

**Minutes of Last Meeting** by Mike Frick

Greetings,

Our July Meeting was held at the Loaf and Ladle on July 13th 2002. I began the meeting with the following announcements:

- The Rally is here!
- All the trophies are in.
- Rally and Energette t-shirts have been shipped to the campground.
- Frank Mohr, the president of the Delaware Valley Chapter has committed to organizing field events for the Rally. They will be bringing everything they need to run the field events. Also, they are sponsoring 2 kegs for Thursday night.
- *Catering by Craig* is encountering major problems with bringing his help into the USA. We now have to hire 3 cooks and help with accommodations.
- Rally pins were brought so we could see them for the first time. Excellent pins Ron Pare'!
- Ron Pare' says he has the signs, posts, etc. for the bike show.
- Ken Dubey reports that the rally rides are ready and so is he!
- Dave Comeau will be bringing a big portion of his shop and setting up for Tech Sessions and the like for the Rally.
- Dave Comeau reports that Doug Chadwick, the photographer, is coming and all set for our panoramic rally photo.
- Lee and Mike will be going up to the campground on Sunday to bring up a load of rally stuff, check things out, and have a chance to talk to the owners. Lee found out that the wiring for the tent/band/food was *not* done by Johns brother as was planned. Lee/we need to do this when Mike and Lee arrive Monday.
- Mike Pappas reports that pre-registrations topped 200. This is the first time in rally history that pre-registrations have exceeded 200.

- Mike P. also reported that the band "Two Bones and a Pick" is all set and will be there.
- Tent, tables, chairs and lights will be brought/set-up on Tuesday.
- Rally insurance has been paid for, so we're covered.
- AMA signs/paperwork are in for risk management.
- Rally packs needed stuffing, so we spent the remainder of the meeting making rally packs.

**Rally Update****Rally T Minus 0 Months**

That's right it has happened and the reports I have heard have been very good. The attendance was a bit weak a touch over 300 for the rally and less than 30 for Saturdays bike show, but who knows, it may have made it that much better without a crowd and those that did not come will hear what they missed and wish they did.

- *Staff*—I would like to say thanks again to the staff that helped tremendously put this together these past few months.
- *Volunteers*—Without the volunteers on site helping the staff where they could and making it easier for us all, we would have a lot more burnt out people. I for one have not fully recovered.
- *Group Rides*—I heard a few reports back on the loops that were set up, one of which was the 30 mile loop around Newfound Lake which I heard someone call it the "smile ride"! It was said "They came back grinning like fools"! With this being a daily occurrence, many folks were very happy!
- *Music*—"Two Bones and a Pick" kicked major "A"! Even the seasonal people said they enjoyed them. Also "Pocket Change" Chaz and friends that

played Thursday night were well received.

- *Food*—For those of you that did not hear, around the 3rd of July I received a call from David Craig of "Catering By Craig", stating that our Customs & Immigration would not allow him to bring his crew with him into the States. All he would be able to do was supply the trailer and consult. This caused a flurry of e-mails between the staff, myself, and David. When all was said and done we ended up with three very good cooks to which I say thanks.
- *T-Shirts*—We sold out of the Power Rally T-Shirts! We will be ordering more to fill orders taken at the Rally and for those that did not make it due to motor vehicle breakdowns or other last minute problems on the way to the rally. So if you would like to order one it is not to late. We do have a number of Energette T-Shirts on gray still available.
- *Future Rallies*—Next Years 2003 Rally is in Lumby, British Columbia Canada 2004 will be in Ohio. The days will be earlier in the week so Mid-Ohio Vintage Race Days will either be a few days before or a few days after but not during.

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And while having breakfast Sunday morning we were told that the INOA had an "Executive Meeting" Saturday night-Sunday morning and decided that NNENO should do "2006"!

**Thanks for the Great Job!**

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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.

- If anything did happen, I was too busy to hear anything other than Rally related issues!

