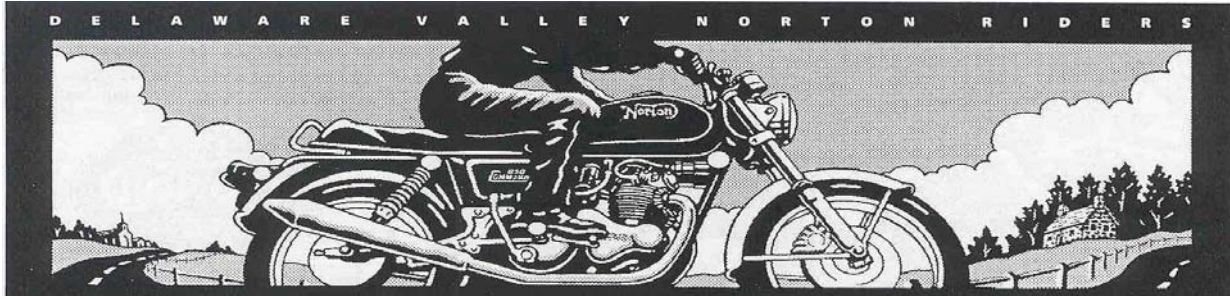


## FEBRUARY & MARCH

**1984 - Twenty-Three Years - 2007**



### Delaware Valley Norton Riders

# **NEWSLETTER**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

- Recipe for Early Spring:
- Acquire one very busy month (readily available for everyone)
- Chill for 3 days until toes are numb and misery is setting in
- Slide in a day or two day of warm sunshine and blue sky
- Wait for countless smiles and motorcyclists to rev their engines
- Immediately introduce 4 inches of sleet and slush
- Reduce temperature until substance is frozen rock solid
- Allow ample time for chipping of ice and shoveling
- Increase temperature slightly to create the desired amount of spring teasing
- Release a virus or two to keep things interesting
- Finish the month with a drizzle that soaks into the bone
- If done properly motorcyclists will be the first to plead for pleasant riding weather

I am sure I speak for many of us who are more than ready to allow the steed of steel out of the garage. A quick gallop around the neighborhood does a wonder of good for man (or woman) and machine. Yes, I am getting impatient...



*Cabin Fever – February '07 (Nicholas Lutwyche)*

I encourage you to spend some time over the next few weeks to take care of the tinkering and cleaning your Norton so deserves. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Nortons is the perfect stimulator to get a battery, oil filter, oil, spark plugs and other tidbits. That way, you and your Norton can fully appreciate the splendor of a warm sunny spring day. Besides... this year Rich Casey and crew could be judging your Norton (or other British motorcycle).

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Nortons is scheduled for Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in placing your request for a most spectacular riding day!

I look forward to another successful Gathering of the Nortons event. I am excited about the addition of a Vintage British Motorcycle Show and serving food at the park. These are two new challenges before us. I am confident all will come together and be an awesome event. I sincerely appreciate the interest and support that comes from each of you. The DVNR has been pulling this event off now for thirteen years. We have a lot to be proud of, let's make this the best one yet!

**- Bill Waddington**

### **EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS**

Can't wait for this year's Gathering! This is going to be a totally new and more fun event for everyone. Good food, good friends, Concourse with trophies, just add good weather and stir! Member commitment is widespread in making this a successful event and overall good time.

Big thanks to Ron Ettinger for hosting the March meeting. We feasted while conducting club business. The meeting was well attended. The primary focus of the discussion was defining and assigning the tasks needed to pull the Gathering off in a manner we can be proud of for years to come.

Ed Pologruto is organizing the food and beverage service, Rich Casey is heading up the concourse and judging, Bill is working on trophies, and a whole bunch of other club members are filling in the myriad details. Think of it as a mini-training session for the '08 National!

A special thank you goes out to Bruce Macphail for attending and representing DVNR at the AMA Risk Management Workshop in Daytona earlier this month. Periodic attendance is required by AMA to maintain our event insurability status. Bruce's participation allows the club to qualify for the liability insurance for the Gathering. Without the coverage, there would be no Gathering.

Please note the change in dates for the formally Spring now Early Summer Rally.

