

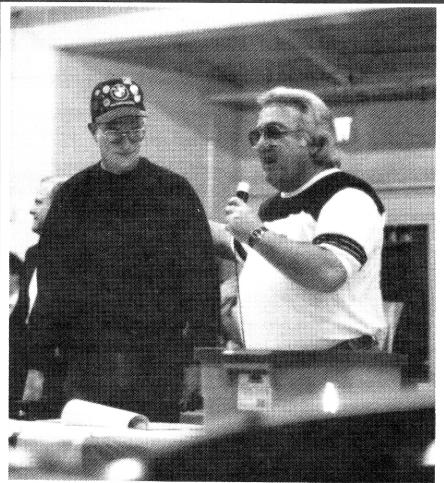
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The Newsletter of the Northern California Norton Owners Club

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Hank Wentzel still can't believe that it ain't a DOT Scrambler-

The 1992 winner of the NCNOA Raffle Bike



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.

NORTON NOTICE is a reflection of the readership, who are encouraged to submit any article, technical tip, photograph (original or otherwise) as long as it is in good taste, so that other Norton enthusiasts may enjoy it. For Branch members who cannot attend club meetings or club rides, the NORTON NOTICE affords an opportunity to share experiences and information with the membership of the Branch and to bring the Branch members closer together.

The deadline for items to be submitted for publication is the 20th of each month.

Membership in the Northern California Branch of the Norton Owners Club is available for \$15.00 per year. Membership dues are payable to the Branch Secretary/Treasurer.

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The Northern California Branch of the Norton Owners Club is affiliated with both the Norton Owners Club of England and the International Norton Owners Association. Interested persons can join these two organizations per the terms described on the Branch membership application form.

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NORTON OWNERS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Club Rides Schedule

June 6-7, 1992: The BSA O.C Sierra Ride and Chili Cookoff- a favorite ride with some great people. Information to follow...

June 28, 1992: TENATIVE rescheduling of the Flying Lady Ride!
-We're gonna hope that A- Marick Payton's schedule will allow for this; B- there won't be any flash floods; and C- that Andy McKerral won't continue to endorse this ride and jinx the thing...

Events Calendar

June 13-14, 1992: The Cruise-Modesto, California: Sponsored by Grafitti, USA. A vintage carcruising event (vintage bikes presumably accepted), with Joe Edwards as the official Master of Ceremonies! See the enclosed advertisement for details.

July 12, 1992: Argyle Park Racing General Admission: \$10 (Vintage bikes 10% off) Call the Head Chicken (Ken Heuser) at (916)989-4938 for further information regarding upcoming events.

August 14,15 & 16,1992: the celebrated "Gathering of Nortons" at Dardanelle Resort- The Summer Event of the NCNOC!- Campgrounds, motel rooms, fishing, excellent biking roads, a restaurant, and even a bar!!! If you snooze, you lose!... so call the Dardanelle Resort at (209)965-4335 to get your reservations!

Meeting Schedule

The Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM. The meeting locations rotate between the Peninsula, the South Bay, the East Bay, and San Francisco.

May 14, 1992- Peninsula The Prince of Wales Pub-

on 25th Avenue in San Mateo. A great selection of beers, and a private meeting room with dartboards.

June 11, 1992- South Bay Harry's Hoffbrau-

El Camino Real near Castro St. in Mountain View- A large assortment of beers, a large meeting room, and good cafateria- style food.

July 9, 1992- East Bay Brew Pub on The Green-

3350 Stevenson Ave., Fremont- Fresh, cold beer made on the premesis (the stout is heartily recommended), good food, and a large meeting room.

Addendum Item

Please note that your Editor's address and telephone number have changed.

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by Joe Edwards, President

Well, now- let's take a look at what's going on since you last stopped by to read MPV...

For those of you who missed the Easter Morning Ride to the top of Mount Tam-BOY did you miss one heck of a show! In a rough count, about 400- that's right- some four hundred motorcycles made it to the top. Also, a count was taken by Thackery Washer, N.O.S.a sum total of about 40-plus Nortons included themselves in the event. (Ed.'s Note: considering the statistical bent of the situation, that boils down to the fact that 10.6% of everyone up there had a Norton between his/ her legs... and considering the sheer quantity of the other marques represented-practically everything from AJS to an old USSR Zin military courier bike (a poorly-made BMW clone, but rare, nonetheless)- the Norton was the most desireable mount ridden on this event. Surely, that fact must tell you something...) Of course, there was a great showing of Trumps, Beemers, Ducks, and other riding iron. In total, the the long line of motorcycles twisting through the high mountain roads to the top was... flat-out just too much for words. The sunrise turned out to be yet another way that a man or woman discovers themselves as just a small speck in the mass of what we call "life". This year marks the 17th consecutive time this ride has taken place... for those of you who were unable to attend, put it on your "Must Do" list for 1993.

Let's get down to some other matters that should be looked into. Most of you who have been able to attend recent meetings have heard me say more than once that this NorCal Norton Owner's Club is an organization comprised of some 200 members; there is no select group or clicque that the Club functions for- this is completely, totally, 100% your Club. Any single thing that you can do or add to making it work and thrive is welcomed and

needed. As you know, the Norton Notice is one of the best ways we can show Norton folks and others that we are alive and well. Although I realize that some folks have said that "... Small is better...", I am not trying to necessarily push hard for growth. I would simply like to ensure that the standing membership-including the new members- have their say in Club matters. The meetings that we have should be just information and idea sessions; putting those ideas together into a workable event is the job of the Board. But- as you know- the Board does look for your input. We could also use a bit more material for the Notice; if you have some information that you'd like to pass alongmaybe some ideas about a new route for a ride, or whatever strikes your fancy, why not pass it along and share it with the rest of the Club Members!

