



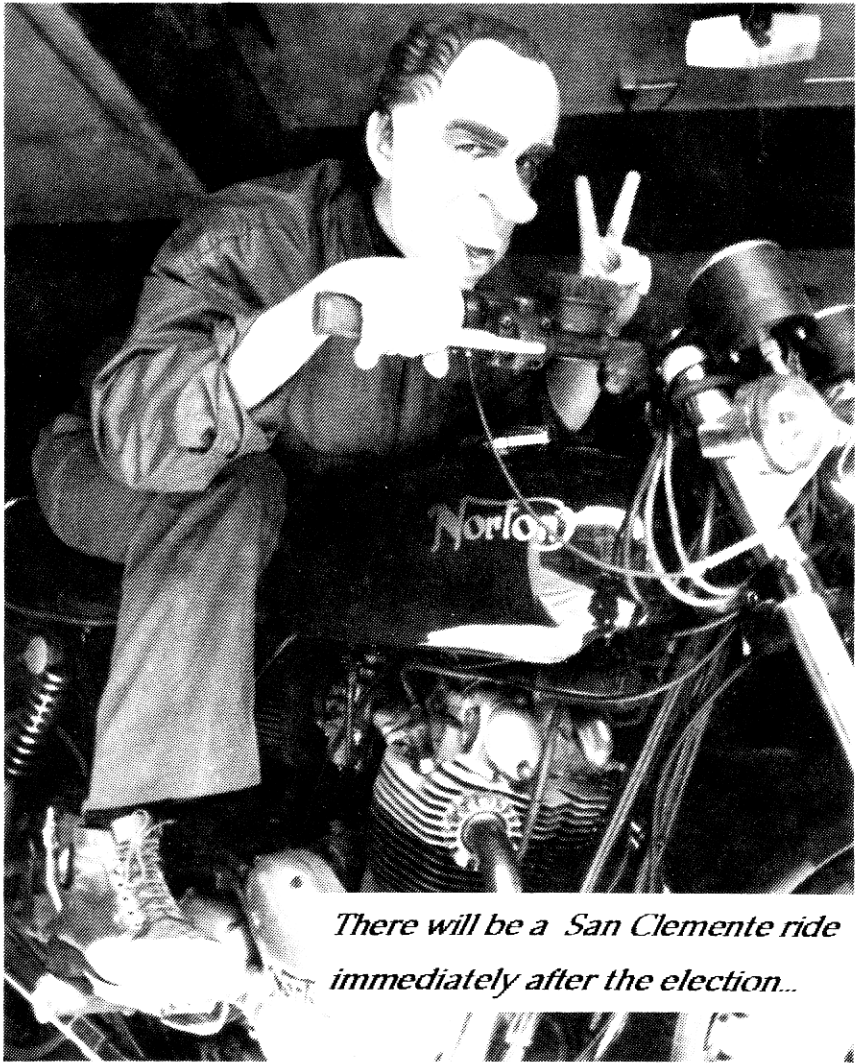
# Norton Notice



The Newsletter of the  
Northern California Norton Owners Club

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*There will be a San Clemente ride  
immediately after the election...*



## Norton Notice

is published by the Northern California Branch of the Norton Owners Club. Its purpose is to inform and entertain members regarding all aspects of the Norton motorcycle, including history, technical advice, and preservation of the marque.

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## Upcoming Events

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### Club Rides Schedule

#### *October 18th- The San Benito Ride*

Grover Buhr, ride leader. Another new one for the Club. Highway 25. Probably a lot more fun without 105+-degree weather.

#### *November 1st- The All-British Ride*

(the third annual Don Danmeier Birthday Party) Details inside...

*See the October Ride Report for further information*

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### Events Calendar

#### *Chicken Ranch Racing Promotions*

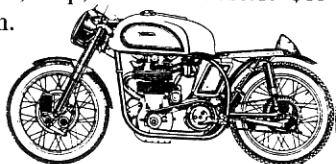
*presents a Vintage Extravaganza-  
"The Sights and Sounds of Yesteryear"*  
Argyll Park- call (916) 989-4938

#### *Vintage Motorcycle Classic on the US*

*Grand Prix Track- Hollister Hills,*  
October 24 and 25. Show & Swap Meet on the 24th, Races the next day. Call Butch Cochran at (408)847-4731 for info.

#### *The Annual Club Christmas Party*

*Farmhouse Restaurant in Redwood City*  
December 13th. Cocktails from 6-7, dinner served at 7PM. Prime rib, BBQ plate, seafood, soup, salad and Dessert- \$15 per person.



### Meeting Schedule

*The Club meets on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings are SUPPOSED to start at 8:00 PM, but they haven't done so for as long as I can remember...*

#### **November 12, 1992- East Bay**

**Brew Pub on the Green-**  
3350 Stevenson Ave., Fremont.

Fresh, cold beers made on the premises (the stout is heartily recommended), good food, and a large meeting room.

#### **December 10, 1992 - San Francisco**

**Tonto's Mexican Restaurant**

3155 Vicente Ave. (cross st. is 43rd)-  
Generous portions of great food, and the margaritas are killer!

#### **January 7, 1993- Peninsula**

**The Prince of Wales Pub**

25th, Avenue, San Mateo

A great selection of beers, a private meeting room, fish 'n chips, and dartboards

#### **February 11, 1993- South Bay**

**Harry's Hoffbrau**

El Camino Real near Castro Street. A large assortment of beers, a roomy meeting facility, and good cafeteria-style food.

