

Minutes of Last Meeting by Chaz

Greetings,

Our August Meeting was held at the Loaf and Ladle on August 10th 2002. Not a whole lot to report. HALLELUJAH!

- We looked at a lot of Rally pictures and enjoyed ourselves in a relaxed meeting on the back porch of the "Loaf and Ladle."
 - This was NNENO's first post restructuring and post-rally meeting. We've been through three years of non-stop obligations. We didn't need a vote to remind ourselves to "Unwind and have fun."
 - When the biz meeting started, Mike and Lee addressed Rally issues that are still being settled. Financial accounting isn't finished down to the penny yet but, the good news seems to be that we ended the Rally in the black.
- This is an accomplishment to be proud of: The Rally cost approximately \$24,5000 to run, we didn't "borrow" a cent from the INOA, and we didn't run into debt. A final accounting will be published.
- We discussed the possibility of donating Panoramic Rally Pictures to John and Amy from Davidson's Campground (to show our appreciation for their patience and hospitality) and to The Loaf and Ladle (for hosting our meetings for these many years). We'll wait on these ideas until our accounts are settled.
 - Dave Comeau explained his immediate plans to incorporate our original site and the rally site into one up-to-date site. (He has already done quote a bit of work on this).
 - We also "floated" the idea of a ride to this years Brit-Jam on August 25 in East Hartford Connecticut. (more on that elsewhere in this issue)
 - The last item on Saturday's agenda was to "ratify" our system of self-governance in accord with our "Sunset Clause."

Reason— At NNENO's May 13, 2000 meeting Dave Comeau made a motion

for a Sunset Clause." TO WIT: Regardless of format, once a year NNENO will ratify whatever plan [of governance] we chose. If ratified for four successive years it becomes permanent. This is the second year that we have ratified our structure.

Happy Riding!

Rally Update**THE RALLY IS OVER!!!**

Everyone give yourself a big pat on the back for a job well done!!

Twener Business

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

- I have contacted Bernie Sasser of the Mass BIA. We have been invited to participate in their overnite camp and party in CT. at Bernie's house. If interested, contact Mike Frick @ 603-883-3038

Another thing that has been made perfectly clear to me... And that is; what it takes to get two groups together and keep our membership informed of what's going to happen before the next meeting. It's real simple... I ran out of time. It's now obvious that in order for us to attend an event during the current month, we need to make those plans ourselves or plan further ahead.

Welcome New Members!

Thank you new members and welcome to NNENO! We hope your membership is enjoyable. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the club officers.

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1975 Norton Interstate

Editorial by Mike F.

Can anyone guess what year the picture above was painted? The obvious thing to do is figure out what year the bike is, right? I looked in my Norton Singles book... ya, I cheated. It appears to be a 1947 or thereabouts.

Ok, it's 1947 and you're out taking a ride with your best girl, she's giving ya the "soft squeeze" behind ya. They must have stopped for something, right? Maybe, asking the old guy directions? Maybe they're near a country village and a crowd gathered to check out that "noisy" motorbike. "We saw a bunch of them things out here in the country when they were building up for the channel crossing," the old guy says.

I often wonder what it was like living in times past... in England, with all those wonderful Norton's runnin' around. WWII had ended and the stock market was starting to well again. Riding in the country must have been very exciting with those narrow country lanes. From what I understand, rain was and still is in abundance in England... and they don't call Ireland the Emerald Island for nothing.

What would your day be like back then... Fire up the bike. Pickup the honey and head for the country. Probably stop for a bite and a pint at a local Pub. Most likely wind up getting into an interesting "discussion" about motorbikes and how dangerous and loud they are... and why do you ride such a machine anyway? And you'll struggle to explain it to them, just like you do now.

What about your riding kit... as they

still call it nowadays... Pudding bowl helmet (but, judging from the picture, they may not have had a helmet law at the time), a waxed cotton Belstaff coat, leather riding boots with the good possibility that you'll have a pair of Wellington's in the saddlebags or knapsack. Pullover waxed cotton pants, gloves, and a pair of aviator goggles. There, you should look rather dapper and safe in this "kit" and most likely ready for anything. Which brings us to...

