

Minutes of Last Meeting by Chaz

Greetings,

The monthly NNENO meeting was held at The Loaf and Ladle on Saturday, November 9, 2002.

The following members were present: Allyn Chappell, Keith Young, Lee Paterson, Chaz Proulx, Mike Frick, Mike Friel, Dave Swartz, Dave Comeau and Eric Bruning.

Mike began the meeting and reminded us that **elections will be held at our December 14th, meeting.**

Please Be Advised—Anyone can “run” for any office. NNENO rules itself by democracy. If you are interested in serving in any capacity please notify our secretary (me).

So far the line up for officers is:

- *Prez*—Mike Frick (currently unopposed)
- *Vice Prez*—Lee Patterson (currently unopposed)
- *Treasurer/Membership*—Mike Pappas (currently unopposed)
- *Website Manager*—Dave Comeau (currently unopposed)
- *Secretary*—Charlie Proulx (currently unopposed)
- We are also on the lookout for someone to be *Activity Chairman*. Currently no one has volunteered to do this. The Activity Chair co-ordinates all NNENO meets, functions and so on.

We haven't “ironed out” the details of this job yet; but Dave Comeau suggested that we have “event coordinators” too. Essentially this would insure that we have “pivot man” for specific events.

Note: Al Chappell and Dave Comeau are stepping down from their respective posts as VP and Treasurer, and Lee Paterson has stepped down from his Rally Chairman post; Thanks gentlemen! We will be sending each a Rolex (Well maybe a Timex).

- **BIG FUN DEPARTMENT**—Our Holiday Party will be held again at Mike Frick's house in Nashua in January; see details elsewhere in the

NEWS. Mike and Ellie hosted last's years party and it was a tremendous success with friends, food, beer, **Norton's** and live music. This year the “**Norton Revue**” will be laying it down, so bring your dance partner.

After all this biz-we adjourned and went riding.

Ride safe!

Tweener Business

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

- The Rally t-shirts back orders have been mailed. For those of you who live in the Southern New Hampshire area, or if you attend meetings or know of a member who live near me, you can pick up your rally shirt at any time. If you require other arrangements, give me a call.

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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Editorial by Mike F.

This editorial I'd like to talk about the direction of our club now that the rally is over and a new year is about to start.

First, I'd like to say that, as your President, I'm here to do your bidding. It is the club members who tell me what they want to do and it's up to me to see to it that we can do these things. With that being said, yes, I do have an agenda. My agenda is to increase membership, which in turn increases the treasury, which allows the club membership to do the things they want. Also, I would like to hold a meeting or two during the year at a location where the local members can attend. For instance, I'd like to hold a meeting in Vermont. We have quite a few members up that way and for the most part, they cannot attend meeting because of distance. Heading in the other direction, Tony Lockwood has been kind enough to hold unofficial meetings at his place, the Cape Wind Motel in Teaticket on Cape Cod. I'd like to return the kind favor and hold an official meeting there.

Second, club events. Traditionally, as a club, we attend the *British M/C Meet* at the Auburn Elks. I know members like to go because of the attendance and the fact that we sign up quite a few members each year. We also like to attend *Larz Anderson M/C Classic*, and we like to have a meeting at Dave Comeau's house for *Dyno Day*. It also gives members a chance to talk to Dave about all things mechanical/technical about their **Nortons**. Not only can Dave tell you what you want to know, he can show you cause most likely, he has the part.

The *Belknap Classic Vintage Days at Gunstock* has started to become a bit of a hassle. Getting in to attend our club meeting on that weekend is becoming costly. How? Gunstock is seeing to it that *everyone* has to pay to get inside. We had worked out a deal where, if you had worked setup for the racetrack, you could get in free. It seems that this little extra bonus has disappeared. Because of this, club members are telling me something needs to be done. Since I'm hauling the club booth, I'm there and I can witness the club unattendance, yet the tremendous attendance by the motorcycling public. What to do? All I can do is bring these things up at a meeting, and you, the

members tell me what you want to do about this. As stated in the last newsletter, we may just drop this event from our club calendar.

