

What a glorious day for our motorcycle meeting. Clear crisp February morning with no rain or snow to contend with. Roger Rinker, Charlotte and myself arrived at host Dave Behnken's home and saw that the event was underway and cars were lined up along his entire driveway but there was still plenty of parking available. The garage door was open as a welcome to guests and right off the bat we saw Dave's '67 (I think) Camero SS that was a sight to behold. A perfect restoration in every way and without a doubt the 396 cu in engine would easily break tires free in an instant.

Dave's Triumph Tiger 1050 stood against the back wall. But where were Dave's bikes?

We entered the living quarters and the party was well underway with the usual beverage, coffee and pastries. There may have been more but greetings and membership forms kept me too busy to survey everything.



We worked our way to the basement where our gang was milling around studying Dave's collection. Lots to look at and there were examples of Norton in all stages of repair.

Dave now has a Triumph Trident T160 which as you may know were built in the same factory as the Norton MKIII. Is there a companion MKIII in Dave's future?

One isle of the basement had an assortment of Norton fuel tanks and side covers in a variety

Club members have plenty of projects to inspect.



of paint schemes. Next to the sheet metal there were a pile of Norton advertising photos with each of the paint schemes for Commandos and MKIII Commandos. Truly impressive.

Jack Kimple and Bill Casey check out the sheet metal and an early Atlas.



Don Roy, Road Captain Dave and March's meeting host Todd Robertson study the T160.



Tom Weisel and Bob Gilfillan study a 74 Commando hung from the ceiling like a slab of meat. The engine and transmission are in the frame but everything is floating. There is a problem with the replacement adjustable isolastic mount. Problem solved.

President George made several attempts to round up wandering members to get the meeting underway and prepare for lunch scheduled to follow the meeting.

Once most of us had vacated the basement Pres George called the 31 members, one guest, 4 dogs and three cats to order. George announced that he received the Washington Crossing Park Contract for Sunday April 28 as we requested. The event insurance and park contract will be taken care of right away. There is no need to



Pat and Bob in a technical discussion.

get more shirts with most of what we bought last year stored at his home. Next month we will discuss job assignments for the day of the “Gathering”. One thing that needs to be discussed is the food caterer.

Bob Katz stated that he had spoken to the owner at the local Mission Barbeque to see if they were willing to cover our event. Bob will check and see if they are still onboard. Bob will report back.

Treasurer Dan stated the our Contract with the park permits us to reserve the same weekend next year if we submit the request in writing within one week of our event. Dan stated that we have to move the date every couple of years for the Easter Holiday. Dan suggested the members consider holding the event on the fourth Sunday from this year on. Several members said that it made sense. Please think it over and come back next month with your thoughts.



President George addresses the group.

Tony Morgano raised a question regarding the Pete Gallo Long Distance Award. Tony stated that most of the members know by now that he is planning to move to Florida by the middle of Summer if all goes well. Tony would like to know if it is practical to consider entering his Norton in the mileage contest now that he expects to have more time and Florida is a ride all year state. Does someone have the rules in writing so he could find out if he is eligible to compete for the award.

No one knew if or where the rules were written. Dan thought the rules were in Pat’s head. Tony said he would like to get that done by the next meeting.



George, out of the picture, has almost everyone's attention. Rare photo!

George reviewed some dates of motorcycle events that will happen this summer. First is the Martins Motorsport Annual Modern Classics show starting Friday night March 1 and Saturday March 2 in Boyertown PA. The AMCA Swap Meet at Oley is Friday and Saturday April 26, 27 before our "Gathering". On May 19 the Classic Motorcycle Day has moved it's location to Mt. Airy Maryland. Time is 10 AM to 4 PM. Then there is the National Triumph meet in Oley PA. on June 21, 22 23 just before the INOA rally. Next and foremost is the INOA National Rally in Brooklyn Michigan on June. 24 to 27, leave Friday June 28. Mid Ohio Vintage Motorcycle Days is July 5 – 7. Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham AL is October 4 – 6.

Next topic was a question regarding a club activity for this summer. Several members had talked about a trip to Bill's Old Bike Barn in Berwick PA. The destination is about 100 miles one way and would be an easy ride for a vintage bike. We could ride up on a Saturday morning, spend the afternoon touring the museum, spend the night in a local motel, ride home on Sunday morning. We could try to arrange for a truck to get Todd home on Sunday or just put a limit on red wine consumption. Target date might be July or August. A poll of the members was taken and most were in favor of such an activity.

Chris Owen asked if there might be any interest in a ride to Lake Wallenpaupack. Chris has a couple of cabins on the lake with accommodations for about 20 persons (didn't go into detail if any of that were double beds). Chris stated that there is a motorcycle club who annually do a ride around the lake. He suggested that we could join the group to take advantage of their traffic control. Chris said he would research to date of the ride.

Dan suggested that we could do our own ride around the lake anytime. Depending on the number we could break into two or three groups for a ride around the lake. It was decided that we should investigate this activity as an alternate to Bill's Old Bike Barn. Pat added that the third weekend in August would be great.

George called upon Treasurer Dan to give his financial report to the membership. Dan gave details of the funds and the State of the Treasury is good.

Tony Morgano announced that he brought a box of towels today. A box would be by the garage door. They make good rags for the garage. Help yourself.

George announced that next month we meet at Todd Robertson's in Phillipsburg NJ.

Post Meeting Notes: (1) Frank Mohr expects to be able to host his annual "Tune Up Day" before the Gathering in April.

(2) To date 39 members have paid their dues for 2019.

A great lunch was served by host Dave Behnken. More than enough for all.

After the meeting Pat Daloisio brought out his Combat oil pump as a tech session. The pump was completely disassembled and was subject to inspection by anyone who would give an opinion. After close inspection by more than 6 members it was determined that the parts were all junk. First, the pump gears and especially the driven gear had noticeable burrs and protrusions on them. The pump body had deep scoring on the pump cavities. The pump cover could no doubt be restored with some serious lapping. The drive gear on the shaft looked OK. Three months ago we condemned the spare camshafts Pat brought to a meeting, now we condemned the oil pump. Pat was seeing \$\$ signs!



Pat diagnoses Combat Oil Pump

By 3:00 most of us were on our way home.

Respectfully Submitted
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FYI

The link to the INOA National Rally's Registration Form:

<https://nortonrally.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-INOA-PNPM-RegForm-v2.pdf>