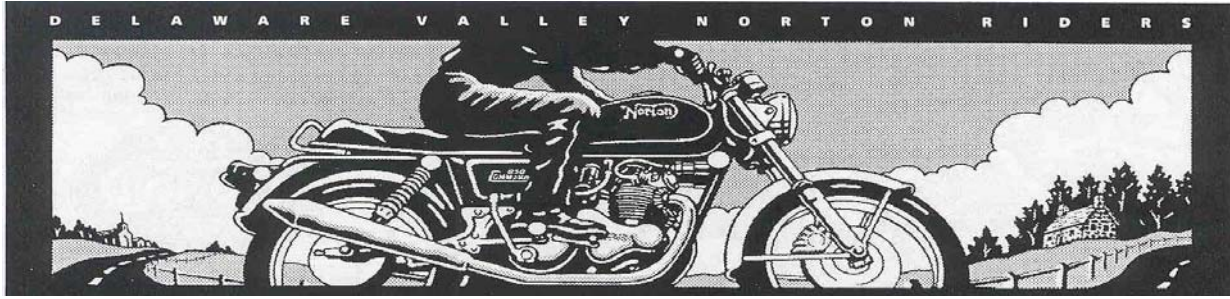


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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2008 is our year to shine. For the first time in the 24 year history of our club, DVNR is hosting the INOA Rally this coming July. We intend for this year's attendees to take away many great moments and memories.

The planning phase is well underway with many action items completed, and, as you can imagine, with many additional items remaining to address. The rally committee is running strong and sticking to their schedule. Please be willing to step up and assist if approached by the committee.

I wish to extend the sincere thanks of the club to Bill Waddington for his leadership and enthusiasm over the past five years. Under Bill's direction the club became more structured, the club's Constitution and By-Laws were refreshed, the club applied for and became chartered as an AMA Recreational Promoting Club, the annual Gathering of the Nortons grew into THE APRIL EVENT for motorcyclists in the Delaware Valley, our Spring and Fall weekend rallies matured, and the seed was planted for hosting the INOA National Rally.

My last thank you goes out to every one of our members for believing in this club. My life is much richer for the friendships and experiences the club has given me. I can only hope that everyone else feels likewise.

At the top of the Norton food chain are some very interesting developments at Norton Motors Ltd. in England. Last year, Joe Seifert acquired Andover Norton International Ltd. ANIL is the Commando spares business. The business has been combined with Norton Motors which was originally set up to service the rotary business in partnership with Richard Negus. I see only good things coming from this recent acquisition. The entire article is included with the newsletter distribution.

Tari and I look forward to a fun year with the club. What a ride this year is going to be – and on a Norton no less. Please attend this month's club meeting at our home on Sunday the 20th. The event is scheduled for kick-off at 1pm. Beer will be served.

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

- Bob Norum



EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Happy New Year everyone! I had the same situation as last year just a different dual track vehicle. 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 lying in the bottom of the sump. Instead, we were burning wood and watching videos out west in Garrett County, Maryland. While the roads are wonderful in the summer/autumn period, single track vehicles are at risk during the winter into spring due to the huge amounts of "abrasives" laid down by the MDSA. Better to burn some more wood, pop another frosty, and keep reading Classic Bike.

Last time we spoke back in September, the Fall Foliage weekend ride was only weeks away. Friday, Oct 12, Dave and I hauled his Norton and my BMW behind the Yukon. Richard Colahan brought his 1999 Cagiva Gran Canyon (900cc Ducati 2 valve motor) in his Triumph-accented trailer. Four of us arrived at the Fin Fur + Feather Country Inn in Haneyville Pennsylvania within minutes of each other on that Friday evening. New member Rosse Butterfield was the first to arrive with his recently acquired '72 Combat Roadster. Introductions were made all around. We quickly retired to the local bar and grill to plot strategy for the next day's ride.



Recent BSA restoration at Jim Beaver's shop

We did have an existing appointment Saturday morning with Jim Beaver, proprietor of British Embassy Motorcycles in

Woolrich. Jim was a fine host having hot coffee and all the donuts a human could eat.

