

Minutes of Last Meeting by Chaz

Greetings,

The last meeting of 2003 (a.k.a. the dysfunctional Christmas Party) was held at Dave Comeau's house on December 10. It was cold outside.

We had a good turnout, with great food, an engine to take apart and some small projects thrown in too. We even managed to have a productive business meeting—reviewing 2003 and laying out plans for 2004.

Attendees: Gary Cole, Lee Paterson, Mike Frick, Mike Pappas, Dave Comeau, me, Dave Swartz, Eric Bruning, Skip Jones, Gary Ruppert, Tony Lockwood, Mark Dufresne and soon-to-be member Gary Schena, an old buddy of Lee's. (If I missed any names—I apologize.)

Before we started the official part of the meeting, Mike Frick presented a Life Membership award/plaque to Dave Comeau for his outstanding contributions to NNENO over the years. Very well deserved!

Treasurers Report—Mike Pappas gave a year end treasurers report: We have a balance of \$5840. This figure does NOT include our inventory (t-shirts etc.) nor our assets (our villa in the Caymans).

Mike Frick called our attention to next years events. Here's the list for now.

- **British Meet in Auburn**—This one's a cast-in-stone annual for NNENO. Law of averages sez the weather will be perfect. (June)
- **INOA National Rally in Ohio**—This is the first “local” rally since our own in 2002—none of us made it to the west coast in 2003. Make plans now—you OWE IT TO YOURSELF to make this one. Ohio is the perfect distance for a vintage ride. Dave Swartz is already arranging an INOA run from New England with rendezvous points to pick up strays on the way. Dave Comeau is already committed to Ohio, of course. We'll update all arrangements as soon as they are solidified. (July)
- **Vermont Run**—OK, I'll admit it—this is a pet project. I floated the idea of a mini-rally in Vermont. Those of us who participated had a great time last September and now we want to build on it. We'll work it out with Vermont

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members—probably take a mountain tour, then load the bikes onto the Ferry in Burlington for a ride across Lake Champlain for a ride in the Adirondacks. (No date set yet)

- **Larz Anderson**—Another cast-in-stone annual event. The weather forecast is for an unseasonable warm and sunny day. (2003 was more like a cold-Monsoon)
- Also announced—Eric Bruning is going to airbrush our Logo on the side of our shelter (so we can find ourselves at events)
- Our Holiday Party is going to be held at Mike Pappas home. The NNENO Electric Review WILL be playing. NNENO has authorized me to hire a professional drummer for \$80. rather than having to pay a bad drummer to stop playing. The rest of the band is made up of real NNENO members. Bring your wives and dancing shoes.
- A quick note about the Gunstock Vintage Races. It looks like Gunstock is history. The track (in reality the access road to the ski area) has become so bumpy that sidecar frames are cracking—not good for racers who come to the area to race at New Hampshire International Speedway the next day. Too bad, though. The Gunstock event had the flavor of old-time racing on real roads, with real trees, hay bales and even a little Castrol in the air.
- Other stuff—Dave Comeau is Driving his Dodge truck to Daytona, he might have room for one more bike. If anyone is interested, talk to Dave.
- We went over the role of **Activity Chair**. This is a relatively new NNENO position, and one that we have never adequately defined. Dave Comeau was the originator of the idea a few years back. He took the opportunity to explain “the vision thing” to us again. Go's like this: Basically the activity chair oversees our events calendar, but with the help of Event Coordinators. (That's the part we haven't gotten right in the past) Each event will have a coordinator who will act as the contact person for that event only (fielding questions, putting out e-mails etc.). We will try to name our event coordinators

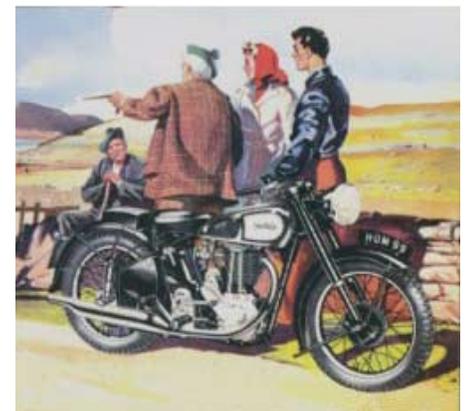
soon so we can make this work in 2004. Dave Cogswell is happy to continue as Activity chair, but we've got to give him reinforcements and understand the system to make the plan work.

