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The NCNOC is affiliated with both the Norton Owner's Club of England (NOC) <http://nortonownersclub.org/> and the International Norton Owner's Association (INOA) <http://inoanorton.com/> see page 13.

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*I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)*

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*I have read and agree to the additional terms and conditions set forth on all parts of this application. Other affiliated clubs and organizations are also represented and protected by this release.*

**Applicants Signature and date (required)**

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Join our club Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorCalNOC/>

\*The NCNOC is associated with both the NOC and the INOA You can join the INOA and the NOC from our website at [Nortonclub.com](http://Nortonclub.com)

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## Member Information:

**Norton Notice;** your club newsletter is a bi-monthly publication and is available in full color printable PDF form on line at your club website Nortonclub.com see "Norton Notice".

**Norton Notice submissions and articles;** All members are encouraged to write about your Norton, motorcycle riding or mechanical experiences. Please submit via E mail, pictures (Jpeg format) and tidbits are welcome. All submission subject to edit for space or content. Send to loringuy@yahoo. Or from your Club Website : Editors

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**Club Events;** Club events are printed in your mailed Norton Notice; page 3, "2014 Ride and Event Diary". Club events are in "bold print" type, other events of interest to the club are in regular type. Feel free to invite your nonmember friends to rides and events, we are an open club, although a liability release needs to be signed (the club "sign in sheet") everyone signs before events.



**2015 RIDE AND EVENT DIARY:** note: dates in bold are NCNOC club events those not in bold are events of interest to the club. **For event details see your club website at Nortonclub.com.**

**Thurs, January 08 -Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark**

Thurs-Sat, January 8-10: Vintage Motorcycle Auctions, Las Vegas, NV

**Sun, January 11: Polar Bear Ride**

Sat, January 17: BSAOCNC AGM, Oakland

Sun, February 01: Sacramento Swap meet (look on web for details)

**Thurs, February 12: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo**

**Sun, February 15: Sweetheart Ride**

Sat, February 28: BSAOCNC Delta Ride, Rio Vista

**Thurs, March 12 : Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop, Campbell**

**Sat, March 14: Bring out your (almost) dead: see website for details**

**Sun, March 15: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up 10am start, at Alice's**

Sat, March 28: BSA Clubman's Show, annual includes all Nor-Cal British Clubs

**Sun, March 29: Morning After Ride. BSA Club lead ride and points ride for NCNOC members.**

**Thurs, April 09: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark**

Sat-Sun, April 11-12: BSAOCNC&SC Mid-State Ride, Carmel

**Sun, April 12: Santa Cruz Mtn, Goldwater Ride**

Fri-Sun, April 17-19: SCNOC Death Valley Ride

Thurs-Fri, April 30-May 1: AHRMA, Sears Point

**—Always check your club on line calendar for updates and your Yahoo Group for up to the minute ride and event information.**

## President's Message:

by Ken Armann



Welcome all to a brand new year, time to look forward to exciting times with our friends. Last year was good and our Christmas (Holiday) party was another great success thanks to our host and hostess, thank you very much for inviting us all into your home once again Lorin and Kathryn.

I am going to try and push the membership in 2015 to bring in fresh ideas for rides and places we should hold meetings, we have gotten somewhat "stale" in my opinion and we need to stir things up a little. We really need to encourage

young people to join us and help them to feel included so we can continue as a club. It would be really great if each current member could bring in at least one new member during the coming year, something simple like carrying one of the club cards and leaving it with a bike or the owner (no matter what type of bike, vintage is good) would do wonders for us and raise awareness that we are here and welcoming to all who are interested. This is the goal of our participation in so many shows and events during the year. I would also like to get back to doing some club fund raising, so try to not be surprised if we bring back some old tricks like the 50/50 pot split at meetings and having your arm twisted to donate a motorcycle part or accessories, buy one, donate one, so we can auction or raffle it off.

I would like to thank those who work tirelessly and do so much to keep the club moving along and hope I will not interfere too much, however know how much your efforts are appreciated by myself and the entire club membership.



## INOA and the NOC Happenings:

The NCNOC is associated with the **NOC** of England (Norton Owner's Club) After years of establishing ourselves as the Norton representatives in the USA we joined with the **INOA** (International Norton Owner's Association). We highly encourage all members to join both organizations, for the benefits to you and your club.

### Coming events in the INOA:

#### INOA Norton Carolina Rally

July 13-17, 2015 Asheville, NC Details to follow

### Coming events in the NOC:

#### The NOC will be at Race-Retro again Event details

Feb 20, 2015 09:30 AM to

Feb 22, 2015 04:30 PM

Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, CV8 2LZ

Contact Name Jim Brown

The NOC Events team will be at Race-Retro with a display of Norton racing machines.