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by Joe Edwards, President

Well... it looks like the Norton Gods took a liking to us on The Oldtimers Ride and Picnic. Give Mike and Lynne a big hand for that ride. From what I was told just about all had a great ride. Sorry about John and Carrie dropping that muffler. We had plenty of food, and the left-overs were donated to the Rescue Mission in San Jose. I hope that those folks enjoyed it as much as the Norton and BSA Clubs did. We also had some new members show up. I would like to thank Grover, Duncan, Brad, Cindy, and Shelley for all the help they gave getting things ready at the picnic site. Once more- why not say thank you to Mike and Lynne for picking the Huckleberry Flats site, it couldn't have been better.

For those of you who made the last meeting at the Prince of Wales, I would like to thank you for giving me a chance to let everyone who was in attendance give their input to the By-laws and their feelings on the Prince of Wales. The owner and his crew did a great job cleaning up the meeting room. Those who made it could see that things were much better. So, for the time being, it looks like we'll be at the Wales for a while longer. Once again the members of the club, who spoke on the matters at hand, showed that we have a large group of folks that do care about the Norton Club and not folks looking for some special interest.

Now that we have that out of the way, let's get on to other things, like rides and just talking about motorcycles. I hope that the membership will let us know what rides you would like to see on the

rides calender for this coming year. We'd like to have the 1993 rides calender in the December Norton Notice. We want to hear from our members in outlying areas, as well as you local ladies and gentlemen. Call me at the number listed in the inside front cover if you have any new ideas.

You've got two months to decide if you want to run for a Club Officer position. All spots will be open from president on down. For those of you who would like to give a year of service to your Club, we'd like for you to step forward. What we would like to have is some folks step up and nominate a friend or friends. We would then have elections at the Christmas party. Give it some thought....

Now I would like to jump back on the soapbox. At this time, I would like to announce to the membership that I would like to carry on as your president... We've made some inroads with this year's group of officers, and we can see a lot of bright things due to follow. The Bridge School Charity Ride, a full calender of rides, how about another Gathering of Nortons??? This year, we should become more active outside the area... meeting some of the Norton members both north of the bridge and the East Bay- also, we should have a joint ride to the south. All of you know that my only work has been to promote and expand our Club ... a club that has been around some time. If I can serve it as president, or in the capacity of a regular member, you will get nothing but 100% of my efforts to promoting the betterment of the Northern California Norton Owners Club.

## Minutes of September Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Edwards on September 10, 1992, 7:45 PM at Prince of Wales Pub in San Mateo. in attendance were 24 paid members- 4 new prospective members and guests. After a short discussion and inspection of the Pub, the motion was made to retain the Prince of Wales as a venue for NOC meetings... **passed : 22 for - 2 against.** Quote from Joe: "We stay." The next topic of conversation brought up for discussion were the proposed guidelines or By-laws for the NCNOC. Lynne Miller & Alan Goldwater (both past presidents) and Grover Buhr (Treasurer) brought up items such as officer's responsibilities, hold harmless, law suits, election of officers, amendments to By-laws, voting procedures, etc., etc. After much conversation (heated at times) the motion to accept the By-laws **passed : 20 for - 2 against.**

Other topics of discussion-

Incorporation of Club- Taxes, liability, growth of the membership in the club, control of assets. No action taken.

Lynne Miller stated that the Oldtimer's Ride would leave from Alice's Restaurant at 10 am sharp Sunday morning. Pictures and press coverage were expected by *Independent Biker*

*Magazine.* This is a ride not to be missed.

Joe Edwards requested that anyone wishing to submit alternative rides for next year do so soon so that they could be printed in the calender of events in the December Notice.

Jerry Joliff suggested a possible summer "Delta Run" to Frank's Tract-Mountain House.

Joe Edwards stated that the ground work for the Bridge School Benefit is going well. He hopes, with proper advertising, that this poker run will attract 2000 riders.

John Bria showed the new club t-shirt and promptly sold 15. (They really looked great.)

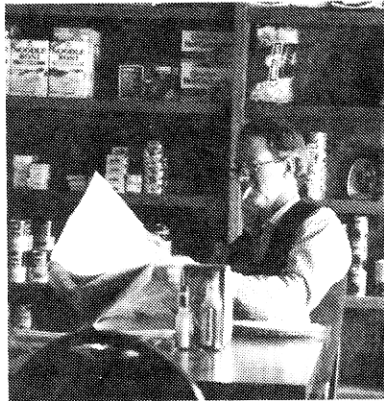
Don Danmeier let it be known that the All British Ride will leave from Baker's Square at 10 AM sharp.

Remember- this event is an ALL BRITISH ONLY ride, club members only. The quote of the night was, "This ride goes Don's way, or hit the highway." This is another ride that should not be missed.

15 Nortons were sighted outside the Prince of Wales + 2 BMW's...Good Show!

There were introductions of all attendees, and the meeting then adjourned at 9:35 PM.