The *Regional Meet with the Delaware Valley Norton Riders* was something I brought up at the our Rally. I received a positive response from every member I mentioned this to. After that, I mentioned this to the DVNR and they thought it was a good idea too. I have even heard that one of the NY chapters is interested in attending. The idea behind this was comments made to me by our members. They were wondering what rides our club organize. Well, since I've been a member, we really don't have rides, per se'. We'll throw a ride together when we deem them appropriate or when we think its a good idea. Now some would like a regularly scheduled, annual ride. I thought that maybe we could kill two birds with one stone by having a regional with another **Norton** club. I have received several correspondence from the DVNR's about this and they're all gung-ho! So, I know we're going to try and organize this, which will entail a ride to southern NY. I have friends who own a campground in the area. They like motorcycles and I've been informed by them that we are welcome. All we have to do is decide what we want to do.

Other than that, it is you, the members of NNENO who decide what we do, when we do it, and if it costs money, how much we will spend. It is up to me and the NNENO Staff to see to it that you get the biggest bang for your membership dollars by being active and involved.

Remember, it is the NNEO Staff that is here to serve you... and I don't mean dinner! :-)

Cape Cod Rendezvous by Tony Lockwood

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Capewind on Nov. 11. Attending were Joe Griffin, Bob Coleman, Jack Alexander, Craig Derbyshire, and Tony Lockwood. We watched the video *Chasing Shadows*. The story of the Vincent. Isn't it amazing what a couple of enthusiasts can create without the backing of a large well funded organization. Thanks Joe for bringing the video.

In looking around for a source for chrome plating the L.H. muffler on my Domi. It seemed that to get a good result at reasonable price, it is necessary to send it out of state or to Canada. This I am

reluctant to do since it is original to the bike and irreplaceable. The patterns available are not accurate and don't look right. Therefore on my recent visit to my dad in England to celebrate his 90th birthday and talk **Nortons**, his favourite subject, I took along my "silencer" and my english riding buddy Reg is getting it plated over there. I will keep you all posted on the outcome. If it turns out well, we may be able to establish a long term connection.

Our next meeting will be at the Capewind, Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for good company and Bass ale or tea and "war" stories. For directions call me (Tony) at 508-548-3400 or check the website capewind.com.

Tech Session

Minor tech topics are frequently discussed before and after regular meetings. A new format will be tried for a while, with apres' meeting, open tech sessions, in *Dave Comeau's* garage in Ipswich. After last months meeting, this was tried, and seemed to be well attended and quite beneficial for those attending. The advantages of having tech literature and parts and tools readily on hand makes show and tell much more meaningful.

Any NNENO members needing exhaust port repairs or tach housing seal upgrades should contact *Dave Comeau* soon for this winters work schedule. He may take on kick start seal upgrades if enough interest is shown.

Upcoming Events

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

- *November 9*—**NNENO Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30pm
- *December 14*—**NNENO Club Meeting** at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30pm
- *January 11*—**Holiday Party** at Mike Frick's house in Nashua, NH. Party starts about 1:00 o'clock or thereabouts. We still have quite a bit of chicken from the Rally Staff Party. BYOB and side dish or munchies.

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.)
- **For Sale**—1969 Triumph T120 R, regretfully selling but moving on to more **Norton** projects. Has Boyer ignition, alloy ribbed rims, SS spokes, new English made head pipes and mufflers, new rear tires, new seat cover, new front brake shoes. Asking \$3,000.00 for a quick sale. Call Dave at 978-948-2145 or email me for pictures at dswartz@attbi.com
- **For Sale**—**Norton 650 SS**, complete and almost on the road. Has SRM mag conversion and Podtronics. Due to family emergency I am trying to sell asap. Contact Rich @ Work #: 860-694-5151, Home on weekends #: 603-838-5164. email, STS1-RICHARD.DEMERS@cnet.navy.mil
- **For Sale**—1973 **Norton 850** Commando, Excellent condition, second owner, low original miles, new paint, and many original parts. One kick-start, and a nice example of a **Norton**. 8280 original miles. \$5600, call Mike at 508-384-9005 or email - Michael.Raisman@Monster.com

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!

