



October Meeting at John Stinson's

The weather for the October meeting was as good as a fall day could be. We scheduled a Group Ride but no one was designated to lead it. No matter, I do not believe anyone showed up at the take off location. Plenty of bikes showed up anyway. I dusted off Number 1 Son Norton, no worse for wear from Rolling Thunder. Soon-to-be-

Big news! The Hogslayer committee has been formed and I am not on it!! This is better news than the Playmate of the Year bringing free beer to my house. Jeff and Chris, who make up the committee, will study the engineering challenges needed by the club's pig cooker. I know many of you are thinking the fate of the 'Slayer could be the biggest challenging facing the Nation today. Stock Market? Who cares? Presidential election? So what? Hogslayer Repairs? Now this warrants national news coverage. Expect coverage in this rag throughout the winter.



L to R: Dale Findley, Mike Bader, Don Broxson, Sandy Banfield, Terry Parker, Jim Baker, Burt Upchurch, Chris Greenbacker, Tom Glinka, Dave Hepner, Dana Manganaro, Sam Manganaro, Jeff Burns, Patsy Burns, Linda Findley, Mort Simon, Byron Ricketts, Diana Hepner, John Stinson, Cindy Albee, Patrick Albee, TIm Klima, Dave Jr., Dave Miller, Harry Hurt. Photo: Blair Chapman

new-Dad Sam Manganaro showed up on a bump-start only 98 Buell for the short ride to John Stinson's place for the meeting. To add vintage Brit Bike authenticity to the ride, the Buell began an imitation of a 70's British twin by pitching off parts along the way. But unlike some of my parts shedding episodes of the past, nothing was lost that a pair of vice grips clamped to the bike could not handle.

After milling about smartly in John's driveway, we convened the meeting inside. Guests included Sandy Banfield, who rode a really nice Moto Guzzi 850T and David Miller's son, who turned 15 that day. Oh yeah, Dana, Sam's better half arrived with Little Sam in the oven.

The next thing we talked about I'm not going to record. No it was not an NCNO Dead Horse, it's a surprise to someone, stay tuned.

The Virginia British Motorcycle Club Boys and Girls put on their annual Rallye in Leesburg the weekend before. The weather was perfect and the turn out of vendors and bikes was as good as it has been recently. We judged the Norton show entries and I am happy to say two club members won for their bikes, Mark LaPierre's 1971 Commando and Tom Glinka's 750. There were several other very nice Commandos including a mat gray "bobber" and a very trick 850 Interstate. The bike that stole the show was a Triumph with a modern Bonnie engine in a totally



custom frame. It looked like a 1920's board racer. It had a TON of very custom machining and the paint was superb. I was also happy to see Angel's Mark III Rude Bike is back in action with a new rude paint job to restore it to its rude glory after visiting friend rudely failed to navigate a turn on Mt Storm, WVA.

We talked a bit about Classic Motorcycle Day. While not scheduled until May 2009, it's not too early to plan for this event. Norton will be a featured brand with AJS and Matchless. We are looking into new arrangements for the club's traditional parking duties, which should free up members to bring their bikes out. We'll be reporting regularly on this event through the winter and spring. Stay tuned.

The Cycle World show at the DC Convention Center is the next event on our horizon. We haven't picked a theme but it will involve Norton! Like the last few years we'll need 8-10 bikes and volunteers to staff the display. The year the show is putting the vintage clubs and displays together. The vintage bikes are turning into quite a draw for the show.

Club Elections loom. We'll do the on-line voting as we did last year, that method was easy and added to the numbers of members who actually voted.



The NCNO Flyer is published monthly by the Nation's Capital 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 two weeks after the monthly meeting.

The Nation's Capital Norton Owners' principles are to promote the use and pride of Norton motorcycle ownership, and to provide an arena for the exchange of technical information and parts availability in an effort to extend the useful life of Norton motorcycles.

Membership in the Nations Capital Norton Owners club is available for \$20.00 per year. Annual membership fees are due March 20th. The March 20 fees will be waived for new members who joined between Jan 1 and March 20 of the current renewal year. NCNO holds monthly meetings for members the second Sunday of each month.

NCNO is affiliated with both the American Motorcycle Association and the International Norton Owners Association. Members are encouraged, but not required to join these organizations.

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Nominations opened and this year's list of potential victims are:

The Decider: Chris Greenbacker

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Activities Chairman: Mike Bader

Membership Secretary: Linda Findley

Rolling Thunder 2010 Chairman: Jim and Angel Sturgis, John Stinson

We closed the meeting and cleaned out the kitchen and the coolers. Thanks to John for hosting and hope to see yall at Jim and Angel's next month.

—Burt Upchurch

Etc.



Dave Gerberding sent a CD with a bunch of Rolling Thunder 26 photos. The photos (along with pix by Burt, Diana and Loretta) are [here](#). Speaking of Dave, proud grandparents Vicky and Dave also sent a

photo of Nesta's twins, sporting Norton patches.

The saga of modern Nortons continues . . . It seems that a British firm has bought the Norton name back from the ill-fated Kenny Dreer organization. The new owner races rotary-engined bikes and has plans to continue to develop and make new Nortons. [More info](#).

