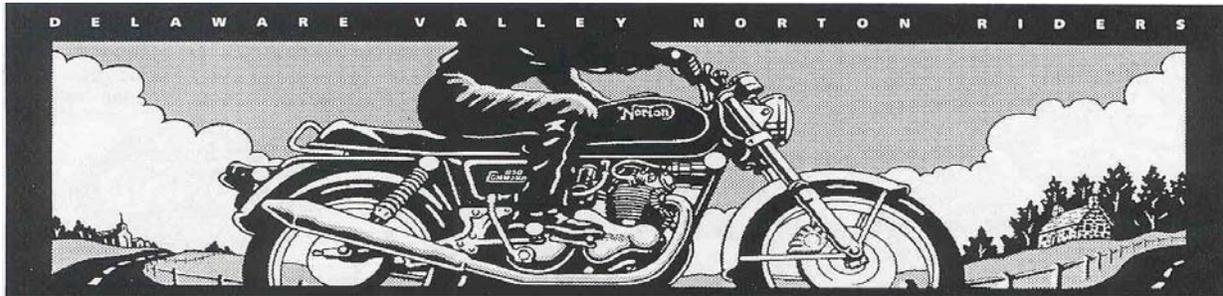


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## Delaware Valley Norton Riders

# **NEWSLETTER**

### **EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS**

Wow, the summer is blown but the best part of the ridin' season is about to begin but not today! It's Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and it's blowin' and rainin' to beat all. It's time to catch everyone up on club happenings since the last newsletter. 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.

### **Spring Rally, Wellsboro, PA**

Our spring weekend rally in Wellsboro late June was well attended.



**Post breakfast ad hoc meeting outside the famous Wellsboro Diner – Sat am**

Wellsboro is the prettiest town in Pennsylvania. I know that is saying a lot but if you haven't been there you need to avail yourself. And if you enjoy natural beauty there's the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon right down the road to the west – again, if you haven't been there, go and enjoy.



**Pine Creek Gorge aka PA Grand Canyon**

The weather the weekend of our rally was nice turning to rain on Friday, beautiful all day Saturday, overcast immediately turning to rain on Sunday. We were oh so fortunate since Saturday is the day it really counts!

Everyone will have another chance to enjoy the natural beauty of Tioga County and the awesome roads next month.

That's right; the DVNR Fall Foliage Rally is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October with Wellsboro as our destination. Details further on in this issue.



**Dan & Charlotte post breakfast ride - Sat**

One thing I can say with certainty about those members who regularly attend club rallies, rain is taken in stride. The most memorable quote from the Wellsboro event was "the harder it rains, the faster they go."

### **INOA National Rally, Mancelona, MI**

Tari, Erik, Hunter, myself and Dave Glover trailered the Norton's for two days to the rally site. It was a pleasant enough ride traveling the super slab but we were more interested in getting there and goin' ridin'. We availed ourselves of the local movie theater our one night in Ohio and saw the newly released Pirates of the Caribbean movie. Since we were on vacation we might as well act like it!



**DVNR Headquarters, Mancelona, MI**

Once the huge storm blew through our campground late Monday afternoon, the

remainder of the week was warm and sunny. That Monday afternoon storm wasn't just any old storm. No sir, this storm had high winds, driving rain, lightning, thunder and a good deal of hail. Yup, hail. Also lost electric power until late into the evening. Just ask Pete Gallo about that hail next time you see him.



**Post storm impromptu dinner – cheese, crackers and beer – not bad at all**

Dinner was held post storm under the DVNR canopy. No where else to go since the storm had lain siege to the nearby town of Mancelona and all we could hear were the sirens of emergency vehicles.



**Bob & Erik, Poker Run stop at Dick's Trading Post**

The next day dawned clear and cool. Ah, perfect rally weather. Dave, Erik and I took advantage and started the Poker Run which took you over two distinctly different loops through the countryside. Our second stop was at Dick's Trading Post. Unfortunately for Dick, he was still without electricity and

had to toss out \$700 of ice cream and other dairy products. Think of all the milkshakes we could have made.

All in all, the National Rally was a great success due to the effort the Michigan Chapter went to in working through the details. Since the campground was 100% Rally attendees, the Michigan chapter organized a Dairy Queen event scheduled for Monday evening. The event was rescheduled for Tuesday due to the storm.



**DVNR's own Rick Hill at the town display**

A side street in downtown Manvelona around the corner from the Dairy Queen was cordoned off for our event. The event had been advertised locally, and a fair number of local folks stopped by to see the bikes.

### **August DVNR Meeting at Jim Rowan's**

Jim Rowan was the gracious host of our August meeting. Jim met a few of us including new member Nick Lutwyche at Washington Crossing State Park, Jersey side. Off we went cross country to Gwynedd Valley.

