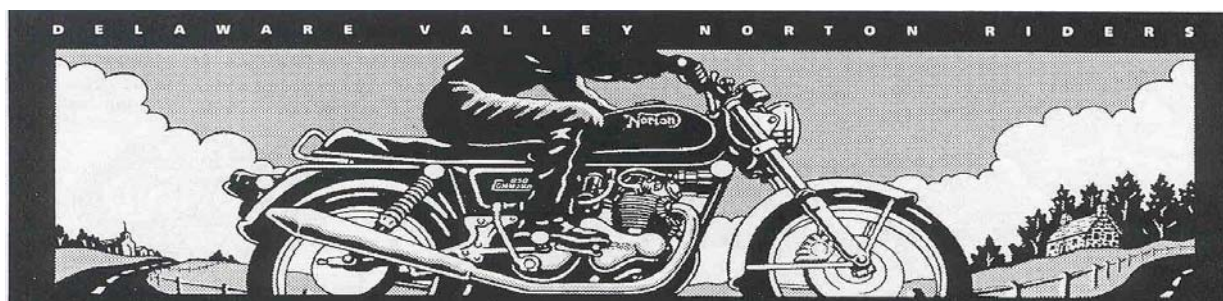


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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



*The beginning of the Norton influence in the Colonies – Old Barracks, Trenton*

This year started out a bit slow but has been gaining a head of steam ever since the end of January. I've been 'learning the trade' so to speak as your newly elected club President. There has been considerable behind-the-scenes activity in support of National Rally planning, website administration, our recent Gathering event (wow!), and all the normal stuff.

None of this would have been possible without the support and diligence of Diane Glover as our Treasurer. Di has been processing DVNR membership renewals and new member applications as well as managing the National Rally registrations.

Another unsung heroine is Tari Norum, our National Rally Chair, who has been working non-stop managing the myriad tasks of making the concept of a National Rally a reality. Her responsibilities as INOA's Membership Secretary are unceasing as she processes the constant flow of National membership renewals and applications for new membership.

Frankly, these two ladies make my job easy.

From my perspective, membership in the INOA has strengthened in recent years based solely on the volume of US mail addressed to INOA that appears in our mailbox every day. If you are currently not a member of INOA, please join now – thanks. For more information go to <http://www.inoanorton.com/Membership/>.

The challenge of cultivating interest in Norton motorcycles from within the riding population is best served by doing what as a club we have been doing for 15 years – our Gathering every April. What started as a simple affair – meet in the parking lot on the Jersey side, kick tires, then ride off generally to the north in search of roads and food – evolved into what it is today. Many folks view our Gathering as *The Area Event* to kick off the new riding season. It is what it is now simply because we enjoy the rewards and pleasure that giving of our time

and sharing our enthusiasm for our Nortons brings to others.

Two other club members who deserve recognition for a job well done are Ed Pologrudo and John Brownell. Ed was our event coordinator this year for the Gathering of the Nortons at Washington Crossing Historic Park. During our March meeting, Ed outlined and received commitments for manpower and hardware at that time. Both he and John burned up the phone lines the week of the event making sure everyone knew their roles. Their efforts paid dividends. Our members came together April 20<sup>th</sup> and hosted the best attended Gathering to date.

Everywhere I walked I found club members actively engaged in tasks supporting the event. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped make the Gathering the success it was. I have received a number of emails since the Gathering remarking what a great event it was.

Our newest club shirt made its appearance at the Gathering. Designed by Pete Gallo the shirt incorporates club themes from earlier designs on both sides. The end result looks awesome. Thanks Pete!

Repeating my comments from the prior newsletter, 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.

Perhaps unique in the history of National Rallies will be the optional guided tour and ride to Watkins Glen International Raceway on Tuesday of rally week. Three laps around the track, lakeside catered lunch in the town of Watkins Glen, ride the original public road-based race course, walking tour of The Glen – what great experiences and think of the memories!

Richard Colahan, Dave Glover, and Bob Williams of Canyon Vista MC Tours, are contributing their time and resources mapping a number of recommended ride

loops in Tioga County and beyond. These maps will be printed and included in the rally packets folks will receive upon their arrival.

Kathy Gehrhardt, door prize coordinator, reports a steady flow of donations from our many supporters. Keep 'em coming!

Ed Pologrudo has arranged for the delivery of a rather large party tent (40' x 100'). The rental is priced very, very reasonably. One reason for the great deal is that we provide sweat equity. I am lifting weights in preparation of swinging the maul again. The call is going out – we will need able bodied men to help erect the tent on Sunday afternoon July 20. Supervision will be provided and rumor has it that the setting up requires more brain than muscle. Nevertheless, I am starting my exercise regime back up! - way overdue anyways. 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 apologize for the belated change in our scheduled club activity for this month. At the last club meeting in March, I indicated we would have a cookout at our home on Saturday May 17 due to my plans to attend the Butler's Orchard event the next day. However, family obligations prevent me from attending Butler's Orchard on Sunday May 18 but allow me to be home.

