

Well, spring has finally arrived. I think we were all just waiting for winter to end. I won't have time to get in the garage to do some tweaking to the Norton until next week, but I have had the Triumph out twice.

The batteries are charged, time to pick up a few extra spark plugs check the tires, oil and chains, then go out for a nice spring shake off ride. Shake off the cobwebs, and any parts that haven't been loctited when they were bolted on.

I'm looking for people to ride to the "Gathering of the Nortons" at Washington's Crossing State Park on Sunday April 28. Be prepared to get up early. its best to get there by 10 am, as things start to break up around 12 - 1 pm. We ususally meet by 7:30 am in Brooklyn and head south. Anyone interested in meeting up and riding down contact me and let me know were you are coming from and we can co-ordinate routes, times, and when and where to meet. Call, text or email me. 347.881.6490

Part of the line up at last years "Gathering".



Next event is a ride to/drive to rain or shine meeting for Saturday, May 4th
Location :The Original Mickey's Igloo Ice Cream restaurant 416 East Chester Street, Kingston,NY. Directions: 9W North to Flatbush Avenue (left turn),and another left turn onto East Chester Street. From 9W heading south cross Flatbush and continue onto East Chester Street.

Since Mickey's is an outdoor seating only place, if its a rainy day drive to location is : Kings Valley Diner, 617 Ulster Ave Kingston, NY 12401.
Directions: 9W north, left onto 32, (Flatbush Avenue) slight right onto Foxhall Avenue past Sunoco station, slight right onto Albany Avenue past KFC, straight on to Ulster Ave, Left onto Development Ct. and "Robert's your mother's brother"! Cranky Frankie, John Taylor, both these places

are no where near the Rondout area that was cordoned off for the soap box derby last year. We are going to continue the dialogue JT, Cranky and I started concerning our hosting of the INOA Rally in 2020. Once again we will have it at the Blackthorne Resort, in July. I need to see who is going to be able to contribute time with tasks before and during the rally. The Michigan chapter, hosting this year has 96 members. Our core group is about a dozen people. We hosted a great Rally last time, and I expect this time will be even smoother.

The next big event we usually attend is the **Annual Jampot Rallye June 20-23** at Blackthorne Resort (Weldon House) East Durham, NY jampotrallye.org

Matchless line up at the Jampot Rallye from 2017.



However, this year the dates for the Jampot are too close to the dates for the INOA International Rally at Juniper Hills Campground, Brooklyn MI June 24-27, 2019 for me to be able to ride to both. I will be skipping the Jampot and riding out to the INOA Rally as will several of our members.

I preregistered for the rally last week and I'm planning on leaving on Saturday, June 22nd, but may not be able to leave until Sunday June 23rd, With stops for gas, food and taking a break now and then I think 2 days is a reasonable estimate, traveling by bike. Lets start discussing travel plans. Before you know it, it will be time to leave.

Below: Some Photos from the "Commando 50th year Celebration" at the Union Garage last Fall.

Jamie Waters' "Space Frame" Commando with JPN fairing



Jamie Waters' Production Racer



Kenny Cummings' Race bike



The Concours at the 2017 Rally in Buena Vista, VA.



One of the New "Royal Enfield" twins at the Javits Show



Cranky Frankie was in town to join Marty, Mike T and me for a whisky tasting last week. I finally got my wish. Cranky got to experience taking a car ride covering 6 miles of Brooklyn that took about an hour and twenty minutes. He forgot what traffic and road construction around NYC was like. A Nightmare!

As Dean Martin used to say "Keep those cards and letters coming". In our case email and text messages.

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