

Minutes of Last Meeting by Chaz & Mike

Greetings,

Nine member were able to attend the October 13, 2001 monthly meeting of NNENO.

Perhaps twice that many members showed up a the annual Larz Anderson European Motorcycle "lawn event" (sounds so genteel doesn't it). "Larz" took place on Sunday October 7 so it was fresh in our minds. As we ate and shot the breeze at the "Loaf and Ladle" waiting for the biz meeting to begin we browsed through a stack of pictures from the event. Some of these pics will be posted as soon as possible on our new Rally web site. (More on that later.)

Mike began the meeting and we all gave him our undivided attention! He spoke to the fact that there are no upcoming events in November. Normally the next event would be the annual Christmas Party.

- Christmas Party—With all that is going on in the U.S. right now, it was mentioned that most likely Christmas will be a time for family involvement. We kicked around the idea of a party in January after the holidays have passed. Mike 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?

- On the money front the club treasury is now \$3200. Dave Comeau made a motion to move \$2000 of that amount to the Rally account for anticipated bills. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

- The last fiscal item was a motion to reimburse Mike Frick \$150 out of the treasury for expenses he covered out of his pocket this year. For those that don't know, Mike brought our shelter and a lot of other stuff to Ivy Lea, Belknap, Auburn and Larz. We didn't let Mike comment one way or the other -- it just seemed like the right thing to do. -- (Chaz)

- Riding together on club events has gone a long way toward getting the blood going...speaking of which...
- Mike also spoke about our September ride to Davidson's Countryside Campground and what was accomplished. See "Ride to Davidson's by Chaz".
- And lastly it is important to note; A number of us live in southern New Hampshire or nearby so you may hear the same names repeated/quoted a bit -- so let it be said that new members (or long--distance members) are always welcome to ride, attend meetings, and otherwise get involved or simply weigh in with ideas. (Hell you can even complain if you feel like it!) With any luck at all, the 2001 Rally should be the largest gathering of NNENO members ever. Please make your plans to attend now.
- 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 9 Months**

The Rally webpage is up and running! A big thanks to Scott Alexander for doing this important work. Also, another big thanks to Dave Comeau for getting our NNENO.org domain name. Now you type nneno.org and you get a splash page with both the club webpage and the rally webpage. Just select which you want to go to! We are still pushing the caterer for

a quote. Until then, we can't announce the cost of the rally. Also, it's holding up the sponsorship amount coming from Vanson Leathers. We hope to hear from the caterer soon! The following is a status of what we've got going.

- *Food*—I contacted "Catering by Craig" the Canadian caterer that did the 2001 rally and requested pricing for lobsters and steamers, chicken, and other BBQ items for Friday night dinner, also the Yankee Pot Roast for Saturday night. David Craig replied stating he would price it out for us at today's pricing and convert to U.S. dollars as well.
- *Campground*—The contract with the campground has been signed. We will have the entire campground, less the seasonal sites, this includes a couple of fields for over flow parking and the field events. The campground will not be taking any reservations for anyone during the time of the rally, July 17th to the 20th Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Site assignments may need to be changed do to size and occupancy of available sites.
- *Tent*—After measuring the available space the size of the tent turned out to big, so I will be contacting the rental agency to correct this.
- *Rally Pins And Trophies*—We have asked Ron Pare to into the *other* type of pin style. For the life of me I can't remember what it's called. We will need to sit down and figure out what we will need for plaques and trophies.
- *T-Shirts*—There was agreement that we would possibly do three different T-shirts, one of course with the rally logo, another with a picture of the first **Norton** Powered Motorcycle with the first **Norton** add on the back. The third possibly being with a circle of significant **Norton** models over the years on the front and the **Norton** logo on the back.
- *Self-Guided Tours*—Ken Dubey has been busy riding the area from the campground to get directions and approximate time and mileage for the tours. Anyone that would like to help

Ken out or just ride with him are welcome.

- **Web Page**—Scott Alexander has come through for us and produced a very nice webpage. Go to nneno.org and select the rally logo. Take a look at what we have so far. Any comments? We're hear to listen.

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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.

- Mike, Chaz and Lee met Ron Janicki from Vanson Leathers at the Larz Anderson Classic. He has been instructed to work with us to provide a Vanson sponsoring of the rally. When we receive the quote from the food vendor, I will have more information.

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 work to get things done... and with your help, we'll do it.

To date we have 15 members are paid up for 2002. Please do your part and renew today!

Editorial by Mike F.

Didn't I write an article a short time ago about how great it was to have Spring shining on us? Now we're here at the end of Fall and getting close to talking about winter projects! Ouch!

I have been fortunate enough to get a contract job close to home. Although not ideal, it keeps the bill collectors at bay, at least for the time being. One side benefit is being able to take a ride after work.

I must say that, with all the bikes I've owned over the years, the bike that I like to ride the most and I have the most fun on is my Atlas. No matter what is happening, I know I can get on my Atlas and I *will* have a smile on my face in no time at all.

Call it handling, sound, looks, feel, image, pride in ownership, etc. I just love riding this bike. The best sensation of all is going around corners. The featherbed framed Norton must be the best handling bike in the world, period. Sure, other bikes are faster. Some are more hi-tech. Some even look better (but I doubt it!) But for pure handling pleasure, I ride my Atlas.

