering of the Nortons at Washington Crossing
- **April 15** 14th Annual Gathering of the Nortons – Washington Crossing Historic Park, Bucks County PA - 10 am until Noon.
- **April 22** Rain Date
- **May 20** DVNR Group Ride to British & European Classic Motorcycle Day - Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD. www.classicmotorcycleday.org
- **June 22-24** DVNR Spring Rally at Ives Run/Lake Hammond – It is very important that we all try to attend this Rally in order to familiarize ourselves with the area and offerings. Camping at Ives Run will be encouraged! Group ride leaving Friday morning.
- **July 15** (Monthly Meeting) – TBA. Rally Committee Meeting to follow.
- **July 18-22** 2007 INOA Rally – Utah British Bike Club: Hell's Backbone – Thousand Lakes Campground (1-800-355-8995) NOTE: We are double checking these dates because at the Ohio rally a vote was taken that all future rallies would follow a Monday – Friday venue.
- **August 19** (Monthly Meeting) – TBA. Rally Committee Meeting to follow.
- **August 22-30** NOC International Rally, Union Mills, IOM, contact Mike Edwards, Rally Organizer, at EDWAM@aol.com – *2007 is the 100 year anniversary of the TT!*
- **September 7-9** Rolling Thunder Rally sponsored by NCNO
- **September 16** (Monthly Meeting) – TBA. Rally Committee Meeting to follow.
- **October 12, 13 & 14** Fall Foliage Rally - Wellsboro, PA. Another great opportunity to check out this beautiful area and get a feel for what the town and area has to offer. Group ride leaving Friday morning.
- **October 21** (Monthly Meeting) – TBA. Rally Committee Meeting to follow.
- **November 18** (Monthly Meeting) – TBA. Rally Committee Meeting to follow.
- **Saturday, December 1 or 8** DVNR Holiday Party -TBA

Directions to the Robertson's
Sunday, January 21, 2007
10 am

Todd & Diane Robertson, 22 Buckley Hill Drive, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
Home: 908-454-3765

From New Hope, PA -

Travel Rt 202 North to the Flemington circle, to Rt 31 North.

Travel Rt 78 west to the Phillipsburg NJ Exit No. 3 - Rt 22 West.

Go ~ 2 miles until you see the Dunkin Donuts on your right.

Take the next right onto Roseberry Street to the end.

Turn right onto Belvidere Road and go approx. 1 mile until you come to a new housing development on the right.

Turn right onto Buckley Hill Drive.

My house, 22 Buckley Hill Drive, is the second to last on the left.

If you would rather take the Norton (scenic) route – travel north from New Hope on River Road to Rt 611 North along the river to Easton and cross the bridge into NJ following Rt 22.

Go through the second light and take the right at the turn around onto Roseburry Street. and follow that to Belvidere Road and beyond

- 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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