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Duncan Ferguson***



## September Ride Report

*by Mike Burnham, Rides Marshall*

Sometimes things just come together, and everything goes right. It's bound to happen once in a while. The weather was hand picked, more autumn than summer. Translated, that means a cloudless day without the usual summer winds- and not too hot. The ride was short but sweet, departing Alices' promptly at 10:00, heading north on 35 to Tunitas Creek Rd., then out to the coast and south to San Gregorio with a photo and bull session at "YE OLDE PETROL STATION". Jim Munroe counted fifty-two motorcycles, and I knew there were still a few to come. After sufficient BS, the ride continues to Huckleberry Flat via Stage Rd, then Pescadero Rd. At Huckleberry Flat another M/C count by none other than Thackery Washer himself, revealed fifty-six motorcycles, and only three were non-Brit bikes. Not Bad. The Olde Timers Ride certainly has come along, what with the re-introduction of the club picnic coinciding with it, and of course let's not forget the BSA Club. They really helped to make it a special event. In the future, I think it would be great to invite a different club or clubs (some of them are rather small) as our guest. We could start with Ariel, and work our way through the alphabet. Well, it's a thought anyway. And speaking of making this a special event, Joe did a superb job with the food, and completed the way that everything just came together.

Next month's ride is courtesy of Grover Buhr down Highway 25 on October. It is a new one, so if you've been bored with the ride schedule, think of a new excuse. Or show up! Speaking of the ride's schedule, this year is coming to a close, and there are only two more scheduled rides left, so it is time to start thinking about next years rides. I thought it might be interesting to show how the ride schedule for the year is constructed, and also to illicit some new ideas, feedback, or complaints.

To start with, an events calendar is put together primarily by Don Danmeier, with input from many sources. It is as complete as can be humanly possible, so it doesn't predict if the Niners are going into the playoffs, just all the related vintage and antique motorcycle events, swap meets, British Bike Club events and meetings that have been scheduled AT THE TIME OF IT'S PUBLICATION, usually in January. It does not predict when these events will be re-scheduled, so when a club event conflicts with some other related event, it is not because someone has not done their homework. Honest. Obviously, from this we get our best guess ride dates, and thus it is written in stone. Almost. Once a date is set, I don't take casually the idea of changing that date, even if something does end up conflicting with it. The next bit is relatively simple, as you simply insert a handful of rides which are a given! The Easter Morning Ride, The Sierra Ride and Chili Cook -Off, The Oldtimers Ride and (presumably) Picnic, and The All\*British Ride. It is also safe to assume we will do another version of the Dardanelle thing. In addition to that, the one ride I would like to see redone from this year is Fred Twigg's North Bay Ride. Without the mishaps of course. Which leaves us with six possible rides left. It is in this area that I can use some feedback. In the past I have tried to choose by area, such as east bay, south bay, north bay, and peninsula. This gives people in those areas an opportunity to come out and play. If you would like to plan and lead a ride, or if you just have some ideas, come forward!

One last word on the subject of rides. November first is the All-British Ride and the last scheduled ride of the year. It is also one of the most fun events, and will help end the year on a high note. However, if your Brit-Bike ain't running, and show up on anything else, forget it baby, 'cause you're eighty-sixed. That could get embarrassing if you invite a friend who is not on a Brit-Bike, or is not a member of one of the Brit-Bike clubs, 'cause we'll send home in a heartbeat. Dems de rules on dis ride baby! Down the road!

## Membership and Money Report

### By Grover Buhr

Summer is officially over, so many of us are getting up in the dark now. You can't prove it by the afternoon temperatures, though. I have twice as many clothes going home from work than I want. The shorter daylight hours stir ancient English feelings in me: I want to tear down a motorcycle (a peculiarly British form of hibernation).

We received a note from old Ed Meagor. "Hi, Norton Owner's Club. Thank you for the *great* Old Timer's Ride and Picnic. The food was great! My wife and my Bote (?) loved the 60 mile ride! All of the Norton Owner's Club is invited to the Milani's GP Rally 1993 (free food to NOC) on Palm Sunday, March 4, 1993 (come after mass-G). 75 mi. or 50 mi. road side.- Old Ed."

The club has lost by non-renewal 29 members in the last two months. Is it something I said? Cough it up, Tim- what would we be without you? Anyway, we currently have 179 paying members, including two new victims: Chris Carroll of San Jose who rides a 1975 Roadster; and Allan Mueller of San Carlos who rides a Suzuki while his Norton is being stripped, tuned, tweaked, miked, porked (Ed.'s Note- !???... oh! PORTED! *Now* I can read the handwriting!), and generally Kenned down at Armann's.

Two notes about our complimentary members. Of the clubs we exchange newsletters with, only the North Texas sends me one of theirs. I'm going to tell the others that we expect one back from each one of them, or no more *Notices*. If someone else is getting these, please let me know. (Ed.'s Note: I receive the Monterey European M/C/C, the N.W. NOC, the Velocette O.C., the Southern California NOC, the Goldstar O.C., the BSA O.C., the Utah NOC, and- occasionally, through the good auspices of Lou Caputo, the Chicago NOC newsletters. Where in hell do you think

that I come up with some of the whacko ideas that get published here?!)

In another mood, we send a complimentary copy of the Notice to the editor of CityBike. I'm suggesting to the Club Officers that we stop. The recent October issue is offensive to British vehicles in general, Nortons in particular, and is pleased to be snotty about the NOC. Although the apparently immense insecurity of some "modern" motorcycle riders is their problem, the effort of affixing a label and stamp to a Notice destined for this publication is more than I care to waste. Finally, let me extend a warm, proxy "**thank you**" from the Munroe brothers, Bob Raber, Marshall, and anyone else who pays to advertise in this rag who craps on them.