I have not had the pleasure of riding any other featherbed framed bikes other than my Atlas. Maybe, one of these days when a member has their Dommi or 650SS with them and want to swap for fun, I'll get a chance to try a different featherbed. I've heard they vibrate much less. I named my Atlas after my father's nickname, Buzz. The name fits perfectly. Yes, they do buzz and vibrate and make all sorts of noises but my Atlas still makes me smile. Isn't that what it's all about?

The Holiday Party. We will conduct the party as we traditionally do. If you plan

on staying overnight, please contact me and let me know. I have several bedrooms and a lot of floor space. Who knows, you may have to sleep in front of the fireplace! How tough can that be?

The band is put together by my next door neighbor and yes, I have heard them. They are very good and play mostly blues and the like. The band does play together at gigs from time to time. The band is going to setup in my garage and the garage is heated so, no worries about being cold. I'll pull a couple of **Norton's** out so we can talk shop and bench race.

As is the norm, please bring food and beverages and anything else you can think of for a holiday party.

By moving the party to January, we are hoping that those who are too busy with family during Christmas and New Years, will be able to attend this shindig. My house is 1 mile from Rte 3. in Nashua. Exit 6, next to the Nashua Mall. Very easy to get to. Please make an attempt to attend.

Larz Anderson Classic by Chaz

In case you aren't familiar with Larz Anderson Park, it is located in Brookline Massachusetts and is the home of America's oldest transportation museum. The museum itself looks like a castle and the grounds are well--like a big lawn! As of this year Larz is one of our "official--carved in stone" NNENO events. (This means we set up the shelter and sell t-shirts!) This years show represented the eighth annual edition of this event which is put on by the Yankee Beemers. The day was sunny and crisp and the park was mobbed with bikes and riders -- everyone seemed to be smiling, perhaps because the array of European machinery was so stunning. I have to admit that the Italian bikes are awful pretty. MV Agusta, Ducati, and other "exotics" including Vespa's were represented.

NNENO was well represented too with around a dozen bikes including a number of *New Member* rides. Neil Glazebrook from England brought his 1964 Dominator that he had shipped from the Isles a year ago (when he moved to the states). It's great to hear another English accent (along with Dave Shepard) around NNENO--gives us credibility! Other bikes included a beautiful blue and white fastback and a nice assortment of members machinery.

We sold t-shirts and memberships throughout the day and Mike kept the

kettle warm for those who needed extra warmth. (Mike brings a propane cooker for coffee, tea, and soup for the members) At times, the wind whipped thru the lawn and made it quite chilly!

Everyone waits for the end of the day to hear the announcement of the trophy winners. When the trophy's were announced, Mike Frick took 1st Place **Norton** with his 1956 ES-2! Mike said what made winning this trophy so sweet was fact that the judges were not members from NNENO. (NNENO provides british bike judges every year for this event but this year, everyone showed later than usual so they had to provide their own judges.) We didn't get the name of the other trophy winner as of this printing. We'll try for next months' issue. All in all a great day to be a motorcyclist.

Ride to Davidson's by Chaz

One of our *official* club events this year was a ride to Davidson's Countryside Campground. Unfortunately the date for the ride followed the terrorist attacks by only a week. Lee Paterson, Mike Frick, Al Chappell and Chaz Proulx rode to Davidsons nonetheless. It was a good chance to "unwind" a bit and look ahead.

This ride was intended as an opportunity to clean up as many details as we could. For instance, we were able to go over the entire contract with John, who owns and operates the campground. John is sincere and accommodating guy--he has hosted motorcyclists on numerous occasions and has known Mike Frick for years. In short, it seemed that personalities clicked, leaving no doubt that Davidson's is the perfect setting for the **Norton Power Rally**, not to mention the location near the White Mountains and the lakes region. We have some of the best riding that the United States has to offer.

On the practical side we were able to measure various layouts for tents (big tents!) for rally functions such as the banquet, and live music. (It could rain too I suppose--nah!). As mentioned above we went over the contract (a lot of details like wristbands, walk-in's, risk management and so on) and had no trouble coming to agreements.

Notes from Dave C.

Money:

Dues—Well, not wanting to repeat last winters challenge in trying to process last minute and well over due membership

renewals. Let it be known... that I will gladly start accepting dues for 2002 any time between now and the end of December. \$15 Any one joining between now and the end of the year will be joining as 2002 paid members. I will be sending a note to a few who have some \$credit toward 2002 dues and only partial payment is needed.

Website:

<http://NNENO.org>—The domain has been registered and is being "economy" hosted for a very reasonable price. There is now a page on the web with our logo and the rally logo. The content will get filled as I get time with basically the content that Alpo Kallio so graciously did for us. I hope you will allow me a little "artistic" license since there is plenty of things that can be put in. I will update things as I get time. I hope to keep it somewhat informal but informative.

The rally link has been activated! Although the Rally page is not complete, at least it's up and running. Thanks Scott Alexander!

Several people may not be aware that I have my own personal web site with several **Norton** tech articles posted. I invite you to have a look.

<http://www.gis.net/~dynodave>

Tech Session

Dave Comeau, our major tech dude, holds tech sessions at each meeting. *Dave said he was inclined to prepare and discuss the balancing of engines/balance factor at the next 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

- *October 13—Club Meeting @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.*
- *November 10—Club Meeting @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.*
- *December 8—Club Meeting @ the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH.*
- *January 12—Holiday Party @ Mike Fricks house, Nashua, 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

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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!

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Chaz looking as dapper as ever at Larz!

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NNENO's mailing address is: 30 Woodland Drive, Nashua, NH. 03063. Home page: www.nneno.org

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