Due to family commitments for many members, it was agreed at the March meeting to push the dates back to June 29 – July 1 weekend.

We will be camping lakeside in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Come join us! It is very important that we have a solid attendance at this Rally in order to familiarize ourselves with the area and offerings in preparation of the '08 Rally.

By the way, several very cool designs for the '08 Rally logo have been presented for comment and review.

Ride smooth, ride as often as you can, and remember to ride the Norton! As for me, I'm heading for New Zealand.

Oh, and don't forget to bring the camera!

**- Bob Norum**

### **TOURING ADVENTURE in NEW ZEALAND**

First some background. My friend and I attended a meeting of the 2007 International Fruit Tree Association's Annual Winter Conference in Napier, New Zealand. This was a first for the group to have a Conference at an overseas location. After the Conference we rented bikes in Auckland and rode for 3 days around the North Island. Definitely was not long enough.

When the 2007 Conference was scheduled for Tasmania, Australia, plans were made for a 10 day New Zealand trip following the meeting before our return to the States.

We picked up our bikes in Auckland on Feb.9 and headed south for Wellington (New Zealand's capitol). The trip took longer than planned – a total of 410 miles.

The roads in New Zealand are a biker's paradise. However, after 100 miles of hairpins, decreasing-radius curves, narrow shoulders or no shoulders, few guard rails and tremendous changes in elevation one begins to look forward to a straight stretch of road!

The first day out was the only day that we got wet going through the central part of the North Island. The North Island has a series of high volcanic mountains in the island's center and catches most of the rain that comes from the West. The terrain to the East of these peaks is a high desert – very similar to our western states.

We finally arrived in Wellington at 9:30 pm and got wet again before finding our downtown hotel. Next day dawned overcast with a light drizzle - AccuWeather had predicted dry weather during our travels - not happy with the weather. We rode a short distance to the ferry for the nearly 3 hour trip across Cook Strait to Picton on the South Island. By then the sun was out and the weather improved with no rain.

Next stop was visiting with Graeme and Sue Howarths – proud owners of two Model 7 Nortons.



**Graeme & Sue Howarths & their Norton Model 7s**

I met Graeme via the internet and asked about classic bike events on the South Island which led to the invitation to spend a night with them in Nelson.

On Sunday, Feb 10 we headed off for the West Coast, but not before more wonderful twisty mountain roads which challenge ones riding skills.



**Highway 6 to the West Coast of the South Island**

The West Coast of the South Island is very scenic and also has its share of twisty roads. And I must mention that most of the bridges crossing the numerous rivers flowing from the mountains are one-way and a few share the road with a railway line! Fortunately, we never met a train.



**West Coast**

Two active glaciers are on the west coast of the South Island. We stopped to view the Franz Josef Glacier – impressive to see this wall of ice and tropical vegetation next to the glacier. Both glaciers are not receding at this time – global warming? A word about the weather – New Zealand had a very cool and rainy summer – we lucked out and got away with one day with rain. Temperatures were in the upper 40's to low 50's in the morning and highs were in the upper 60's to mid 70's – really great riding weather. I was glad that I brought an extra light jacket to wear under my rental jacket.



***More West Coast - Pancake Rocks***

We planned to visit Invercargill and Bluff (southern most point to the South Island), but threatening skies made us head east to Dunedin before heading north. I did not make motel reservations for the East Coast thinking that with more population ---it would be easy to find a motel. Wrong! Dunedin is a University town and school just resumed. So no rooms – we finally found a place one hour north in Palmerston and within an easy walk of a fine local tavern. Great Beer!



***Arid west side of Southern Alps - south of Queenstown***

The east coast varies from rolling countryside to flat farmland to mountainous terrain terminating in the Pacific Ocean. Did I mention sheep? New Zealand has 4.1 million people; most in the large cities and towns and 42 million sheep. Lots of cows too. They also raise California red deer for venison (also harvest the antlers and other parts for the Asian aphrodisiac market). There are no large animals to avoid on the

roads, except for a dark colored critter that the Kiwi refer to as opossums.

Finally back to Auckland on Sunday, Feb 18 to return the bikes in the afternoon before our flight back home. I had rented an '04 Suzuki Bandit 1200 and my friend ended up with a '97 Yamaha 900 Diversion. He had requested a Honda Interceptor 800, but someone crashed it before we even left the States for Australia. All told, we rode a total of 2,148 miles.