On that note, please attend this month's club meeting at our home on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The cookout will begin immediately followed by a brief meeting primarily focused on National Rally items in need of discussion. To enhance the digestive process, a group ride into the countryside will depart our Langhorne estate at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

**- Bob Norum**

## EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Tari and I headed for the airport at the conclusion of the Gathering. We were flying to Seattle then driving the following morning to Vancouver, BC on business. Heading back to Seattle at the end of the week, we sailed by ferry from Victoria to Port Angeles, WA. Arriving around 6pm, we headed over a few blocks from the terminal to the home of Joe Smith, Norton owner and member of the Northwest Norton Owners.



**Joe Smith & Nortons, Port Angeles, WA**

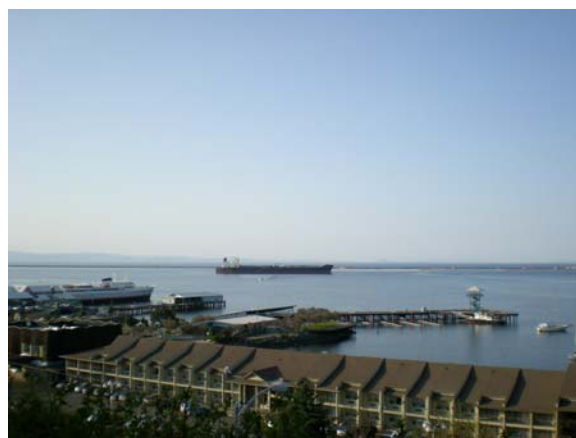
Having only an hour to visit, we toured his home and garage, ate a light dinner, and had to say our goodbyes way too early.



**'Anchorage B&B' – Joe & Tari**

If you are ever up that way, give Joe a heads up. He operates a 'motorcycle focused' B&B at his home – and what a view!

Joe was planning to ride the Olympic Peninsula the next day and map the roads for their club's upcoming OP '08 Ride.



**The view from Joe's home – looking north towards Vancouver Island**

**Coming up next month - June 20-22, DVNR Summer Solstice Rally** at Ives Run on Hammond Lake. This is so cool – we get to enjoy this wonderful campground twice this year – first in June for a weekend and then for an entire week in July during the National Rally. This campground is the perfect locale as a base for staging our rides into the wilds of Tioga County. Camping at Ives Run is not only highly encouraged but it may be the only available overnight accommodations still available for that weekend in the entire area due to their annual Mountain Laurel Festival.

Charlotte and Dan volunteered to make the camp ground reservations and maintain the attendance list. They have reserved 5 adjacent sites at Ives Run for our club for Friday and Saturday nights. Each spot can accommodate up to 7 folks with a limit of two tents or one trailer/RV/tent per site. Each site costs ~ \$25 per night total. The more folks per site translates into less total \$ per person. If interested in attending, please contact Charlotte Rosen at 215-723-8329 or email at [cjrosen@netcarrier.com](mailto:cjrosen@netcarrier.com). Thanks!

To kick-start the rally weekend, there will be a group ride leaving Friday morning June 20. Details will follow next month.

Back to our April Gathering - over 500 motorbikes rolled into the parking lot during



the four hour event. Attendance set a new all-time record. Food sales were brisk but not nearly as good as last year. Last year the weather was warm and sunny creating a run on chilled bottles of water and cans of soft drinks plus cooked-to-order dogs and burgers. This year, if we had 300 cups of coffee offered for sale, we would have sold every cup plus a few donuts! The fickle finger of weather reduced our guests' appetites resulting in a sizable cache of unconsumed burgers and dogs. So now you know what will be served up on the Bar Bee at the Norum ranch on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

I would like to end my Ramblings with a selection of the many photos taken at our Gathering this year. Thanks again to all our volunteers, friends, and acquaintances for making it so much fun.

**- Bob Norum**

## **GATHERING '08**

(photos by R. Norum & R. Colahan)



**DVNR Norton line up – Rick Hill on right**



**DVNR Norton line up – second group**



**First Group – opposite end**



**View from north end of parking lot**



**750 Café Commando – very sweet**

Least I forget a special thanks to Rich Casey for judging the Concourse line up. Never an easy task but always fun! Due to the anticipated size of the event, we decided early on this year that the prizes would be limited to Judges Choice 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for Nortons only.





**Judges Choice – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
1974 JPS Commando 850  
Klaus Huenecke, owner**



**Lots of Triumphs – both new...**



**Judges Choice – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
1949 Norton International 500  
John Lawless, owner**



**... and old – love those lines.**



**Judges Choice – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
1932 500 International Works Racer  
John Lawless, owner**



**A beautiful Clubman Gold Star with alloy tank**





**... another nicely modified Gold Star with a pumper carb and a Munch 41s front brake**



**'I coulda had a V8', muses Tom Schaefer**



**Dan Sellers & Bill Waddington  
John, Ed & Charlotte at the grills**



**Rich, Kathy, Pete and Di at the event sign-in  
& shirt sales table**



**Kevin Fagan aka 'Mr. 50-50'  
&  
Rich Casey aka 'The Judge'**



**Close up of Commando line up**





***Atlas-based long distance tourer***



***Here's a special bike***

An incredible brand new Manx Norton set up with lights, instruments and a NJ license plate! The workmanship, fit and finish was incredible – nickel plated frame, beautiful alloy engine plates, and a ton of nice "bits". The owner bump started it twice, and it sounded great. The side plate displayed a nice tribute to Mike Hailwood.



