

## January 2019 DVNR Meeting

The DVNR met on January 20 at the home of Bob and Tari Norum for a meeting less gathering. The day had been predicted to have snow covered streets and extremely cold temperatures but the day turned out to be a great January day. 25 club members gathered for a friendly get together. The usual sociable conversation about anything and everything with plenty to eat and drink made the meeting a great social affair. I don't think I heard a disparaging word about anything all day.

Bob Norum announced that he had made up his mind that he was going to retire at the end of August and Tari was planning a LONG road trip (together) in her convertible in October. Tari wants to go down the Atlantic coast stopping often along the way, ending up in Florida. The trip will be the Norum's retirement kick off in their convertible.

Your's truly, DVNR Treasurer, was taking membership renewals and by the end of the day most of the attendees had filled out their form and forked over their hard earned \$15. We have 26 members who have paid 2019 dues at this writing. Dan Kimple became a new member.

Before lunch Pat Daloisio, El Presidente emeritus, had another part from his Combat that he wanted to use for a tech session. This days project was the removal of the crankshaft's main bearing inner races. Pat had worked on the bearing removal to no avail using an inferior tool borrowed from a nearby club member. The crankshaft was secured in Bob's bench vise, the bearing removal tool was clamped behind the race, a penny from Rich Casey's pocket was held over the end of the crankshaft and with a few turns of the draw bolt the bearing race was laying on the bench. Ditto on the opposite end of the shaft.

Pat next wanted to split the crankshaft to check the sludge trap. There were some differences of opinion here. Pat defended his decision saying that the engine failed because the left exhaust cam lobe had been wiped off. Pat expected to see metallic chips from the cam in the sludge trap. Having quelled the protests, Pat began to remove the bolts and studs. Within a few minutes the crankshaft was in three pieces. (Note: Pat had marked the crankshaft parts to the flywheel to index the reassembly). Sure enough there was a glob of goo inside the trap. I didn't witness the next act but Pat explained that he took a magnet and got it close to the glob and sure enough, the glob jumped off the crank and clung to the magnet. The mystery of where did the metal chips from the cam lobe go was answered.

Tari had been busy putting out large pizzas and a large pot of her home made very tasty Chili. A generous amount of corn bread was piled beside the Chili. The food went quickly! Of course the adult beverage was going fast from the beginning of the gathering. Bob kept busy restocking the refrigerator.

President George announced that he has not heard from Washington Crossing Park regarding our request for use of the park on April 28. George also reminded everyone that the February meeting would be held at Young Jersey Dave's (Dave Behnken's) home in Bloomsbury NJ.

Members were leaving while the sun was shining brightly about 2:30. We beat the deep freeze.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dan Sellers - DVNR Treasurer