#### You can join the NOC at:

[www.nortonownersclub.org/membership](http://www.nortonownersclub.org/membership)

#### You can join the INOA:

[www.inoanorton.com/Membership/](http://www.inoanorton.com/Membership/)

**MotorCycle Logic:** If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride. Author Unknown

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## Lucas Electrical Theory:

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets. Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd. (This has also been referred to as the "smoke theory" because when the smoke comes out its finished, cooked or done for.)

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## Rusted Nuts and Stupid (Simple) Shop Tricks and Tips

By Fred Fortune @ Fred's Garage

- Mr. Science has a physics tip next time you want to drain fuel from your tank and don't want (or care) to disconnect the fuel line or worse give the transfer hose a deep suck and destroy all your lung's alvioli. All you need are two flexible 1/4" or 3/8" hoses and a shop rag. Place the end of one tube so it touches the bottom of your tank with its other end in a safe receptacle nearby (styrofoam is definitely out unless you're making napalm). Place the end of the second tube above the level of the gasoline and stuff the remaining gap in the filler neck tightly with a shop rag. Now blow into the second tube and voila. You've increased the atmospheric pressure inside the tank forcing the gas up and over the lip of the filler neck. Once it's over the edge and down past the interior level of fuel, the siphon effect will take over and you can turn loose of the rag. By the way this works great on the road to transfer gas from your buddy's Interstate to your Commando.

- Old, well-washed terrycloth towels make excellent shop rags. Since they come in standard sizes, fold them down to shop rag size and cut along the folds with your switchblade or a pair of sturdy scissors to make a neat, semi-professional looking stack. Use up the floral patterned ones first to maintain some level of coolness in your shop.

- Safety wire pliers are a handy tool to have. Cheap too, \$12 at Harbor Freight. Unfortunately when you snip the ends of the twisted wire, that pointy, sharp-edged snip goes flying. Solution is to fill the cutting cavity with a glob of silicon, let dry and split with a razor knife. This acts as a holder next time you trim a wired nut or bolt. By the way safety wire pliers (and the stainless wire, .032ish recommended) can be used as a cool old school replacement for hose clamps. One application is usually all you need at a hose end, just don't twist too tight or you'll cut the hose. Remember to use oil or gas-safe tubing.

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## Jus sayin:

The New Year is here and we are moving forward into another year of great rides, fun events and motorcycling madness. The Club activities are being reviewed and updated, the majority are being put into the Website On Line Calendar as we speak. You can always check your coming NCNOC events on the Website, Nortonclub.com see "Calendar".

The Norton Notice mailing list is being updated, after a melt down the list has been reconfigured and we are working hard to update all the information, as well as including again membership due dates.

The Norton Notice is still on a bi-monthly basis and has been working out great that way, or so we seem to believe, from the "editors" stand point it has been good, as finding and filling the pages with articles and stories is challenging for a monthly periodical.

We are again bringing to the board the option of offering the choice of an electronic version as an option to the mailed version for those members who would rather. It's been working well for the BSA club and I'm sure we're as tech savvy as those guys.

I want to take on increasing and refining the Club's On line store in 2015, you know you can buy club t-shirts and other accessories from our website at Nortonclub.com, "Merchandise". I'd like to see more offered and of course updated pix.

The club still needs a "Rides Coordinator" it's a board seat and the duties are not complicated, but they are important, and it does require someone who attends a lot of rides. If interested contact Ken Arman.

Kathryn and I wanted to thank everyone who came to and helped with the clubs annual Holiday Party, we enjoyed having so many of you at our home.

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## Tragedy strikes Norton Racing Legend Dick Klamfoth, Loses all his worldly positions.

**By Don Emde:** Three-time Daytona 200 winner Dick Klamfoth and his wife, Bev, narrowly escaped a fire that raced through their home in Thornville, Ohio, early Saturday, December 20. Details are still sketchy, but what we know is the fire destroyed all of their worldly possessions.

**AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame:** Dick Klamfoth will forever be associated with the Daytona 200. At the age of 20, Klamfoth burst onto the motorcycle racing scene in March of 1949 when he rode to a surprise victory in the 200 riding a NORTON motorcycle on his very first attempt. Klamfoth won the spring classic again in 1951 and 1952 to become the first three-time winner of America's most famous motorcycle race.

As a rookie expert, Klamfoth didn't expect to set any records at Daytona in 1949, but he did just that. Riding conservatively in the beginning, Klamfoth steadily picked up his pace forging his way through the field en route to winning the 200 with a record average speed of 86.42 miles per hour. Klamfoth led a Norton sweep of the top-three finishers, with Billy Mathews and Tex Luse taking second and third. Klamfoth described what it was like to race in his first Daytona 200:

"I didn't try to break any records early on. With 100 bikes on the course the traffic was pretty thick and I just wanted to stay out of trouble. The Harleys and Indians had more brute horsepower and would pull past me on the soft sand of the beach side. But, the Norton had a lot more top speed back down the paved highway side and I'd really fly past people."