We soon learned that Jim's shop is as much a repair and restoration business as it is a social club for the local believers. DVNR members John and Susan Yogodzinski (aka Yogi) of Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania met us at Jim's. Yogi and Susan joined us for our post-visit ride on their new Triumph.



Jim Beaver's modified frame Commando – note lowered saddle (June 2006)

A number of us first met Jim Beaver in June 2006 during our first Wellsboro rally weekend. Although Jim has a passion for BSAs, his personal ride is a Commando with the rear frame portion lowered for his modest inseam.

I remember Dan Sellers and me spending more than a few minutes closely examining the frame modifications that day. We were both mightily impressed by the engineering and execution of the modifications.

Bob Williams of Canyon Vista Motorcycle Tours joined us for breakfast Sunday morning. Post breakfast, Bob led us on a pleasant ride to the end of the road at the overlook at Hyner View State Park.

Going north on PA Rte 44 from the FFF, you turn left onto Hyner Run Road. You feel like you have entered a different time and place as the road plunges down thru the heavily wooded ravine, crossing along the face of the ravine with fern covered ground on the high side and the creek way down below on the low side of the road.



Hang gliding at Hyner View

It is a challenging as well as extremely scenic ride. You don't want to run off this road! At the bottom, you turn left into Hyner View State Park and follow the narrow, twisty road to the top of the overlook which is 1,940 feet above sea level and 1,300 feet above the river below.

The overlook is very popular with hang-gliders - must be quite the view looking straight down from under your wings.



view from Hyner View facing upstream of West Branch of the Susquehanna River toward Renovo

All in all, it was a very fine weekend.

The very next weekend was the club's regular monthly meeting which in essence was breakfast at the Brass Ring followed by a Norton-only ride up north through Warren County. 6 Nortoneers on their Nortons enjoyed a perfect ride and day. Bill Tietjen volunteered to lead the group on his favorite roads north into Warren County. We finally looped back south at Hope, NJ heading up

the mountain, stopping at an overlook with a view looking due west thru the Delaware Water Gap. It was a great ride – thanks Bill.



Nick, Chip, Bob, Richard, Dave, and Bill

November's meeting at Ed Pologrudo's home in Wayne was indoor seating only. The weather was gray and cold but it was warm and bright inside. The meeting was well attended and engaged. Elections were held; website concerns discussed; rally updates provided; and (loud cheers) our rally received its official name, **The Endless Mountains Rally**. Got a nice ring to it, eh?

Thanks again to Ed and Lisa for opening their home to the hungry masses.

Best for last – the holiday party at Ron's on Saturday December 8. No formal meeting – just fun, food, and friends.



Todd, Pat & Bob telling Norton stories

As it was at last year's party so it was this year. The attendance was healthy, the food was terrific, the adult drinks plentiful, and the women fabulous. Those, my friends, are the marks of a truly great party!



John sharing a laugh with club friends Cheryl & Ed Varga

It's great to see friends enjoying themselves...



Ron & Ed in a relaxed mood

And don't forget the Chinese Auction....



Chinese Auction action

The Chinese Auction aroused considerable interest, ahem borderline mania, when it came to the big surprise gift of the evening – a set of Dunstall finned valve covers offered up by new member Marc Bifano. After trading hands the maximum number of times allowed, Diane Glover found herself

with a set of very cool looking valve covers. I understand that somehow, somewhere later that night, Dave came into possession of the valve covers. The price was high I'm sure!



Norton Unobtainium

What a great time everyone had. The club extends a huge thank you to Ron for allowing us to run wild through the house for yet another year!

The very next morning, club duties called yet again. Way too early, Dave Glover and I headed up to Newark New Jersey where we met up with Rich Casey to attend the AMA Risk Management Workshop at the Days Hotel. It was important for us to refresh our understanding of AMA's event sanctioning requirements in light of the upcoming Gathering in April and the National in July. It was time well spent.