***- Bill Tietjen***

### **'08 RALLY NEWS**

On March 12<sup>th</sup> our campsite for the Rally became official when I received notification from the Army Corp of Engineers that they had accepted our proposal for the use of the Ives Run facility. That was a huge weight that has been lifted and now it is time to continue forward with our planning. With that in mind, I will be visiting the Wellsboro area on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (anyone care to join me?). Part of this trip will be to walk the campground with the Park Rangers and get a real feel for what areas they will be allowing us to use and how best to utilize them. I also plan on spending some time exploring both Wellsboro and Mansfield to see what they have to offer (including a need to select a bank). As they are the two closest towns, I feel that the more we know about them the better we can serve our guests at the rally.

We are still waiting for graphics to be turned in so that we can choose a theme and decide on shirts, pins, etc. If you still want to contribute, please send a copy to both myself and Bill Waddington as he will be posting them all on our web site for all to see.

Please remind all of your riding buddies about our upcoming Washington Crossing event as we are looking for this to help meet our financial needs to fund the start-up costs for the rally.

***- Tari Norum, Co-Chairman***

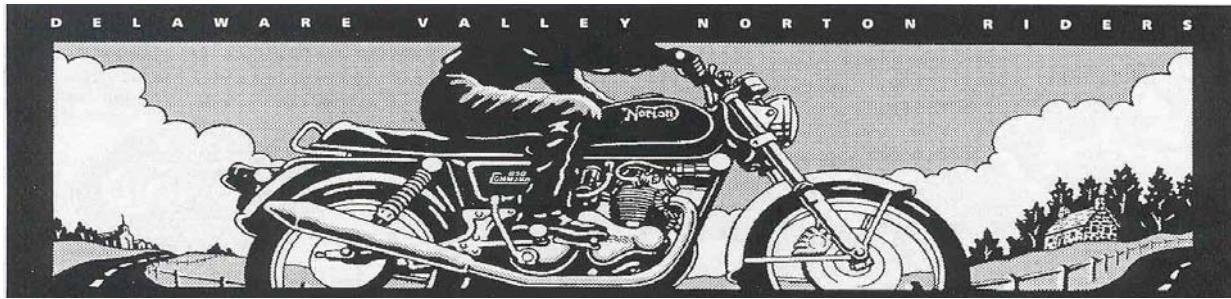
## 2007 Calendar of Events

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

- **April 15** 14th Annual Gathering of the Nortons – Washington Crossing Historic Park, Bucks County PA - 10 am until 2 pm (or whenever if we're having too much fun)
- **April 22** Rain Date
- **May 20** DVNR Group Ride to British & European Classic Motorcycle Day - Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD. [www.classicmotorcycleday.org](http://www.classicmotorcycleday.org)
- **June 29 – July 1 (rescheduled)** DVNR Early Summer Rally at Ives Run/Lake Hammond – It is very important that we have a solid attendance at 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](mailto: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 - 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

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of the year! Keep sending in those '07 DVNR membership renewals to Susan Waddington. *Thanks!*



## **Delaware Valley Norton Riders**

*WWW.DVNORTONRIDERS.COM*

Presents

# ***14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Nortons***

**Washington Crossing Historic Park  
Washington Crossing, Bucks County, PA**

**Sunday April 15, 2007**

10 am to 2 pm

### **Vintage British Concourse Motorcycle Show**

**Pre-1977 British motorcycles will be on display from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

On Site Registration opens at 10 am (open to any pre-1977 British Motorcycle)

Judging begins at 11:30 am

Awards Presentation at 2 pm

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available at the park.

#### Directions

From the intersection of PA Route 532 and Route 32

- Take PA 32 North a couple hundred yards
- Turn left into the Parking Lot marked by the Flag Pole

**Ride that Norton of yours and show it off to some of the best Norton Riders and Norton Lovers anywhere.**

**Non-Nortons are always welcome.**

**“RIDE ‘EM! DON’T HIDE ‘EM!”**



**March 2004 – Washington Crossing Historical Park – yours truly – Editor**

- 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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