We spent a lot of money during the recent quarter. The details are forthcoming in next month's centerfold.

The Vintage Extravaganza put on by Chicken Ranch Racing Promotions has been rescheduled for October 9, 10 and 11. This will be held at Argyll Park in Dixon. This should be a lot of fun. The BSA Club's East Bay Ride may decide to stop by, who knows (...well, I guess Dave Russell knows...)?

The San Benito Ride will be on October 18th, leaving from "Just Breakfast" on Monterey Highway in San Jose at 9:30 AM. It'll be cooler than when we did the trial run for this event in August, so Andy will make it with a minimum of belly aching. Those who live in Santa Cruz or Monterey can meet us at the general store in Paicines on Route 25 at 10:30 AM. Gas up in Hollister. A good time is guaranteed by all. (Ed.'s Note- This time, I'm bringing my camera for when we roll into New Idria, so I can chronicle for the record whatever happens... it ought to be fun.)



## Side Trips

by *Andy McKerral, Editor*

Every so often, you get to participate in an extremely personal, non-calculated acquaintance which leaves you with the feeling of being privileged to have participated in the event. Such was the case today as I rode with one of the more inconspicuous members of our club- Tom O'Donnell.

As you may recall from a small blurb from Alan Goldwater last fall, Tom had been involved in a freak accident involving a foraging deer up on Skyline Boulevard (yes, I saw the police report, and I'm still in awe that he survived the ordeal). In spite of a broken collarbone, a bruised face, a mutilated bike and the several ordeals he went through to get his Norton back on the road safely... and, on top of everything else, impending knee surgery... I recently received a call from Tom, requesting a riding partner to shadow him on an extended ride in order to ensure that the break-in of "Phoenix" would be a technically monitored event.

The connection here is that an article I published in the Notice a year ago after the INOC Rally in Lake Tahoe concerning my meeting and subsequent discussions with Bob and Tina Marin from the Chicago NOC led, via Alan Goldwater, to two friends being reunited after a nearly 20 year-long hiatus. We managed to stay in communication after that event, and consequences led me to being the individual elected to assist Tom in the initial break-in run of "Phoenix".

It wasn't as easy as it could've been. Tom and I agreed to meet at Pete's Coffee House in Menlo Park. The last time I

sucked down any mud at Pete's was when they had a cozy little location at the Sharon Heights Shopping Center off of Sand Hill Road... 4 years ago. Seeing as how times have a way of changing (as do locations), I was dumbfounded when I showed up at the Sharon Heights Shopping Center at 8:45 AM, only to discover that there was no longer a Pete's where I had remembered it to be! 15 minutes go by, and I get the brilliant idea of waiting at the 280/Sand Hill Road intersection for a black British streak to blaze by- but, after 9:15, nothing showed. Worried, disappointed and sad, I headed up 85 to Alice's and ate breakfast.

As I was leaving Alice's at 10:05, Art Sirota pulls up to the "Norton Section" at Alice's (on a Triumph, of all things!), spots me and says, "Hey, Andy- there's this guy in downtown Melo Park on Santa Cruz Avenue who's waiting for you at Pete's Coffee House! He might be already heading up the hill." Finally, the dots in my brain connect to form a picture- Pete's had moved to the more ritzy part of Menlo Park- and I tore off down 84 towards Santa Cruz Avenue.

I won't say that I broke any laws- but 17 minutes later, I was in front of the NEW Pete's Coffee House on Santa Cruz Avenue, just as a magnificent black Mark 3 and it's rider were heading west as the light turned green. We instantly connected, made all the inappropriate and illegal turns, and found ourselves connected.

Tom is a dichotomy of personalities typical of my generation: intense, yet demure; prideful in his machinery, yet understated in his results. We hit it off immediately, and after a cup of coffee (and presenting a cigarette to an obviously frustrated Stanford freshman coed), we headed West on Santa Cruz.



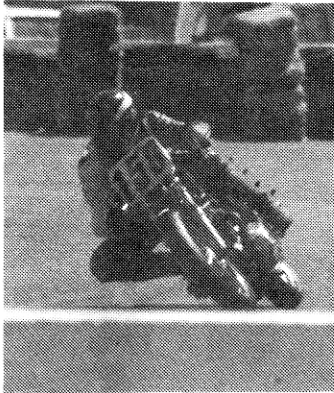
Trauma is something that anyone who ever participated in the Southeast Asia conflict can identify with. After having remembered Todd Kennedy's recount of his incident last year, I decided to take the lead on this ride and keep a varied, road-appropriate pace on 84 up to Alice's. Tom responded conservatively to the turns and lean-ins, but he did so without hunting. This was encouraging. The man wanted to find his point, and he was willing to take the experience in. This is the first step in overcoming "the hump".

After we arrived at Alice's, we walked around, looked at the eclectic assortment of bikes, and I could see that Tom's demeanor was beginning to relax. He indicated that he had never been to the Coast on a bike, and said that he'd like to try it. "Excellent," I replied, "Let's do it."