Cheaper/Better Oil for your Norton? This particular website was directed to Chris Greenbacker by Mike Mutter. Mike says that if you join/read the forum, a lot of guys are buying Shell Rotella diesel oil, instead of the stupid expensive made for severe "motorcycle use" type oils. Evidently the additives used in each are very close. www.bobistheoilguy.com

V BMC Rallye



Top: The talk of the Leesburg show was this special with a modern Triumph engine in turn-of-the-twentieth-century running gear. Photo: Blair Chapman

Middle: Burt Upchurch, Dave Martin at the NCNO tent. Photo: Dave Walsh

Bottom: Some of the Nortons at the VBMC Rallye. Photo: Blair Chapman

More pictures from the Oct 5th Virginia British Motorcycle Club Rallye [here](#).



Barber Vintage Festival, Birmingham, Alabama Oct. 17-19

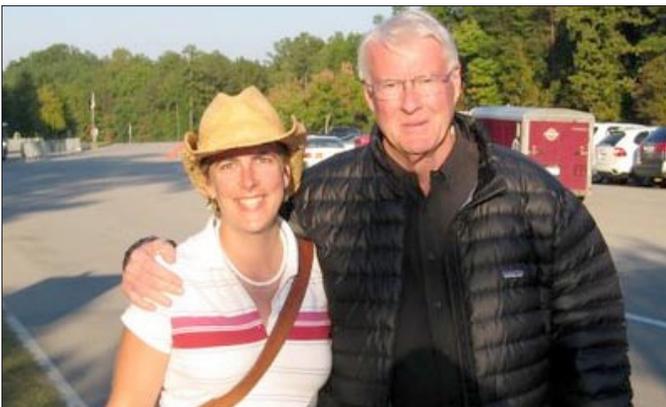


Above: Linda Findley, Alex McLean, Bob McKeever, Dale Findley, Patsy Burns, Joe Clemons. Photo: Jeff Burns

Right: Linda, Chris and Patsy inside the Barber Museum. Photo: Jeff Burns

Below: Alex McLean winning another race on the Manx. Photo: Patrick Albee

Bottom: Cindy Albee with Mr. Barber. Photo: Patrick Albee



Several NCNO members were at the Barbers Vintage Festival this year. Bob, Dale, Linda, Chris, Sam, Andy, Lynn, Patrick, Patsy & I. Everyone had a great time. Pat & Cindy got to meet and photo George Barber.

As usual McKeever's Champagne Team with Alex McLean was a winner.

—Jeff Burns

More pictures from the Barber Vintage Festival [here](#).

Coming Events

November 8, 2008 NCNO Meeting

Angel & Jim Sturges, 18004 Lincoln Road, Purcellville, VA 20132-4033. Time: 1:00 pm. Joint meeting with the Virginia British Motorcycle Club. NCNO nominations will close at this meeting



NCNO Holiday Party

Date, location to be determined.

December 14, 2008 NCNO Meeting

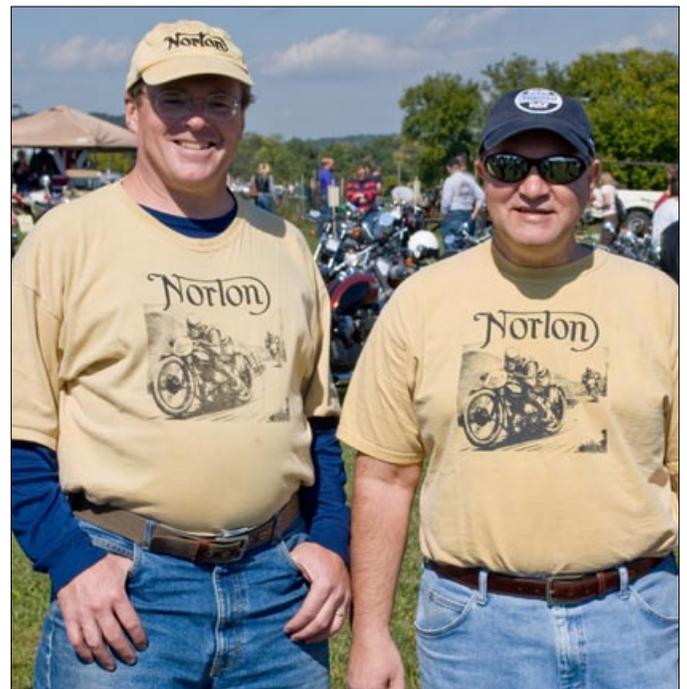
Burt Upchurch's, 811 E. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. Phone: 703-536-3672 Time: 1:00 pm.

January 9-11, 2009 Cycle World International Motorcycle Show

Washington Convention Center. [More info](#)

January 11, 2009 NCNO Meeting

Chris Greenbacker's, 3819 Van Ness St., NW, Washington, DC 20016 Time: 1:00 pm.



**NOMINATIONS FOR
2009 NCNO OFFICERS
CONCLUDES AT THE
NOVEMBER MEETING**



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Are you a member of the AMA? No Yes AMA # _____

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