- Bob Norum

'08 RALLY NEWS

The first half of the campground payment, table & chair rentals and Banquet dinner deposit has been made. Yes we were able to meet our first round of deadlines. This is a very good thing. The band is booked, Security Plan submitted and we are well on our way. All of our costs are almost in place and Diane is working on a registration form, which we hope to make available by February 1st. I am still missing information from several of our committees but overall things are right on track.

I want to thank our newest DVNR member – Kathy Gehrrhardt who has graciously stepped forward and taken over the Door-

Prize Committee. As you can imagine she is my new best friend!

Bill Tietjen has developed a great flyer promoting our rally so please contact him for an e-mail copy and you can start distributing it to your favorite motorcycle shop and friends. Also, if you do hand them out to motorcycle shops and you feel that they might be willing to donate a door prize, please contact Kathy to have them added to her list.

While it is very important that all members try to attend monthly meetings, the committee heads really need to be in attendance or provide a status update even if it is "nothing new". Expect fairly regular e-mails keeping all in touch with the latest and greatest.

Thank you all for your commitment and support – together we will make this the best rally ever.

- Tari Norum

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

After much debate at the November meeting, it was agreed to raise membership dues to \$20 in order to provide a bit more funds in the club treasury to help offset many of the expenses incurred during the year.

For the first time ever, multi-year memberships at a discounted price are now offered. So reach a bit deeper than in past years, sign up for 3 or 5 years, and by doing so you will help the club raise the seed money for the up-front expenses we will incur in preparing for the National Rally.

Our treasurer, Diane Glover, reports that membership renewals are rolling in.

Thanks for supporting the club!

- 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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DVNR 2008 Calendar of Events

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

- **January 11-13, International Motorcycle Show**, Washington D.C. – sponsored by Cycle World Magazine. No organized club activity, however, please stop by our sister club's booth at the show. As in past years, Nations Capital Norton Owners will be waving the Norton flag at this premier event.
- **January 20, Monthly Meeting** at Bob & Tari Norum's home in Langhorne – **1 pm** (in deference to Rick). **Hot lunch will be served.** The formal aspect of the meeting will be kept as brief as possible so more time can be devoted to socializing. Directions in the cover e-mail.
- **February 17, Monthly Meeting** – Time & Place TBD
- **March 7-16, NOC International Rally**, Australia. www.victoria.nortonownersclub.org
- **March 16, Monthly Meeting** – Time & Place TBD – This is Palm Sunday for those of Christian faith – in consideration of the day, the meeting will be held in the afternoon. A solid turnout is essential for proper planning for April's Gathering of the Nortons at Washington Crossing.
- **April 20, 15th Annual Gathering of the Nortons** – Washington Crossing Historic Park, Bucks County PA - 10 am until 2 pm.
- **April 27, Rain Date - 15th Annual Gathering of the Nortons**
- **May 18, DVNR Group Ride** to British & European Classic Motorcycle Day - Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD. Visit www.classicmotorcycleday.org.
- **June 20-22, DVNR Summer Solstice Rally** at Ives Run/Hammond Lake – It is very important that everyone attend this Rally in order to familiarize ourselves with the campground and surrounding area. Camping at Ives Run is highly encouraged! Group ride leaving Friday morning June 20.
- **July 21-25, 2008 INOA Endless Mountains Rally** – sponsored by DVNR. Ives Run/Hammond Lake located in scenic Tioga County, Pennsylvania. The event runs Monday through Friday. Many of us will be heading up the prior weekend to be ready Monday morning. Visit <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/recreation/tioga.htm>
- **August 17, Monthly Meeting & Pool Party** – Time & Place TBD. Rally Committee wrap-up presentation.
- **September 5-7, Rolling Thunder Rally** sponsored by NCNO
- **September 21, Monthly Meeting** – Time & Place TBD.
- **October Fall Foliage Rally**, Dates & Destination TBD
- **October 19, Monthly Meeting** – Time & Place TBD.
- **November 16, Monthly Meeting** – Time & Place TBD.
- **Saturday, December 6 or 13 DVNR Holiday Party** - Time & Place TBD.