Tools! Ya can't forget tools on an English motorbike! Sir Lucas would never let you forget... like having your lights go out just after sunset on a moonless night. Now what do you really need on a 1934 Norton. A full set of Whitworth combination wrenches, safety wire, electrical wire and electrical tape (no duct tape back then!), screwdrivers, pliers, knife, tire patch kit, replacement bulbs, 1 set of points, spark plug, and a handful of nuts and bolts. With this kit, you should be able to keep your bike running all the way home... Or to the nearest barn where you can stay overnight with your girlfriend!

Put yourself back in the picture... It's 1934, England, you're purring along on your ES-2 with the wind in your face. The ol' girl is running strong, that big single just banging out that unique one-lunger bark. You're on your way to the Isle of Man for the infamous motorcycle races. Your going to meet up with your best buds for a week of partying, racing, checkin' out the girls, and ogling over the sea of motorcycles that will be there. A vision made in heaven. How can ya hate it? Sure wish it was 1934 right about now...

Now with the rally over... and you guys and gals have your free time back, you can start by making it a habit of writing an article or two once in awhile! I can't fill-up these pages all by myself! I'm gonna need help and I know you can do it. Just write down what ya think... Don't worry about it soundin' right or anything like that. I'll edit your story so it reads well and you sound like a seasoned novelist! I'm sure there are great stories out there that need to be told so we can all enjoy them. And while your at it, send in those pictures too!

I'd like to put together 2002 Power Rally memories for all of us to enjoy and reminisce. If someone else would like to undertake this effort, no problem with

me! You all did a hell of a job at the rally and I think we would all enjoy seeing your unique pictures.

Cape Cod Rendezvous by Tony Lockwood

I'm sure the guys are having too much fun to make a report this month... *MJF*

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

All events listed, except for the club meetings, are subject to change until I can verify their exact dates.

- *August 25*—Brit-Jam @ K of C Hall, 1831 Main St. E. Hartford, CT. sponsored by BIA of CT.
- *September 1*—Fall Swap Meet @ Auburn Sportmans Club, sponsored by BIA of Mass.
- *September 14*—**NNENO Club Meeting** at the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM
- *October 12*—**NNENO Club Meeting** at the Loaf & Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM
- *October 13*—Lars Anderson Classic @ the Larz Anderson Museum, Brockton, MA. *Club Booth will be present!* **NNENO sponsored event.**

For Sale

If you've got something to sell, let me know. All ads are free to NNENO members! If you want to place an ad, contact Mike Frick.

- **WANTED!** 1975 Norton Interstate MKIII in good to excellent condition. Call Mark @ 978-388-5025
- **For Sale**—1968 Norton Commando Fastback, 38K miles, hasn't run in 5+ years, stored with no oil in engine or tranny, serial #5 off production run, \$4500 firm Contact Mike Frick 603-883-3038. (This bike belongs to a member who moved to Texas. I have been unable to get him to lower the

price. I'm posting the bike to see if I get any bites.)

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!

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!

Rally T-Shirts—As usual, when it comes to people and their money... they are impatient and want their shirts now. All ya hafta do is read the INOALIST. We posted a message telling everyone to contact me and yet they still insist on trying to get the info from the folks on the list. Oh well... If your a NNENO member, contact me directly and we'll take care of your request.

Acrobat Reader—Just so everyone is kept up-to-date... I am using a newer version of the software I use to create your newsletter. In order for you to view the newsletter and all it's new "features" please download **Acrobat Reader version 5.0**



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(Now we know where Kenny got his idea for his Commando!)***



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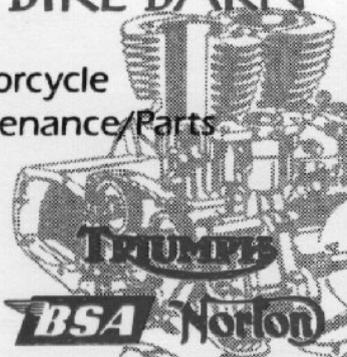


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