

DVNR Trip to Lake Wallenpaupack, August 2019

It was at the March meeting when member Chris Owen offered to host a weekend in the Pocono Mountains on Lake Wallenpaupack. Chris's family has three rustic cabins right on the Lake and has sleeping accommodations for more than 20 people. The distance from say Washington's Crossing is about 110 miles. The activities available are swimming in the lake, do a motorcycle ride around the lake (about a hour ride) several restaurants nearby. More to do in nearby Hawley, just minutes away. The meeting attendees agreed that the trip would be a good summer activity. It was agreed upon to schedule the event for the third weekend in the month of August.

There were 12 members who committed to the trip. Far fewer than expected but those who were going were anxious for a weekend away.



Pat Daloisio and Dave Glover made plans to ride up Friday afternoon and spend both Friday and Saturday nights.

I made plans to ride up with Bob Katz on Saturday morning. Bob and I met at a fuel stop on Rt 611 just below Riegelsville. When I pulled up I was surprised to see David Behnken on his Norton. I soon found out that Dave was just there to say hello and had to mosey back home. As we prepared to depart, lo and behold Frank Mohr pulled in on his Norton.



Pat Daloisio and Dave Glover arrive on Friday evening.

Bob Katz, Frank Mohr and myself (Dan Sellers) meet near Riegelsville

With Bob leading, three Nortons would ride together to Chris Owen's Cabins. We agreed on a route that would keep us off highways for the entire trip. It was about 10:30 when we pulled out. Although it was a hot day most of the route was shaded by forest. It was just before Noon when we arrived. It was a great ride through the mountains.

Some of our gang was readying for a hot dog and hamburger lunch with lots of fixings and of course adult beverage in abundant quantity. Besides our hosts Chris and Heidi, there was Pat and Dave who came on Friday afternoon. Ken Kopec and Mitchell Green had arrived in the AM, Pres George pulled in shortly after us, Rick Hill came midafternoon. Counting myself, Bob and Frank we were a party of eleven Nortoneers. We all had a great lunch with plenty to eat.



Bike Corral on Saturday after lunch

After lunch we hiked down to the edge of the lake. There we met Chris & Heidi's very well behaved Golden Retrievers who enjoyed our company and made us feel at home.



We decided to take the journey around the lake before we started serious drinking of ice cold beverages. Frank led the way. We discovered that you don't see much lake from the West side but you get an idea just how big Lake Wallenpaupack is.

Some Wallenpaupack facts:

Lake Wallenpaupack is a man-made lake built in 1927 for hydroelectric power. The lake has huge dimensions - 5,700 acres, 13 miles long with 52 miles of shoreline. The lake has six recreation areas featuring hundreds of acres of forest lands, wildlife, walking trails, campsites and boat slips.



I've heard the DVNR referred to as the "Delaware Valley Riders" by our sister clubs because there were few Nortons among those who rode to eventst. Here is proof that we ride our Nortons with all but one Norton in this group. From the front: Frank, Bob, Ken, George and Dan. Pat and Dave also on Nortons went swimming.

The ride was a good hour in length and when we came back we enjoyed the lakeside experience. George called everyone together to hold an update meeting. There were no specific plans for any meetings following this event.

Meeting Notes:

President George called the attendees to order.

Several of our group were planning to attend this year's Nation's Capital Rolling Thunder being held in Fort Ashby WV on the second weekend in September. (I just came home from that event and the weather was perfect and the location was right in the middle of many West Virginia roads with little to no traffic). With no host in mind it was decided that the Rolling Thunder would be the club event for September and NO ADDITIONAL meeting would be held.

The October meeting was discussed. Bob Katz will check with David Vezzosi to see if he would be willing to open up his bike collection on the third Sunday of October 10/20/2019. Bob would check with Dave and get back to us. October would also be the Nomination of Officers for 2010. Officers would be President, Treasurer, Secretary/Legislative Officer, and appointed Road Captain. If you are interested in any office contact Pres. George.

Bob Katz offered to host the November meeting on Nov. 17. This would be the Election of Officers nominated in October. Bob always has some interesting projects going on in his shop for a tech session. If you have something to take apart after the meeting bring the idea to the Oct meeting. Taking things apart is fun, we just hope we can get them back together.

The 2019 Christmas Party was discussed by those at hand. There is NO Host for the party at this time. If you would or could host this year's party, please let George know. George's phone is 267-2183-0965 or personal email is g_roetenberg@msn.com. Let Pres George know what date you would be able to host the party.

No other business was brought before the officers The meeting was adjourned in order at about 4 PM..

We roamed the site and chatted with our fellow members during the rest of the afternoon.



View down the hill toward Cabin 1. We were sleeping in cabins #2 and #3. The lake is further down the hill.

Soon it was time to have dinner and what a dinner it was.



Rick Hill performs an inspection of portions of the meal before it is served. Here we see ample portions of spare ribs and baked beans.



Heidi Owen looks on as we fill our plates of a thoughtfully prepared evening dinner.

Shortly after dinner we made the trek down to the lake again to watch the sun set over Lake Wallenpaupack.



Looking South on Lake Wallenpaupack before sunset.



Guardian of the Lake.



While the sun is setting over the Lake there is a
The Owen's Neighbors leaving on their boat before dark.



We all watched as the sun went down over the Lake. As luck would have it the sky was a bit cloudy at dusk and the sunset was not one of the best but the lightning flashes all over the sky was a spectacular sight. We had a few sprinkles but not enough to make anything wet.

After sunset we went back up the hill and Chris showed us that he is, without a doubt, a party animal with unlimited energy to go long into the night. Chris brought out his collections of concert videos adding to the atmosphere. Great music but NO DISCO for me, kept us entertained while we partied away the night.

We slowly retired to our bunks one at a time. All but one of us was up bright and early on Sunday morning packing and enjoying another hardy home cooked breakfast.

We packed our bikes and said farewell to the Owens and their secluded mountain hide a way. Many thanks to Chris and Heidi for all the preparation and work that went into making our trip a time to remember.



Packing the bikes to leave on Sunday Morning.



Taken after our Saturday Afternoon Meeting. George, Dan, Ken, Pat, Bob, Frank, Heidi, Dave Mitchell, Rick. Chris is taking the photo.

We left before 9:30 with 5 Nortons riding together. Dave led Frank, Bob, Pat, and myself. The ride home was as nice as the ride up and I was home a few minutes after Noon.