So many of us have made this run down 84 to San Gregorio, and yet I wonder how many of us could ask ourselves what it would be like, if - someday- we'd suddenly never be capable of experiencing this magnificent ride again for the rest of our lives. I got to see a man go through this process, and experience the joy of seeing someone who realized a dream-come-true. It was very fulfilling to see someone experience that which I had learned over the years to take for granted. I'm not so sure that I can ever make that run again without finding something new and beautiful to see there.

We headed south towards Pescadero, and travelled the 4 miles beyond Pescadero Rd. to an innocuous little beach about 2

miles north of Bean Hollow. This is a favorite little place of mine where the geological formations and unique beach composition makes for a very calming, pleasant and reflective atmosphere. We took in the scenery, talked about The Meaning of Life, and How It Relates To Nortons, and then took Pescadero Road back to La Honda, ultimately arriving back at Alice's. All the way along, I noticed that Tom's leaning skills were starting to come back to him, and I was very careful to pace the ride in order to allow him sufficient "outs", in case he found himself wanting for road space. By the time we got back to Alice's, he was



dipping, leaning and moving with the surity of someone who had the years of riding experience that such skills indigenous to Northern California riding required. It made me feel good that I was somehow instrumental in helping someone to overcome a justifiable hurdle, and begin to enjoy an aspect of life that only

us NCNOCcers know as a personal experience. He weathered the challenge brilliantly, and someone ought to note this accomplishment...

We talked briefly at Skylonda after this heated ride, and I thereafterwards expressed the need to go back down the mountain and get back to my professional endeavours, otherwise euphemistically described as "work". We were one hour beyond my self-imposed allotted time, but it was well worth the effort and expense.

I have the feeling that this man will be something of a force to be reckoned with in the Club in a few years...

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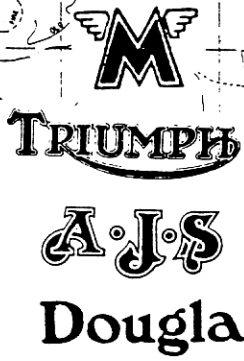
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## Competition Corner

by Ernie Montague

Well, what th' hey. After a year's abstinence, I rejoined the NOC. If Tom Terry gets a free membership, then the least I could do is pay for one.

I finally sold my beautiful Interstate 850 with the low crossover pipes. Damn... racing costs money.

Unbelievably, last race day I was second overall in vintage behind Tom Terry... **TWO NORTONS IN FIRST AND SECOND PLACE.** I won't say anything about the oriental parts on Tom's bike... and, he DNF'd in September, so I'm ahead in points, although he is faster than I am.

The last race was a joke. They moved the starters up out of the way, and I forgot- I sat there on the grid next to Tom, looking for the green flag (and I never did see it), thereupon everybody left. Heh. I never caught the pack, but three of the guys that I had to beat to keep my standing crashed!... then, Tom DNF'd. So slow Ernie may wind up being second overall- plus, I had about 5 lbs. too much pressure in my tyres, 'coz last race they went off in the third lap and I was slipping and sliding. So I was smart this time, and added too much air... they definitely didn't get greasy- in fact, they never even warmed up! I pogoed around so badly that I was scared to go fast, which was just as well because at least I finished, which was better than I could say for four other guys.

This year marks the end of my second racing season. Eric has been out with a bad elbow... which, for me, is good because I wind up being second overall in the standings- but more realistically, bad because Eric is hell on

wheels and fun to watch as he goes by.

My racing strategy has been to finish and not crash. And it's actually worked- so far...

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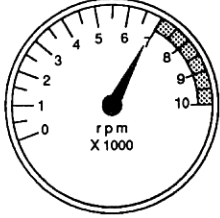
### A News Flash... from a voice out of the past...

I recently heard from *Margie Siegal* (...you DO remember Margie, don't you?), who called to let us know that Jim Noll is parting with a whole bunch of Dunlop K-81s for \$65-70 apiece. He says that if several people will get together and order a large quantity, he'll throw in the shipping cost. He may be reached at (716) 288-4546. Thanks, Margie!

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## STUFF...

by John Bria, Regalia Officer

I hope that everyone else enjoyed the Oldtimer's Ride and Picnic at least half as much as I did. It was great to see so many Brit bikes riding together (that thing was British, Louis?) and a real pleasure to meet so many folks from the BSA Club. The brilliance of the idea was exceeded only by the execution of the ride and the picnic. Thanks to Joe, Brad, Lynne, Duncan, Ken, Shelley, Cindy and all the others who worked to provide such a good time for the rest of us.

E-MAIL.....

For those of you that have access to Internet: there is a e-mail list that deals with european motorcycles only. If you've tried rec.motorcycle on Notes and been burned out by the flames and other noise level, you might want to try this one. I average about 20 messages per day in my mailbox with a fairly low noise level. To get on the list, send a message (it would be nice if it was in the form of an introduction) to :

[euro-moto@rigel.dfrf.nasa.gov](mailto:euro-moto@rigel.dfrf.nasa.gov)

I have not seen any of our active club members except for Maya who just recently joined (nice introduction).

CLUB SHIRTS.....

The new club shirts really look nice. Thanks to Joe & Brad for doing all the leg work to get them made up. I'll take responsibility for selling them. If you have not seen them, they are British Racing Green with the club logo across the center front of the 100% cotton shirt. The back is plain. Sleeves are short. We have all sizes except XXL which is due any day (yea, the check is in the mail). They cost \$12.00 unless I have to mail it to you (add \$2.00 for the hassle and postage). If you're coming to an even or meeting, call me and I'll be sure to bring enough to fill your order. Unfortunately, my tank bag does not hold more than about 15 shirts plus the other club paraphernalia, so call if you want to be sure to get yours.