- We also voted to pony up our annual awards money for Auburn now.
- **Important**—Just another quick note on Auburn. This is a unique once-a-year event that has been hit in the pocketbook because of a run of bad weather. It is a lot easier to keep an event going than to lose it and start all over (none of us British Bike types are getting any younger either). A few of our members, including Ron Pare and Dave Comeau have worked hard over the years to keep Auburn going. British enthusiasts come from all over the Northeast to touch base with each other. The point is—put Auburn on your calendar. If you've been there, you know what a great event it is. If not, check it out, (and bring a camera) you won't be disappointed.
- If anyone has a “spare” 1973 vintage 850 head—please contact NNENO corporate headquarters.
- Mike Pappas is looking into a NNENO Club Calendar. If ya got nice picture of your bike, send them to Mike.
- NNENO Staff Elections—It appears the staff is remaining the same. If you want to run for an office, contact Mike Frick soon.

That's about it. Things are going very smoothly in NNENO land.

Ride Safe

Chaz

Editorial by Mike F.

For those of you who attend meetings and events, you know who Dave Comeau is... or you've heard his name before you became a member. Dave is an important cog in the mechanism we call NNENO. His support over the years includes: Rally and NNENO Treasurer, Technical Advisor at rallies, NNENO Technical Lead, and I'm sure other items I'm not aware of. He also holds meetings, parties, and tech sessions almost constantly at his house. We are very grateful to have Dave as a Life Member of NNENO.

The party/tech session at Dave's house went very well. Dave cleared some space for the troops and the motor to be disassembled.

I'm not going to provide a bolt-by-bolt description of how the disassembly went. I am going to say that, if you don't know what you're doing, i.e. what comes off first, then it's gonna take you a bit longer... and you had better have the right tools.

The results of the tear-down is as follows... The barrel was in very good condition and does not require a bore. The head will require a valve job but no more than that. Everything else looked remarkably good for a motor that has sat for quite some time.

Dave checked the numbers and discovered that this is an *early* Commando motor. By early we mean, it's an Atlas motor tilted forward. The Commando type items you would normally see like the ignition in the right engine case and the tach drive inboard/front of the motor.

We will keep everyone abreast of the next tech session on this engine.

One thing for sure... We all had a great time!!!

Here's to a great 2004!!

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.

Tech Sessions by Chaz

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 month's 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.

Upcoming Events

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

- **January 10**—Holiday Party and Club Meeting at Mike Pappas's house, Townsend, MA.
- **February 14**—NNENO Club Meeting at the Loaf and Ladle, Exeter, NH. 1:30 pm
- **March 13**—NNENO 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.

- **For Sale**—1969 750 Commando, VIN-132727. Low Mileage 8450. Believed original miles. Metallic Red. May have been originally an S model. Needs minor work. \$3,000 Contact Dave @ 978-356-7342 or dynodave@gis.net
- **For Sale**—AVON Roadrunner tire, used on my '75 Commando as a front tire. Good shape, plenty of miles/tread left on it. \$50.00 e-mail: norvillnh@hotmail.com 978 204-8887
- **For Sale**—Steel Norton Commando High Rider gas tank. Black w/gold pinstripe. Very good condition but could use repainting, no dents or rust. Come w/nos mounting bracket. \$185.00 Call Mark @ 781-659-7596 after 6:00pm
- **WANTED!** 1975 Norton Interstate MKIII in good to excellent condition. Call Mark @ 978-388-5025
- **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

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 Paraphernalia

Club paraphernalia and rally t-shirts are available by contacting Mike Frick.

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**

Club Dues!!

Club dues are now being accepted for 2004! Don't be left without a monthly copy of the NNENO News and missing out meeting some very gifted and interesting members! Please contact Mike Pappas today!

Cape Cod Rendezvous by Tony Lockwood

The Cape Cod Group assembled at the Capewind on Dec. 16 at the Capewind. Present were Craig Derbyshire, Jack Alexander, Joe Griffin and Tony Lockwood we watched the dvd "One Mans Island." If you haven't seen it, this is about Mark Gardiner and his dream to ride in the TT . He sells everything and moves to the Isle Of Man to learn the course and ride. A great story please call if you would like to borrow my copy.

Our next gathering will be at the Capewind at 7:00pm on Jan 20 directions can be found at capewind.com.

Please contact me for more details by email to *nortonES3@aol.com* or phone 508 548 3400.

Members Rides by Chaz

As stated in past NEWS, we are kicking off a project to get pictures, and short "biographies" of NNENO motorcycles and riders onto our web site.

