

**Minutes of Last Meeting** by Paul I & Mike Frick

Greetings,

The meeting was held at the Loaf and Ladle. Only three members attended because March decided it was going to come in like a lion.

Mike Frick had called around because of the snow, AGAIN, and decided it just wasn't worth turning members lives upside down just to attend a meeting. NH got the brunt of this storm so those who did attend didn't have as much snow to deal with. At least that's my theory and I'm sticking to it! :-)

Paul Izbicki brought the meeting to order and the three attendees, Paul, Bob McKittrick and Jack Alexander III had a grand time fixing all of our problems!! Just kidding!!!

- Paul convened the meeting at 2:30pm, and, lacking a quorum, closed the meeting officially.
- We then bench raced, told lies, reminisced, and discussed the 2001 Rally unofficially.
- Jack suggested a meeting during the riding season to be held on or in proximity to the Cape, in order to further participation of more distant members, and to offer variety in events and meeting locations. To be discussed during a future meeting.
- Bob suggested that we plan a press release and advertise in the Norton News Summer Rally Wrap-up edition, outlining the details of the 2001 Rally.
- We broke at 3:30pm, after toasting our missing brethren. A good time was had by all.
- *Jack's Horticultural Corner*—Did you know that Spanish Moss is in the Bromelia family, along with Pineapples? There will be a test at the next meeting, just to see if your paying attention! :-)

**Tweener Business**

This is club business and activities in *between* club meetings and as they happen, I will report them to you when possible.

- We have been receiving questions as to what the dues are so, just to clear things up, dues are \$15.00 a year.
- Lee Patterson has stepped up to Chair our 2002 Rally. Lee has sent a letter to those members who supported our bid for the 2002 Rally asking for their assistance and expertise to help run our Rally. Please help us run *our* Rally!
- Jim Bernier is now the vendor contact for the Belknap Classic and has asked NNENO to setup our booth for this great weekend of fun, friends and vintage racing. I have accepted this invitation on behalf of NNENO and look forward to a grand time!
- NNENO has received an invitation to become an affiliated chapter of the NOC. One person would be the *liaison* so-to-speak cause they would receive *all* the rights and benefits, including the Roadholder mag. and have to share them with the club members. That's the very short explanation as I will bring this up in more detail at the next meeting.

**Membership Update**

NNENO would like to take this time to thank every single person who renewed their memberships and welcome our new members! You are the heart and soul of this club and we thank you for staying with us!

- Frank Holmes
- Doug Barnard
- Mark Lindroth
- Arlon Chaffee
- Robert Tanner
- Dicran Antreassian
- Tony Lockwood
- Dave Pitts
- Frank Bowman
- Peter Cinelli
- Neal Hanlon
- Roy Babylon
- Michael Raisman
- Gary Aunchman

- Jeff Knox
  - Ralph Longton
  - Mike Tanaka
  - Mike Baslow
  - John Harris
  - Joe Marquis
  - Paul French
  - Scott Finlayson
  - Robert Johnstone
  - Bonnie Downing
  - David Wells
  - Scott Vile
  - Mike Buffone
  - Don Berry
  - Phillip Donahue
  - James Reid
  - James Schmitt
  - William Omerod
- Renewals for 2002*
- Steve Thomason
  - Jim Hornsby

**Editorial** by Mike F.

I don't know about you, but I'm *very* ready for Spring and warm weather. Hasn't this winter been a bear? I can't remember the last time the entire winter contained so many cloudy days. Being the light sensitive type, it's taken its toll on me. NO! I'm not a vampire... although some may dispute that! :-) I'm the type who needs sunlight for good health.

The other big problem this winter has been storms socking it to us on weekends. With so many of us working for a living, (what a concept!) when the weekend

comes around, we have things to do, places to go, bikes to work on, etc. Ya get a storm or two on a weekend and it puts your schedule back, and back, and back! I'm fully two months behind on my planned fixes to my Commando. I'm sure I'm not the only one behind on my plans.

Now don't get me wrong... winter does have its place. It allows us to work on our bikes and not have the anxiety of having no motorcycle to ride during the nice weather. I also appreciate Spring, Summer, and Fall much more. When you have a very wet riding season like we did last year, you really feel the need to take advantage of the good weather when it does arrive.

When I looked out my front window this morning I saw snow on the front lawn and the sun just peeking over the horizon. I still have 3 foot snow drifts in the front of my house! Fortunately, I can look out into my backyard and see the ground. Ya, it looks awful with dead leaves, pine cones, dead branches, half-eaten acorns from the army of squirrels who live on my neighborhood, etc. I can see more weekends lost just raking up the yard mess! What's a guy to do?

With the sun rising earlier and setting later, it's only a matter of time when all that snow will melt but, I'm impatient. How long is winter going to hold us in its grip and make us suffer further? I wish I knew the answer. All I know for sure is.... I want the snow gone now! I want to ride my **Norton** and feel the wind in my face again! How about you?