There's a list of all the STUFF that we have at present for the centerfold of the Notice this month. I'm always open to suggestions about new items, although the recent suggestion of Norton underwear went a bit beyond the norm... (*Ed.'s Note*: it'd be too wild for most of us anyway: because it'd be British, there'd have to be oil stains in unmentionable places to make it authentic...)

That's all for this month!

**Hold on  
to your seats!**

➔ *the all-new*

**1993  
Norton Owner's  
Club Calendar**

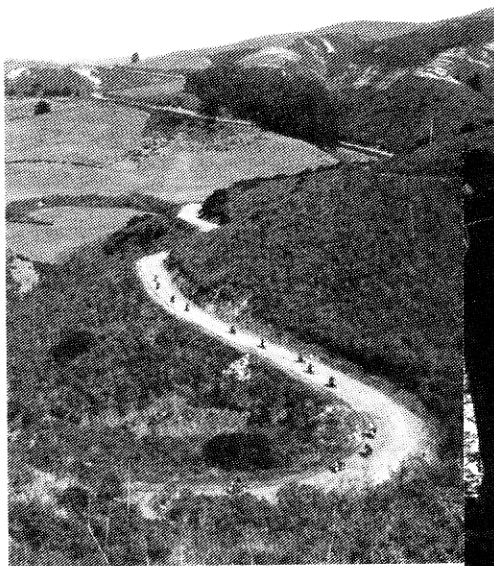
is here at last!

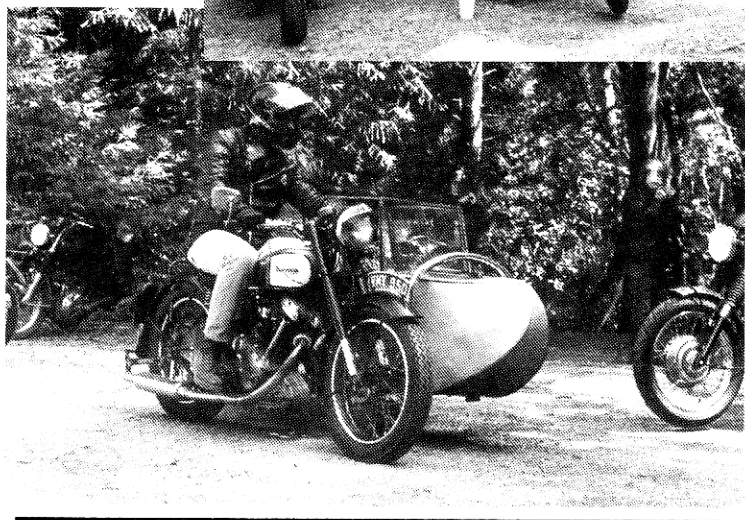
Published in England by the NOC, this very high quality production is now in it's 11th edition! Measuring 16x12 inches, it contains 13 full-color photographs of Nortons, complete with full and informative captions.

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Contact: Harry Bunting

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear *Norton Notice*:

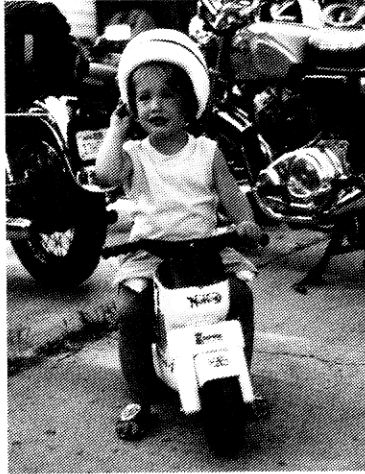
My name is Pamela Starr. My husband is Monty Starr, who is a NOC member. Unfortunately, I renewed his membership into the International Club instead of the regular NOC that receives the Norton Notice. We get the International Notice. Anyway- I'm submitting this photo of my(our) son Sam Starr, age 2. This was taken at the Chili Cookoff at Patty & Jerry Meadows in June this year. Oh, I forgot to tell you, I'm a member of the BSA Club. Anyway- I'd love to see this photo in the Norton Notice sometime. Sam LOVES motorcycles, and notice, he is driving a Norton. Just another footnote... Don Danmeier and Shirley Soueie are Sam's grandparents, if that helps get this photo into the Norton Notice. Like I said, Monty and I get the International Notice, But Mom & Don will send me a copy of their Norton Notice.

Thanks for listening

*Pam Starr*

*P.O. Box 935  
Jamesville, CA 96114  
916-253-2532*

*-Thanks for writing to us, Pam, and sharing the photo of Sam on that rare piece of production racing machinery. You might anticipate a call from Art Sirota sometime in the near future, trying to convince you to sell it. And one other thing... give Grover Buhr a call and get you guys joined up with us, too- we're cross-dressers with BSAs and Triumphs-*  
-Andy



Dear *Norton Notice*:

The recent fracas over the new Club By-Laws... "Guidelines"... whatever- sort of made me wonder how come the BSA Club has decided to incorporate as a business entity, while a few select individuals in our club resist the need to actually ORGANIZE our operation, and make those in responsible positions accountable for their service. As large and active as we have become, isn't it time that we graduated out of the junior high school mentality that ascribes to the Peter Pan idiom of never having to grow up because it doesn't seem necessary?