## 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.

## Editorial by Mike F.



Wow! Is the Rally really over? Seems like we've been working on this event for years. Wait a minute... we have been working on the Rally for years! All I can say is, THANK YOU to all the staff and volunteers who made this event a great success. When Lee or I asked for help, we were always met with a smile and a "can-do" attitude. That attitude was, and still is very welcome and we very much appreciate it! Based on the feedback we've been hearing, we did a damn good job. Of course there were a few complaints... One was during the bike show... we didn't let one of the INOA members wives park her Honda in with the rest of the bikes. Is it a British Bike? Then you should understand. Another INOA member complained that we wouldn't let their 17 yr. old practice learning how to ride a motorcycle on the campground roads. Last time I checked, a campground full of people, cars, trucks, and motorcycles is not the place to learn how to ride a motorcycle. Imagine what would happen if they made a mistake and ran into several parked Nortons? Can you imagine what would have been said about that? Despite these and other complaints, there really we're that many, comparatively speaking. I would say 99.8% of everyone had a damn good time. And speaking of good times...

Did anyone hear the rumor that the executive committee voted that NNENO would be hosting the 2006 Rally? Well,

several NNENO members confirmed this as they talked to an executive committee member or two Sunday morning. When I mentioned this to the staff and volunteers who were still around the cabin Sunday morning, they gave a resounding "yes" about running a rally in 2006. Of course, we're going to discuss this at the next meeting.

I mentioned having a regional meet with the Delaware Valley Norton Riders and they in turn mentioned this to the NY chapter. This would not entail a lot of work on our part. Just take a ride down into the southern NY area and have a party/ride with these two chapters. Again, this is something that will be discussed at the next meeting... along with rides that NNENO would like to do during the rest of this years riding season. And speaking of riding...

Several Mass. BIA members were in attendance and were duly impressed with our efforts. For those of you who are not familiar with the Mass. BIA Chapter, they do a lot of riding... and they would like to invite our club on one of their rides or organize a ride with just us. Again, we will discuss this at the next meeting.

With any luck, the Rally financial situation will be finalized so we can find out how we did. Hopefully, we came out in the black. I feel pretty confident we did well despite the fact that we had lower than expected attendance. We can thank the Mid-Ohio racetrack and NASCAR for their scheduling changes. All I have to say is, "Why us?" As far as the Rally Staff Party we said we would have, again, we will discuss this at the next meeting. I do know that those who worked at the rally have earned a well deserved bash... and don't mention lobsters and clams!!

For those of you who do not know, I have decided to not run for re-election for the USNOA Rep. position with the INOA. Being President of NNENO keeps me busy enough and I'm still trying to write/finish a Tech Digest for Norton Single Cylinder engines. It's an interesting position and I did enjoy the tasks but, I just don't have the time required to perform the job the way I think it should be done. If you're interested in filling this position, feel free to contact me and I'll give ya the run-down.

If any of you have ideas for a ride during the rest of this years riding season, please bring it up at the meeting or call

one of the NNENO staff. Life after the rally... I wonder what it's going to be like?

As I have stated before and I will repeat for all to hear, it's the members of this club that makes our activities so much fun!! THANK YOU!!!!

## Cape Cod Rendezvous by Tony Lockwood

The Cape Cod group will meet in the parking lot of Grandma's Pies in Bourne for an evening ride to Plymouth at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Aug 21. Look for the tugboat on the last exit ramp on Route 25 South before the Bourne bridge. We hope some members off the Cape will be able to join us.

For more information, please contact Tony Lockwood at 508-548-3400 or email to mail@capewind.com.

## 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.*

- **Aug 10—Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM
- **Aug 25—Brit-Jam @ K of C Hall**, 1831 Main St. E. Hartford, CT. sponsored by BIA of CT.
- **Sept 14—Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM
- **October 12—Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM
- **October 13—Lars Anderson Classic @ the Larz Anderson Museum**, Brockton, MA. **Club Booth will be present! A NNENO sponsored event.**
- **November 9—Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 PM

## **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. Everyone thinks it's too much \$... and I agree, but if you think it's worth it, call me.)

## **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!

Also, we plan on making another run of Rally t-shirts. Why? Cause we sold out of them! If you want a shirt or a second rally shirt, get your order in before they're gone again!

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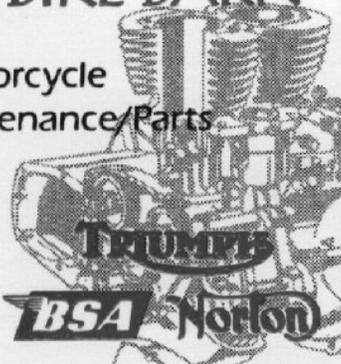
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