

**Minutes of Last Meeting** by Mike

Greetings,

I began the meeting and jumped right into it. Basically we had two orders of business, the Holiday Party and the Rally.

- *Holiday Party*—Mike Frick has agreed to host the party on January 12 at his place in Nashua, NH. A motion was made and passed so we'll try it out. Mike has secured the services of a blues band to play on that date and his garage is always filled with **Norton's**, beer, and good food. How can you beat that?
- Lee, our rally chairman, made a number of announcements about the rally. At this point we are pretty well organized. This thing will work if individuals do their assigned tasks. (You know who you are!) Seriously, this Rally IS a lot of work but at present NNENO seems quite energized by the task.
- From there, Mike handed the meeting over to Lee Paterson our 2001 Rally Chairman. Since Lee is a soft-spoken man, Mike lends his voice so we can all hear what Lee is saying!

**Rally Update****Rally T Minus 8 Months**

Happy Holiday Season to all. We know this Rally won't be a "Turkey" with all the help we have been getting to put it together.

And speaking of turkey, no we are not serving turkey but we will be serving grilled chicken or lobster Friday night and a type of roast beef Saturday night.

- *Food*— We received pricing from *Catering By Craig*. The first pricing was for grilled chicken Friday night and roast beef Saturday night. The same meals as served in Ivy Lea. The second pricing was for lobster Friday night and roast beef on Saturday night which was higher in price. With the difference in pricing there will be separate tickets sold for the lobster for those wanting them. CUT OFF DATE TO BE

DETERMINED. The chicken will not be included with the lobster meal. Their pricing did not include travel expenses which will be a separate billable item. I will be drafting a letter of acceptance, and a letter for Customs and Immigration so they will be able to obtain the necessary papers to work in the States.

- *Treasury*—I received a letter from Bob McKittrick indicating what he will be able to help us with for the rally, which is mostly pre-registration which is a big part in itself, as he may not be able to attend the rally himself. With that Mike Pappas has volunteered to help Bob out as things progress and so we will have a smooth transition to on site registration; which we will need many more volunteers to man the check in booth during the rally. The treasury to this point has been running on a loan which will be exhausted with up coming deposits, so in order to cover future expenses before money starts coming in, it was decided at the last meeting to transfer funds from the club to the rally.
- *Trophies*—Lee and Mike Frick brought catalogs to the November meeting. Mike found a source in Hooksett, NH that looks pretty good. Mike has also been working at the INOA level on restructuring the classes and places of the awards for the concourse. We again will be looking for help in getting the trophies ordered once everything has been set in place.
- *Web Page*—Again our thanks to Scott Alexander and Dave Comeau. I hope most of you have had a chance to check out NEON.ORG. Dave will be moving the rally page from Geocities to our host in order to remove the pop up ads that appear every time you click a button.
- *Group Ride*—Castle in the Clouds was discussed as a possible destination for the Friday group ride. It is located in Moultonborough, NH approximately 30 miles away and an hour driving time. Go to [www.castlesprings.com](http://www.castlesprings.com) for those that want to check it out and make comments. Mike Frick has again been working at the INOA level to help

insure group rides are safer and more controllable.

- *Music*—Mike Pappas is looking in to a band for Friday nights entertainment.

I would like to say THANKS to Paul Izbicki for his work on the promotional film he did for us, as he is moving south to Tennessee to further his career. He said he would come up for the rally.

Thank You,

Lee Patterson

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**Tweener Business**

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

- It appears that all 3 of the cabins at Davidson's Campground have been booked for our 2002 Rally. NNENO will rent one, Suzi Greenway and another couple will take one, and the Delaware Valley Norton Riders will rent the last one. In Suzi's case, it's one of the host's functions to locate/provide a place for the INOA President to stay. However, we don't have to pay for those accommodations.

**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! The following update is from Dave C.

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## Membership Renewals for 2002



### Race To Renew!

It's that time of the year again! More than ever, we need you to renew your membership! We need your monetary support but even more, we need you! We need you as you attend events in your area. We need you to attend meetings. We need you to send in comments on the club and newsletter. But, we need you, PERIOD! You are NNENO! Please renew as soon as you can. 2002 is our year to shine as a club. We are hosting the INOA International Rally which brings a lot of pressure to perform, and a lot of work to get things done... and with your help, we'll do it.

Please do your part and renew today!

#### Editorial by Mike F.

Calendar year 2001 is rapidly coming to a close and for all of us it has been a watershed year. With September 11th still vivid in our minds, we have all changed in some way. In the long scheme of things, we will learn from the past and forge a new and better future for ourselves and our children. As individuals, a country, and a people, we will become stronger in our commitments, form stronger ties with family and friends and, with time, make our country and the world a better and safer place to live. This planet is our only home. We must take care of it and the beings who inhabit this place (us). We must take care of each other. For this, I ask you to share with me a Happy Thanksgiving.