I thoroughly enjoy this Club- partly

because I own a Norton- it's great to turn heads at stoplights on a Club ride- but I enjoy it more because of the diversity of the membership and the technical information- the humor and the disagreements- the club rides, and the excuses it provides me to do something other than become a terminal couch potato. Doesn't this sound like any other good relationship that is going

through growing pains and learning how to deal with change?

For those people who don't get it- this is an "audience participation" thing- that means that you have to **DO** something, besides bitch and whine every time something comes up that you disagree with. There are all kinds of things that everyone could be doing to make this Club a real Bay Area Institution. Let's not throw out the baby with the bath water!

*-Name withheld on request*

*I couldn't have put it better myself- Andy*



**NOC Membership Profile**

*by John Covell*

**Name:** Duncan Ferguson

**Age:** 50

**City Resident:** Union City

**Marital:** married, 2 teen-age daughters

**Occupation :** Salesman (auto parts):Worldwide Trading- Hayward

**NOC Member since:** 1991

**How First became involved with NOC:**

Through co-worker Jerry Jolliff

**Club offices held/years:** Recording Secretary, 1992

**Nortons Owned/described:** '73 Norton Commando 850 Roadster

**Other makes of motorcycle owned:** none...a couple of Hondas and a Suzuki in the past.

**What first interested you in the Norton?**

Was able to trade a rifle for it.

**Other hobbies/interests of note:**

Camping, fly fishing

**Favorite motorcycling road/ride:** Niles Canyon road to Sunol; Skyline Blvd.

**If you could redesign the Norton, what**

**one thing would you most want to**

**change?** Nothing... like it as it is (but put twin Mikunis on it during a recent rebuild)

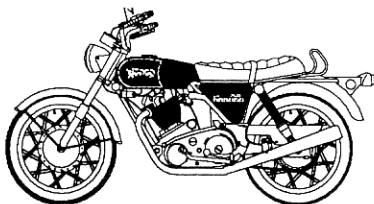
**Favorite or most embarrassing episode**

**on a Norton:** The night I overdid it with the octane booster (in the bike and in me),

laid it down, and had to leave it overnight in the local Harley bar in Sunol. Actually,

the most embarrassing moment was when my wife dropped me off the next morning

to pick it up.....



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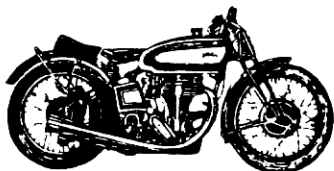
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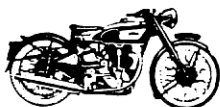
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 before head installation- reduces the risk of  
 pushrod damage and excess profanity,  
 and makes head installation a  
 one-hand operation!*

## Proposed Club By-laws

### I. Name

The name of the club shall be "The Norton Owners Club of Northern California", hereinafter called "the Club".

### II. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be the promotion, encouragement and development of motorcycle sport and activities and the use of the Norton motorcycle therein.

### III. Membership

A. It shall be a requirement for regular membership in the Club that the candidate shall at the time of application or renewal, own a motorcycle commonly known as a Norton. The term "Norton" shall include motorcycles with either the engine or frame being of Norton manufacture. This requirement shall be waived under special circumstances only by vote of the Executive Committee.

B. Each candidate for regular membership in the Club shall complete the Clubs application form and submit this, together with the appropriate fee to the Secretary of the Club, who will evaluate the application with regard to the requirements for Club membership. If the applicant is thought to be not eligible for membership under these By-Laws, the Executive Committee of the Club will be asked to vote on the application.

C. The candidate shall be deemed accepted unless a majority of the Executive Committee votes against acceptance. Upon acceptance, every applicant shall be immediately entitled to the privileges of membership. In the event of an application being refused, the candidate shall be so informed and the membership fee refunded.

D. The membership application form shall include a general release by the applicant of the Club and its officers from liability for any cause of action whatsoever in connection with the applicants participation in Club activities. Refusal of the applicant to sign the release shall result in denial of the application.

E. Membership shall be deemed to extend from the first day of the month in which the application is approved for one calendar year.

IV. All regular members of the Club shall be entitled to:

- A. receive a copy of each issue of the Club magazine, the Norton Notice;
- B. receive notice of and attend any general meeting of the Club;
- C. propose motions and vote on any motion brought before the Club at a general meeting;
- D. serve as a Club officer or member of the Executive Committee if so elected;
- E. participate in all sporting and social activities of the Club;
- F. any other privileges which may result from affiliation of the Club with other organizations.

### V. Honorary membership.

Persons who, by unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, have rendered outstanding service to the Club or to the sport of motorcycling in general, may be proposed for honorary membership of the Club, and approved by a majority vote of regular members at a general meeting of the Club. Once approved, honorary membership shall continue for the life of the member unless reversed by the same voting procedure. Honorary members shall be entitled to all benefits of regular membership except the right to propose and vote on motions, and to serve as an officer of the Club.

### VI. Membership fee

A. The Executive Committee shall determine the sum to be paid by regular members as the annual subscription of the Club. The majority approval of a general meeting shall be required for the imposition of any levy in addition to the annual subscription.

B. If any members subscription is in arrears more than 30 days, notice will be given that membership in the Club will be terminated. Following this notice, the members name will be removed from the Club register and all privileges of membership will cease for that person.