Nick, you may remember, first appeared at the Wellsboro Rally in June unannounced late Friday night in the middle of the storm. To add a bit of dash to his adventure, Nick had forded the creek that flows through the middle of the campground on his trusty Norton. He then set up his tent, crawled in and enjoyed a pleasant enough night's sleep.



**Nick, Dave, Tari, Jim, Diane at WCSF**

Upon arriving at Jim's home, we were greeted by a substantial number of club members who had arrived earlier.



**August meeting – official club greeters**

The Rowan's went to great lengths to make everyone feel at home. Once everyone had been satisfied with food and drink, a brief meeting was held. Tari provided an update on the happenings at the National level. We talked about the Michigan National Rally, the upcoming NCNO Rolling Thunder Rally, our upcoming Fall Foliage Rally in October, and an update on planning for the 2008 National.

We intend to return to Wellsboro in October for the weekend rally in order to enjoy not only the food, scenery and roads but to visit additional campgrounds in the area. We are still in the campground selection process for the 2008 National Rally.

### **Rolling Thunder Update**

A DVNR Group ride to Hancock, Maryland will leave Mike and Desiree Forte's in Lancaster, PA at 12 noon this coming Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Their home is at 2948 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

If you plan on going on the ride, give Mike an e-shout at [micdes@comcast.net](mailto:micides@comcast.net) or call 717-898-7030 so we can be on the lookout for you.

### **Errata**

The last issue of our newsletter incorrectly identified the following Norton photographed at Butler's Orchard in May as a Model 15CS. Indeed, the machine in the photo is a model P11.



**Immaculate Model 15CS (actually a P11)**

Mike Harrod, INOA member from Tennessee, explains the difference between the P11 and 15CS as follows: "This bike shares only the motor, tranny, tank, gages, and handle bars. The P11 frame is a G80 Matchless, the brake hubs are smaller, forks are scramblers type, seat smaller, and so on. This is a mistake that many people make that don't know these hybrids. There were three types of these bikes that were essentially the same except for the tank badges: the Norton like mine, the Matchless and the AJS 33. At Ohio the other bike that was in the Hybrid class was a P11. The color of the bikes are the same - Candy Apple Red with the silver stripes which is why people mistake them for the same."



**Mike Harrod and his 15CS at Ohio, 2004**

So, that's a wrap from the Editor's Desk. The Fall riding season is now upon us with several months of excellent riding weather ahead.

I look forward to an active riding season in the company of our many DVNR fellow enthusiasts.

Ride hard, ride often, and ride the Norton!

**- Bob Norum**

### **Mysterious Fuel Additive Revealed**

The conversation turned to fuel additives during the Wellsboro rally in June. Nick Lutwyche provides the following information on a product developed in the UK.

"Visit FUEL CAT at their web page <http://www.fuelcat.co.uk/mainpage.html>.

Lots of information at this site. I use it in my Commando, which with a Norvil 920cc overbore, ported cylinder head, twin Amal 932s and a Combat SS camshaft, runs happily on Regular grade fuel. I used a Fuel Cat in my son's Citroen 2CV which was only supposed to run on leaded 93 octane and it was still running happily 3 years later after a continuous diet of 87 Octane unleaded. I also installed a Fuel Cat in my Citroen turbo diesel hatchback, in the UK in the early 90's. In the UK, every vehicle whether petrol or diesel, has to have an annual emissions test. There is a public hotline to report any smoky diesel powered vehicle. At the second annual emissions check on the Citroen diesel, the local garage doing the testing called the service dept. for his emissions test equipment. The Fuel Cat had lowered the diesel engine

emissions to figures so low that he could not believe them, but after several retests with consistent results he had to accept them. Over time, the use of a Fuel Cat will lead to

your engine oil staying cleaner for longer, and existing carbon deposits in the engine will be reduced.”

## 2006 Calendar of Remaining Events

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

- **September 8, 9 & 10** - Rolling Thunder XXIV hosted by Nations Capital Norton Owners Happy Hills Campground, Hancock, MD <http://www.happyhillscampground-md.com/>. Group ride leaving Mike Forte's, Lancaster, PA at 12 noon.
- **September 17** – Monthly Meeting & Backyard Picnic: Ron Ettinger's home in Buckingham, PA, meeting begins at 12 noon. Group ride departing Washington Crossing State Park, New Jersey side parking lot at 9:45 am.
- **October 21 & 22** - Fall Foliage Weekend – Wellsboro, PA – a block of 9 rooms have been reserved at the Sherwood Motel (570-724-3424), 2 Main Street, Wellsboro for the night of Saturday, October 21. Rooms must be reserved no later than September 28 to guarantee a room (\$68 for 2 persons). Remember, this is the Fall Foliage time of the year and Wellsboro is a popular destination with the Leaf Watchers!
- **November 19** - Monthly Meeting: John & Patte Brownell, Lower Gwynedd, PA
- **December TBD** - The 2006 DVNR Holiday Party hosted by Ron Ettinger

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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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