Personally, I still have much to be thankful for... Even though I'm still not employed directly for a company, I am contracting and for I am thankful. I have my **Norton** motorcycles. Riding, wrenching, and just owning these wonderful machines brings a great joy to me. Being able to share my **Norton** enthusiasm with the many friends I have made thru NNENO is immeasurable. If it were not for this club and the people who make it the great club that it is, I would truly be lost. My being able to continue to write thru the NNENO Newsletter is very therapeutic. Being a writer by trade, this is a very important creative outlet for me. I have a lovely and understanding wife, my "doggie", and a home where I can take refuge from the pressures of everyday living. I have my health, which is not always a certain thing these days. I have my family which, like most of us, doesn't seem to run smoothly all the time. But hey, they're my only family and keeping the lines of communication open is important. But, what gives me the greatest pleasure is making NNENO the type of club the members want. I believe we have succeeded. Our membership remains in the 110+ number and we receive many requests for assistance from our members. After all, that's all we really want to do, isn't it? Help our fellow **Norton** enthusiasts? If you like me, then helping someone find or fix their **Norton** is very satisfying. Seeing the broad smile on a members face when they ride up on their newly revived or purchased **Norton** is priceless. It allows us all to enjoy their happiness.

...And speaking of happiness, I'm very happy to report that we have more members volunteering to help with the upcoming Rally. With the rally getting closer by the minute, we need volunteers more than ever. If you plan on attending the rally, please throw your hat in the ring and help us put on the best rally possible.

With 2002 just around the corner, we have two items happening of great interest to you, our members. First is our Holiday Party. It will be taking place at Mike Frick's house in Nashua, NH on January 12th, 2002. The party is taking place instead of the club meeting at the Loaf and Ladle. A band will be there to entertain us with blues and rockabilly. I'll most likely cook a big batch of chicken wings... and hopefully Dave Roberts will bring his infamous pot of chili. If you plan on attending, please let me know

what you plan on bringing. This will allow me to make sure we don't have too many pastries and not enough "regular" food. Also, if you live a good distance away and need a place to sleep, I have the room. Just let me know what you have planned. If you would rather stay in a motel, I can help with the reservations. Everyone is welcome and I encourage everyone to attend. I would like this to be our year 2002 kick-off and doing this with as many of you as possible would be great. Please Attend!!!

I have one more thing to bring up and that's the "other" item I mentioned above... Membership dues... Ya, it's that time of the year again. Seems like we just went thru this, didn't we? Anyway, it's time for all **Norton** enthusiasts to renew their membership with NNENO and the INOA. Both organizations need your continued support. For us in NNENO, we have much to offer the local **Norton** owner with tech support expertise coming from Dave Comeau and others, planned rides, monthly meetings, and a monthly newsletter. Quite an offering for only \$15.00 a year. And this year is special with NNENO hosting the 2002 INOA Rally. We need every person to renew. The INOA offers a different slant on the same subject; **Norton's**. With their network of contacts around North America and the world, they are truly becoming international. The **Norton** News magazine alone is worth the price of membership but, the information available and the assistance you receive is a great asset. I enjoy my association with the INOA and I think many of you would also. Please give the INOA serious consideration.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the NNENO offerings over the past year and we look forward to serving our members in 2002. If you would, please renew your membership with us and let us entertain and inform you with all the latest **Norton** news. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

#### The Pilgrims and America's First Thanksgiving

Since our forefathers came from England and the country we pay homage to, and because they made the bike we love, I'd publish an article about the history of Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first thanksgiving in America, were fleeing religious prosecution in their native England. In 1609 a group of Pilgrims left

England for the religious freedom in Holland where they lived and prospered. After a few years their children were speaking Dutch and had become attached to the Dutch way of life. This worried the Pilgrims. They considered the Dutch frivolous and their ideas a threat to their children's education and morality.

So they decided to leave Holland and travel to the New World. Their trip was financed by a group of English investors, the Merchant Adventurers. It was agreed that the Pilgrims would be given passage and supplies in exchange for their working for their backers for 7 years.

On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on a ship called the Mayflower. They sailed from Plymouth, England and aboard were 44 Pilgrims, who called themselves the "Saints", and 66 others, whom the Pilgrims called the "Strangers."

The long trip was cold and damp and took 65 days. Since there was the danger of fire on the wooden ship, the food had to be eaten cold. Many passengers became sick and one person died by the time land was sighted on November 10th.

The long trip led to many disagreements between the "Saints" and the "Strangers". After land was sighted a meeting was held and an agreement was worked out, called the Mayflower Compact, which guaranteed equality and unified the two groups. They joined together and named themselves the "Pilgrims."