### VII. Officers of the Club

A. The following officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in December of each year:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Newsletter Editor  
Rides Coordinator  
Recording Secretary  
Quartermaster (paraphernalia)  
Public Relations Officer

B. Officers shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, at which time they are eligible for re-election.

C. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined for the purpose of efficiency or filled by separate officers if desired. The posts of Vice-President and Rides Coordinator may be similarly combined.

D. Any vacancy among the officers of the Club may be filled by the Executive Committee appointing any regular member of the Club willing to so serve. Officers so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

#### VIII. Executive Committee

A. The administration of the Club and its activities shall be under the general jurisdiction of an Executive Committee, composed of the following Club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.

B. The Executive Committee shall meet when necessary or convenient, but never less than once in any three months. All members of the Committee shall be informed in advance of any meeting. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall require the presence of at least three of its members, one of which must be the President or Vice-President who will serve as Chairman of the meeting.

C. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote unless otherwise specified herein. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman will cast the deciding vote. Non-Executive officers may attend and participate in Committee meetings, but may not vote.

#### IX. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

A. The Committee shall publish the Club magazine, at intervals of not more than two months, and distribute it to all members of the Club entitled to receive it.

B. The Committee shall maintain a complete register of all members of the Club, and retain the signed application form of each member.

C. The Committee shall be responsible for administering the finances of the Club and shall keep adequate records of all transactions. The Committee shall present a statement of the finances of the Club at the Annual General Meeting, and at other times as deemed necessary. A checking account shall be maintained in the name of the Club, requiring the signature of two members of the Executive Committee on each check. Any single expenditure exceeding \$250 shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion.

D. The Committee shall make required arrangements for the social and sporting activities of the Club, and shall have the authority to sign contracts required in the pursuit thereof. Any contract committing the Club to more than \$250 expenditure or liability shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion.

E. The Committee shall maintain liaison with manufacturers and other clubs and organizations whose objects are consistent with those of the Club. Such liaisons may include complimentary exchange of newsletters and paraphernalia, within reasonable limits.

F. The Committee shall have the authority to associate the Club with other suitable organizations. Any formal affiliations or changes thereto shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion. A list of such affiliations will be maintained by the Committee, and affixed hereto as Appendix A.

#### X. Infraction of rules and prejudicial conduct

A. Application for, and consent to membership in the Club shall be deemed acquiescence in and submission to the rules of the Club. No member shall be absolved from the effects of the rules, regulations and by-laws on the allegation or plea that the member has not received a copy of them.

B. Infraction of the rules, regulations and by-laws at any Club event by a member shall be investigated and adjudicated by the Executive Committee. If after investigating the Committee finds that the infraction was serious, direct and willful, they must notify the member of the complaint and give ample opportunity for response. After evaluating any evidence offered in defense, they may impose such penalty as they see fit, including expulsion from the Club.

#### XI. Meetings

A. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in December of each year, at which the officers of the Club are elected. Ample notice will be given to each member of the Club of the time and place of this meeting. Each regular member of the Club is entitled to one vote for each of the Club offices. In the event of a tie in any election, a coin will be flipped.

B. The Club will hold regular monthly meetings whenever possible. Notice of the time and place of each meeting will be given in the Club magazine whenever possible. A concise record of all meetings will be made by the Recording Secretary. This record will be published in the Club magazine as soon as possible following the meeting.

C. The regular meetings of the Club will be chaired by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President or Secretary of the Club. Transaction of Club business involving expenditure or more than \$250 or signing of contracts resulting therein, shall require a quorum of at least 10 regular members in addition to the chair.

D. Any motions presented at a regular meeting of the Club will require a majority vote of the regular members present. In the event of a tie, the chair has the deciding vote. XII. Amendment of the Club By-Laws

These rules may be amended, repealed, or supplemented by majority vote of the membership at any two consecutive regular meetings of the Club, following suitable discussion and publication of the proposed change(s) in the Club magazine.

#### Appendix A

The Norton Owners Club of Northern California is affiliated with the following organizations:

Norton Owners Club (Great Britain) - Branch affiliation  
United States Norton Owners Association - Chapter affiliation

**Norton Owner's Club**  
**Peripherals Inventory**  
as of September 15, 1992

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>
Decals	N.O.C. - Large	46	2.00
	N.O.C. - Small	16	1.25
Patches	Commando Union Jack	11	2.25
	Shoulder	6	2.25
	Wing - Self Stick	5	2.00
	N.O.C. - Large	7	3.50
	N.O.C. - Small	8	2.50
Pins	N.O.C. - Red	26	3.00
	Norton - Black	63	3.00
	INOA 1991 Rally	135	2.50
	N.O.C. - Union Jack	5	4.00
Key Fobs	Norton - Leather	10	3.50
	N.O.C. - Leather	18	3.50
	N.O.C. - Clear	8	2.00
Shirts	Medium - Green	12	12.00
	Large - Green	8	12.00
	X-Large - Green	15	12.00
	XX-Large - Green	0	12.00
Misc.	N.O.C. Metal Badges	1	10.00
	Postcards (8)	1	2.75
	Service Notes	17	5.00
	INOA 1991 Rally Caps	3	5.00
	CASH on Hand	141	1.00
	Due from Members	24	1.00