Al Barber has sent in another part to his story about living with a **Norton** single. I'll print that and more picture in the next Norton News!

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—Our order of Rally shirts are in. We do have extra shirts for sale. If you're a NNENO member and are awaiting your rally t-shirt or you want to order a t-shirt, 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 its new "features" please download **Acrobat Reader version 5.0**

Members Rides by Chaz

As I wrote in last month's NEWS, we are kicking off a project to get pictures, and short "biographies" of NNENO motorcycles and riders onto our web site.

If you have j-pegs, please e-mail them to:

Trip Swartz: openwater@attbi.com

Preferred format: size 480x640. Please be sure to type NNENO Pictures in the subject heading so Trip can find these.

I thought it would be worthwhile to profile members and bikes in the NEWS too.

This month we'll feature a beautiful 1973 750 Commando (originally a roadster) with Fastback bodywork and a unique blue and white color scheme. This machine first showed up at the NNENO concession at Larz Anderson in 2001. I saw the bike and was dazzled immediately, but somehow I didn't catch up with its owner and newly signed-up NNENO member-Richard Hosley of Branford Connecticut. That was 2001, but fortunately Richard was able to make the 2002 Rally as well as a number of NNENO functions. I sat down with him and a notebook at last month's (rainy) Larz Anderson Classic.

Richard's interest in motorcycles goes way back. He got his first **Norton** in 1966--a 1962 Manxman! In 1970 he crashed heavily in a road accident and nearly slid underneath a (surprised) ladies automobile. After the incident, he took a break from road riding, turning to Enduro racing instead--not exactly "safe" but at least there weren't any cars on the track. He joined the New England Trail Riders Assn. (NETRA) and started competing in endurance events throughout New England. Richard favored Ossa dirt bikes. Successes include 2nd in the Lightweight

class 250 in 1974, 4th on an Ossa Super Pioneer in 1975, and 3rd in 1976. Richard was also a member of the 5 man OSSA Championship Team in 1977. In 1982 and '83 Richard rode Honda's posting a 1st in the Bantamweight class for both years. Richard's son also became a NETRA expert.

In recent years, Richard has found his way back to road riding and happily for everyone involved, he found NNENO too! As Richard puts it, "I like to compare riding motorcycles with having malaria; as you never get either out of your blood. So, after not riding a street bike in over 30 years, I guess I've had a relapse".

A little over a year ago Richard located this Commando at Prince Edward Island and bought it from the original owner. The bike had 54,000 miles on the odometer. At the moment I don't have a lot of technical information on the machine. Richard tells me that he has made some changes since this picture was taken. We'll be sure to include more information on the web site.

In addition to the Commando, Richard owns a 1972 Commando Combat Roadster, 1969 P-11 Ranger, and a 1967 Atlas, not to mention a bright Yellow Dreer 880 and a 1961 Matchless G12 CSR. How's that!

We'll get to the Ranger and Atlas as soon as possible as well as "before and after" pictures of the '72 Roadster. Richard has taken digital photos of all of his bikes recently. As soon as I get organized--we'll put these to good use.

Ride Safe!



Richard Hosley's beautiful Fastback



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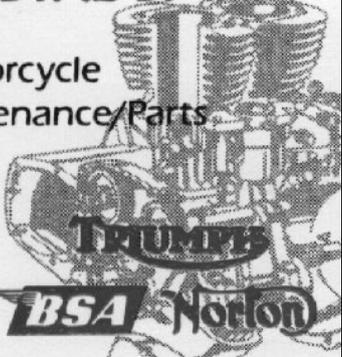
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