***Tribute to 'Mike the Bike'***

## **'08 RALLY NEWS**

As Bob said earlier in the newsletter, we are right on schedule. Registrations are coming in – have we received yours yet? The last I had heard there was only one full-hook up site left but still plenty of water/electric sites and primitive sites. For those who are not camping, you can go to [www.wellsboro.com](http://www.wellsboro.com) and on the left side click on the box for local business directory and follow the link for lodging. Rooms are booking fast so you might want to make your reservations sooner than later.

Kathy Gehrhardt reports that we have about 30 door prizes so far (there are some nice ones). She is sending out a thank-you as they are received and attaching a postcard to the prize so that the winner can also send out a note of thanks.

Bob and I will be arriving at the campground on Saturday afternoon to get things going and you can find us on site 46. For those coming in on Sunday, be prepared to wield a sledge hammer to raise the party tent. There is much to do on Sunday in order to open the registration table on Monday – signs have to be put up, tables set up awnings tied down and the list goes on. The Tioga County Visitors Center will be delivering a brochures stand on Monday morning full of things to see and do in the area. They are also providing the bags that will be handed out at registration. They have really been supportive and continue to ask how they can help.

For those of you who are asking the question – “how can we help?” - find a committee that you want to help on and call. Also get your registrations in as we really need the cash flow to cover all our upcoming expenses.

For those of you not attending Butler's Orchard – I hope to see everyone at our house on May 18<sup>th</sup> – time is short and there is much to discuss and decide upon.

Thanks!

***- Tari Norum***

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

For those of you who haven't renewed – please do so without further delay. This is the last newsletter you will receive and you will be removed from the email group list. This club represents a lot of value for \$20. So stay the course, stay involved, and maintain your DVNR membership.

Our treasurer, Diane Glover, reports that membership renewals continue to roll in. Six new members and one past member signed up at the Gathering. Welcome (back) and thanks for supporting the club!



Nick's 850 Roadster – photo N. Lutwyche

A YSS Racing advertisement for "World Class Shock Absorbers" and "PD Fork Valves". The ad features a black and white background with a motorcycle silhouette. The YSS logo is in the top left. Text describes the shock absorbers as giving a "progressive and controlled feeling of a cartridge fork" and being made of 6061 T6 aluminum. It also mentions "Damping adjustable and tuneable to any application." and "Easy to install. Extremely cost effective." The ad shows four shock absorber models: G302TRC, Z302TR, E302T, and BRAVO. A table lists available sizes for the PD Fork Valve: 17.5 mm, 23.8 mm, 26.5 mm, 31.0 mm, 33.5 mm, 36.0 mm, and 42.5 mm. The ad includes website links: www.yss.co.th, www.yss-usa.com, www.yss-europe.com, and www.yss-suspension.com. A small YSS logo is in the bottom right corner.

Our business name is EPM Performance Imports, Inc. We deal with product names Hyperpro, YSS-USA, Wilbers USA, RUN-N-LITES. Our website is [www.epmperf.com](http://www.epmperf.com). The product of interest for the older bikes is most likely the twin-shocks from YSS.

Thank you

Klaus Huenecke, new DVNR member & JPS Owner



- 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.
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## DVNR 2008 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.**

- **Sunday May 18, DVNR Group Ride** to British & European Classic Motorcycle Day - Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD. Visit [www.classicmotorcycleday.org](http://www.classicmotorcycleday.org).  
  
Nick Lutwyche (Delaware County, PA) is planning on riding down to Butler's Orchard and would like company. Contact Nick at 610-255-3825 or by email at [englenick@earthlink.net](mailto:englenick@earthlink.net).
- **ALSO on Sunday May 18, DVNR Cookout, meeting, and group ride for those unfortunate few not at Butler's Orchard.** The grill will be fired up promptly at 1pm. We'll savor cooked-to-order burgers and dogs as we address club business with a focus on National Rally issues. Group ride to follow. Bob & Tari Norum hosting at 276 Butterworth Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047
- **June 20-22, DVNR Summer Solstice Rally** at Ives Run on Hammond Lake – Group ride leaving Friday morning June 20. If interested in camping, please contact Charlotte Rosen at 215-723-8329 or email at [cjrosen@netcarrier.com](mailto:cjrosen@netcarrier.com).
- **July 21-25, 2008 INOA Endless Mountains Rally** – sponsored by DVNR. Ives Run on 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.