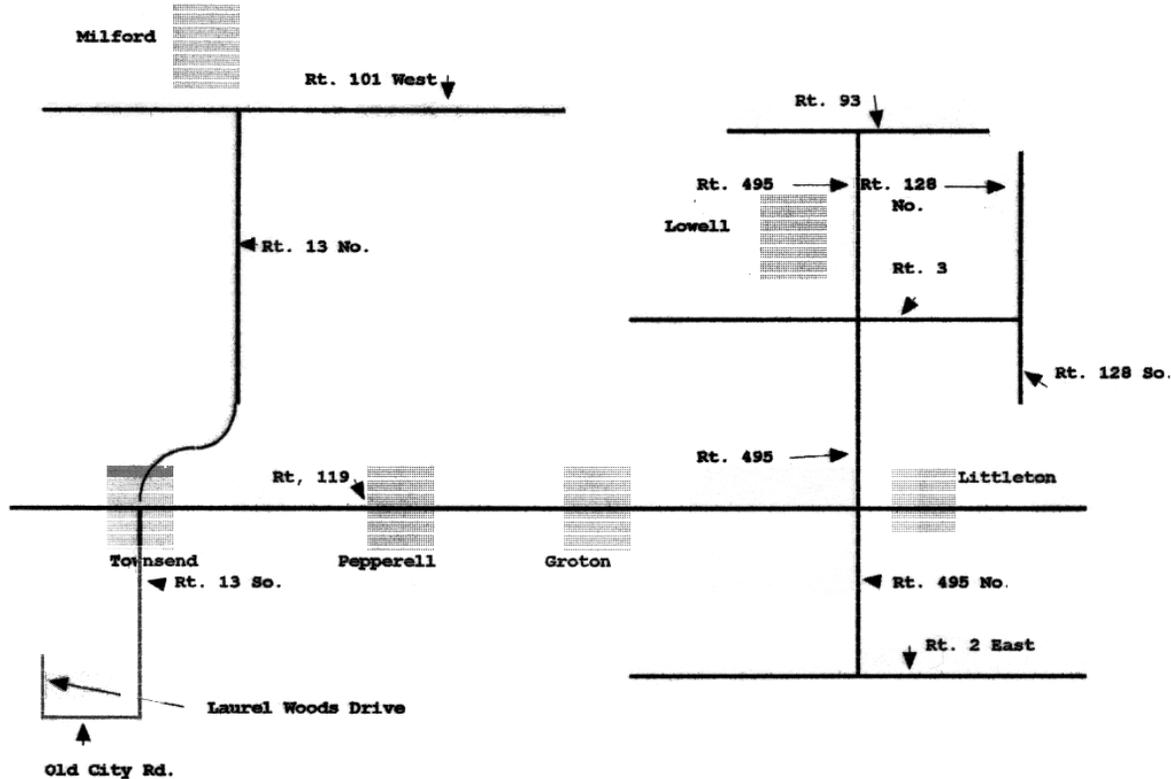
If you have j-pegs, please e-mail them to:

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.

We will start this section up beginning 2004. Chaz has been busy!

HOLIDAY PARTY DIRECTIONS



From North: Rt 101 West to Rt. 13 South.
 Rt. 13 So to Townsend Center,
 bear right then left around Common
 to lights at intersection of Rt. 119
 Straight on Rt. 13 So across intersection,
 2.3 miles to Old City Road.
 Right onto Old City Road, 1st right
 onto Laurel Woods Drive.
 About .4 mi down on right, #25
 white mailbox, blue house maroon shutters
 Short stone wall in front of yard.

From South: Rt. 2 West to Rt. 495 North
 Rt 495 North to Rt. 119 West
 (Right at end of ramp)
 Follow 119 to Townsend Center,
 2nd light once you enter Townsend
 Left onto Rt 13, 2.3 miles to Old City Road.
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When: January 10, 2004, 12:00pm
Where: Mike Pappas's Home
 25 Laurel Woods Drive.
 Townsend, MA. 01474
 978-597-5619 / fastback75@earthlink.net
Bring: Food - Favorite Beverage
 Club will also provide "stuff" for the
 Party

We will be talking, laughing, scratching, and listening to music, among other things, at the Christmas party. We may even have a club meeting.



Mike presenting Dave Comeau with Life Membership Award



Dave gently bashing the motor with a hammer!

The NNENO NEWS is published monthly by the Northern New England Norton Owners club to inform and entertain its members.

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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Membership in the Northern New England Norton Owners' club is available for \$15.00 per year. Annual membership fees are due Dec. 31st. NNENO holds monthly meetings for members on the second Saturday of each month.

NNENO is a chapter of the International Norton Owners Association. Members are encouraged, but not required to join the INOA.

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

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