Although they had first sighted land off Cape Cod they did not settle until they arrived at Plymouth, which had been named by Captain John Smith in 1614. It was there that the Pilgrims decide to settle. Plymouth offered an excellent harbor. A large brook offered a resource for fish. The Pilgrims biggest concern was attack by the local Native American Indians. But the Patuxets were a peaceful group and did not prove to be a threat.

The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims. The cold, snow and sleet was exceptionally heavy, interfering with the workers as they tried to construct their settlement. March brought warmer weather and the health of the Pilgrims improved, but many had died during the long winter. Of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England, less than 50 survived the first winter.

On March 16, 1621, what was to become an important event took place, an Indian brave walked into the Plymouth

settlement. The Pilgrims were frightened until the Indian called out "Welcome" (in English!).

His name was Samoset and he was an Abnaki Indian. He had learned English from the captains of fishing boats that had sailed off the coast. After staying the night Samoset left the next day. He soon returned with another Indian named Squanto who spoke better English than Samoset. Squanto told the Pilgrims of his voyages across the ocean and his visits to England and Spain. It was in England where he had learned English.

Squanto's importance to the Pilgrims was enormous and it can be said that they would not have survived without his help. It was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to tap the maple trees for sap. He taught them which plants were poisonous and which had medicinal powers. He taught them how to plant the Indian corn by heaping the earth into low mounds with several seeds and fish in each mound. The decaying fish fertilized the corn. He also taught them to plant other crops with the corn.

The harvest in October was very successful and the Pilgrims found themselves with enough food to put away for the winter. There was corn, fruits and vegetables, fish to be packed in salt, and meat to be cured over smoky fires.

The Pilgrims had much to celebrate, they had built homes in the wilderness, they had raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. They had beaten the odds and it was time to celebrate.

The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native Americans. They invited Squanto and the other Indians to join them in their celebration. Their chief, Massasoit, and 90 braves came to the celebration which lasted for 3 days. They played games, ran races, marched and played drums. The Indians demonstrated their skills with the bow and arrow and the Pilgrims demonstrated their musket skills. Exactly when the festival took place is uncertain, but it is believed the celebration took place in mid-October.

The following year the Pilgrims harvest was not as bountiful, as they were still unused to growing the corn. During the year they had also shared their stored food with newcomers and the Pilgrims ran

short of food.

The 3rd year brought a spring and summer that was hot and dry with the crops dying in the fields. Governor Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and it was soon thereafter that the rain came. To celebrate - November 29th of that year was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. This date is believed to be the real true beginning of the present day Thanksgiving Day.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State had adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

## Tech Session

Dave Comeau, our major tech dude, holds tech sessions at each meeting. This is a treat so, if your interested, please attend! Anyone who knows Dave knows he prepares extensively for the tech sessions. He doesn't just show up. 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.

## Upcoming Events

- *December 8*—**Club Meeting** @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.
- *January 12*—**Holiday Party** @ Mike Fricks house, Nashua, NH.
- *February 9*—**Club Meeting** @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.

## For Sale

- 1974 850 **Norton** Commando Roadster. Excellent original, unrestored condition. 7000 miles. Electronic ignition, otherwise stock. \$4,000 OBO. Contact Gary at 617-522-3848 evenings
- 1972 750 **Norton** Commando. It did run but I took the front forks off to work on them. The bike is in good condition but needs to be restored. No

major items to get it back on the road. Bike is located in Middletown, Rhode Island. \$1,750 (firm). Contact Paul at 401-338-2122

- 1969 **Norton** Interpol Police gas tank & matching seat. Blue/Very Good Condition. \$500.00 Contact Bobby or Justin at 978-985-1501  
*Wanted:* Side stand for 1969 Commando. Contact Justin at 978-985-1501
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 1974 **Norton** 850 Roadster—Original red bike with only 7K miles. Not restored, exceptional condition! \$6,000  
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## Articles

I know some of you have stories that we would love to hear.... well, I'd be happy to print them for all of us to enjoy so, send 'em in!



## Larz Anderson Meet Update

It was mentioned that we couldn't report who won the *Special* category cause the owner got away before we could pin him down and get the full scoop. Well, that person came forward and straightened us out. The winner was:

*Scott Vile* from Portland ME. and his Silver 1972 Commando Cafe took away the honors. Congratulations Scott! Scott mentioned that it was a basketcase purchased from Bob McKittrick. Well Scott, ya did the **Norton** nation proud with your very tidy bike.

## Club T-Shirts

Since the holidays are upon us, I just wanted to let everyone know that a club t-shirt or sweatshirt makes a great Christmas gift. Contact Mike Frick for your shirt today!

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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.

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