**Emde:** In the 1990s, Dick and Bev secured a small plot of land along the beach in Daytona Beach, Florida, and raised money to build the Daytona 200 Monument. It is dedicated to the champions of Daytona 200 races held on the beach from 1937 to 1960.

As they begin to rebuild their life, a fund has been created to receive donations. Log onto: [www.gofundme.com/klamfothfirefund](http://www.gofundme.com/klamfothfirefund)



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**Right:** AGM ride start for 2014 Alan Goldwater lead the ride that arrived at the first site of the picnic just in time.



**Below:** Mike Sullivan and Kathryn Guy man the booth at the 2014 IMS at San Mateo Ca. The club made a fantastic showing and sold a bunch of club T-shirts thanks to Harry and Isabel .



**Below right:** Club readies for the Sweet Heart Ride in February, In front of the famous Florence Lounge in Niles Ca. Ray, Tom, Alan, Frank, John, Andrew and David. This is always a great ride.



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Left: Burr, Freeze Ride 2013 Members Alan Goldwater, Terry Morrison and Lynn Miller gather to talk about the route.. Or just how cold it is.

Below: NCNOC Shows again the Quail Motorcycle Gathering in May 2014, Members all enjoyed the event and the club looked great!

Below: Gathering for the start of the Morning After Ride with the BSA Club the Norton contingent was looking good.

The Ride lead by NCNOC member Ray Pallett was exciting and well crafted. And no "get off's this year, how about that !!



Below: In our 5th year of Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up , Members making a difference for the roads we love to ride.





## **The NCNOC 2015 Events**

*NCNOC events in "bold" other events of interest are not. See on line calendar for more info on events and rides. Nortonclub.com*

*Handy Pull out for your fridge door!*

**Thurs, January 08: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark**

Thurs-Sat, January 8-10: Vintage Motorcycle Auctions, Las Vegas,

**Sun, January 11: Polar Bear Ride (see Website)**

Sat, January 17: BSAOCNC AGM, Oakland

Sun, February 01: AMC Dixon Swap meet

**Thurs, February 12: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo**

**Sun, February 15: Sweetheart Ride (see Website)**

Sat, February 28: BSAOCNC Delta Ride, Rio Vista

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**Sun, April 12: Santa Cruz Mtn, Goldwater Ride (see Website)**

Fri-Sun, April 17-19: SCNOC Death Valley Ride

Thurs-Fri, April 30-May 1: AHRMA, Sears Point

Sun, May 03: Sacramento Swap meet

**Thurs, May 14: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo**

Fri-Sat, May 15-16: Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Carmel, CA.

**Sun, May 24: Mt. Hamilton Ride (see Website)**

Sat, May 30: BSAOCNC Mother Lode Ride, El Dorado Hills

## **Rides and Activities Calendar**

**Sun, June 07: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up**

**Thurs, June 11: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop,**

Fri-Sun, June 12-14: BSAOCNC&SC North Woods Ride,

Sat-Sun, June 20-22: Moto Melee;

**Sun, June 28: South Bay Ride (see Website)**

**Thurs, July 09: Monthly Meeting, Swiss Park, Newark**

Sat, July 11 : BSAOCNC Triples Ride, TBD

**Sun, July 12 : Ride -TBA (I can't go to the Rally Ride)**

Tues-Fri, July 14-17 : INOA Rally, North Carolina

Sun, August 02: Sacramento Swap meet

**Thurs-Sun, August 13-16: Dardanelle Campout**

**Sun, September 06: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**

**Thurs, September 10: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door,**

Sat-Sun, September 12-13 : Highland Games, Alameda;

**Sun, September 13: Delta Ride**

Sat, October 03: Gold Country Curmudgeons' Girder Fork Ride,

**Sun, October 04: AGM Ride & BBQ, Los Gatos Creek Park**

Thurs-Sun, October 8-11: Classic Motorcycle Rally, SLO

Sun, October 11: Watsonville Car Show & Fly-in, Watsonville

***Fri-Sun, October 30-November 1: IMS DISPLAY***

Sun, November 01: Sacramento Swap meet

Sat, November 07: BSAOCNC All-British Ride, Novato

Sun, November 08: SCNOC 34th annual Hansen Dam Ride

**Thurs, November 12: Monthly Meeting, Sonoma Chicken Coop, Campbell, Ca.**

**Sun, November 15: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**

**Sun, December 06: NCNOC Holiday Party**

**Sun, December 27: Freeze Ride**

Remember to Join the CLUB Yahoo group for up to the minute details and or changes to club events. Get more details on rides and events on the club website

Nortonclub.com