### INOA Thousand Island Rally

The 2001 National Rally is now coming into view. If you plan on attending, buy your tickets now and while your at it, let the club know. If possible, I'd like to have a semi-plan/ride up to the Rally as a club. With this years Rally being hosted by the The Ontario **Norton** Owners and taking place in Ivy Lea, Ontario, just over the NY state border on Interstate 81, it's very close and if you can, you should attend.



I have really enjoyed the two Rallies I have attended. There is nothing like being surrounded by **Norton** people and **Norton** motorcycles!

### Tech Session

Dave Comeau, our major tech dude, holds tech sessions at each meeting. There will be no formal *Tech Session* per se' at meetings because of lack of attendance. Anyone who knows Dave knows he prepares extensively for the tech sessions. He doesn't just show up. When attendance increases to a point where Dave feels it worth prepared sessions, he'll start them again. Until then, if you have a technical question, **please** come to the meeting and ask Dave! I know many of us enjoy the tech sessions and would like them to continue.

Also, Dave is making the following announcement...

### Norton Heavy Twin Exhaust Port Repair Service

I am doing my once a year batch of exhaust port repairs. If any NNENO members need this done, then now is the time to give me a call/email for details. NNENO members that have had this done, seem to be happy with the inserts and the process. I will do them in one production run before the end of March. *Dave Comeau 978-356-7342, email [dynodave@gis.net](mailto:dynodave@gis.net), Website <http://www.gis.net/~dynodave>*

### Notes

Dave Comeau would like address / phone number / email updates from all members. If you have moved or any of the above has changed, please contact Dave.

### Upcoming Events

- *April 14*—Club Meeting @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.
- *May 12*—Club Meeting @ Dave Comeau's house for *Dyno Day*, Ipswich, MA.
- *June 9*—Club Meeting @ Gunstock Recreational Area for The Belknap Classic, Belknap, NH.

### For Sale

- 1966 **Norton** Electra—Missing tank badges, foot pegs & mufflers. \$750 obo Jason Reisins 631-399-1260 Long Island

- 1972 750 **Norton** Commando—It has run and I took the front forks off and started to restore it. Unable to complete project. Paul 401-265-3181 or [paulraducha@hotmail.com](mailto:paulraducha@hotmail.com)
- 1972 **Norton** Commando 750 Interstate—A beautiful black example. Very nice bike with all the right pieces. \$5,000 Contact Frank at 603-323-3319 or E-mail at [fbholmes@landmarknet.net](mailto:fbholmes@landmarknet.net)
- 1973 **Norton** Commando 850 Roadster —Nice unmolested black bike that is all there. Needs some work, paint and some TLC. \$3,000 Contact Frank at 603-323-3319 or E-mail at [fbholmes@landmarknet.net](mailto:fbholmes@landmarknet.net)
- 1974 **Norton** 850 Roadster—Original red bike with only 7K miles. Not restored, exceptional condition! \$6,000 Contact Frank at 603-323-3319 or E-mail at [fbholmes@landmarknet.net](mailto:fbholmes@landmarknet.net)

The NNENO NEWS is published monthly by the Northern New England Norton Owners 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 one week after the monthly meeting.

The Northern New England Norton Owners' 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 Northern New England Norton Owners' club is available for \$15.00 per year. Annual membership fees are due Dec. 31st. NNENO holds monthly meetings for members on the second Saturday of each month.

NNENO is a chapter of the International Norton Owners Association. Members are encouraged, but not required to join the INOA.

NNENO's mailing address is: 30 Woodland Drive, Nashua, NH. 03063. Home page:  
<http://members.aol.com/norvil850/nneno.htm>

Group rides are not sponsored by NNENO, and participants ride at their own risk. Motorcycling is a dangerous sport and NNENO will not be responsible for individual rider's conduct or safety. Anyone riding on public thoroughfares is responsible for maintaining liability insurance. NNENO assumes no responsibility for the acts or omissions of its members in connection with club activities.

NNENO NEWS Articles or other materials express the author's view only and not necessarily the official policy of Northern New England Norton Owners. Technical tips published in the NNENO NEWS 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 NNENO 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.

## NNENO Staff

### President

Mike Frick  
30 Woodland Dr.  
Nashua, NH  
603-883-3038 / [atlas67@earthlink.net](mailto:atlas67@earthlink.net)

### Vice-President

Al Chappell  
9 Jupiter Rd.  
East Derry, NH. 03041  
603-434-9088 / [suzychapl@aol.com](mailto:suzychapl@aol.com)

### Secretary

Chaz Proulx  
22 Green St.  
Exeter, NH. 03833  
603-772-2973 / [chaz@TTLc.net](mailto:chaz@TTLc.net)

### Treasurer/Membership

Dave Comeau  
11 Poplar St.  
Ipswich, MA. 01938  
978-356-7342 / [dynodave@gis.net](mailto:dynodave@gis.net)

### Activities Coordinator

Paul Izbicki  
45 Francis St. #3  
Everett, MA. 02149  
617-563-7551 / [i2i@MediaOne.net](mailto:i2i@MediaOne.net)

### Web Site Manager

Alpo Kallio  
2 Chestnut Dr.  
Townsend, MA. 01466  
978-597-6597 / [norvil850@aol.com](mailto:norvil850@aol.com)