I'm not trying to preach-I'm just trying to kindle that spark that I know is there. You can be sure that any article or bit of information that you send in to Andy will be printed in the Notice. As always, any submittals that arrive after the 20th of the month will be held over to the following issue. All of you out there have my home phone, so if by chance you'd like to call and pass along some ideas, please feel completely free to do so. Okay... I'll get off this soapbox, but just remember-THIS IS

YOUR CLUB

You'll find information in this issue on "The Gathering of Nortons" that is scheduled for August 14th. I've already had calls from other chapters telling me that they're looking forward to trhis event! Mark it in your book... August 14th, 15th and 16th, 1992!

That's MPV....

-Joe Edwards

Minutes of April Meeting

The April 9th meeting of the Northern California Norton Owner's Club was held at Tonto's Restaurant in San Francisco. 26 Members were in attendance.

A membership report by Grover Buhr revealed that 30 new members joined pur organization at the Clubman's show. Our total membership now stands at 220 members, with funds for membership at \$1452.00

Merchandise sold well at the show; \$350 was raised. New ideas and designs have been suggested to replace depleted stock. The group summarized that some decisions should be made at our next meeting and price quotes obtained.

The Raffle Bike was a tremendous revenue generator: in that single day of ticket sales, the Club realized \$3426.00; the total ticket sales were \$5724.00

The total Club Assets were stated as \$6,175.00

President Joe Edwards gave everyone a big "Thank You!" for their participation...we had a super turnout! Special thanks were given to Jerry Jolliff for his all-day effort at the Raffle Booth, and also for pulling the troops together to support our efforts.

CJ Jolliff was thanked for taking care of the membership booth for the duration of the show.

The biggest thanks went to Mike Burnham for his wonderful work in making certain that the Raffle Bike would be something that the Club could be proud of. He dedicated lots of personal time and effort to getting the bike into top shape. For his labors, the Club acknowledged him with a personalized license plate frame and a custom Norton wall clock.

A point of interest: Don Danmeier received a call from a potential buyer for the Raffle Bike... the new owner indicated that it was not for sale- it's part of the family now!

Grover has been writing the NOC-UK,

trying to reconcile our grievances with the mother Club- there will be a followup report...

On Easter Sunday, Lynne Miller will coordinate the Sunrise Ride to Mount Tamalpaias in Marin County. Riders from the Peninsula will leave the South Lot of the Golden Gate Bridge at 4:30 AM, ride to the summit, and then go to breakfast at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Sausalito afterward.

Discussion was opened on some alternative meeting spots this summer to accommodate members living in outlying areas for participation in Club meetings. It was mentioned thaty attempts to do this in the past have failed; others stated, "yeah-but that was then, and this is now!" A motion was made by Brad Green to generate a list of zip codes of the general membership as a guide for determining where members living in outlying regions are located; John Covell seconded the motion. It was approved by the group, and will be presented at the next Club Meeting in San Mateo.

There will be a Mini-Rally in Felton, CA on May 3rd.; the particulars were printed in the previous edition of the Notice.

All interested persons wanting further information should refer to to that issue for details.

President Edwards requested more participation in submitting material for the Notice from the general membership. He suggested a broader spectrum of varied interests to be published, and thanked those who were currently submitting material at this time.

August's "non-rally" Rally is a still a godetailed info to be published in this issue.

Andy McKerral motioned that the meting be adjourned; the general membership in attendance seconded and approved the motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

CJ Jolliff

Membership Report

By Grover Buhr

Yep, we have membership. I've been pouring over the membership rolls, the membership checques, the membership applications, and the 3 pages of instructions from the NOC-UK on how to fill out their applications. I poured over them so much that they got soaked and I had to dry them out in the oven in order to enter them all into the database (which I am now feeling...)

I hope that Hank Wentzel realizes the favor I did him by not buying any raffle tickets. He ought to name his new machine "lucky", after me. I don't really mind; I just never cared

for the fastback look. Since the pictures of Phil with his 2 favorite bikes appeared in the latest BSA Bulletin, I kept calling and saying, "Phil! I got the Hi-Rider set!- Let's dig on our sleds and be bad!" But he keeps asking, "Grover who!?"

As of this evening, I find that out of 36 members

whose memberships have expired in April, 17 have not renewed. I told them about this in the March Notice; I told them in the April Notice. If they haven't renewqed by the time I mail out the next issue, then they're S.O.L..

Our new membership tracking system is thus: 1) the expiration month is shown in the upper right-hand corner of your address label; 2) Your last Notice will be stamped in red on the cover; and 3) Your last issue will be stamped "Membership Expired". So please get your checks to me in good time; it really makes it easier on me.

I was glad to see that Bob and Hazel Paradis renewed their membership... last I'd heard, Bob was saying something like, "Grover?! Send our money to Grover? Are they out of their bloody minds?!" Yes, Bob-

they are. The quarterly financial report is in this issue, and I'm looking forward to having someone explain it to me.

Bob and Hazel renewed at the Clubman's Show, where 28 folks signed up as new members. Add one more since then, and let me present 29 more silly people who like 20 or 30 year-old English machinery:
Tony Alexander- Cupertino Beth Ann Altergott- Sparks
Paul Bannon- San Francisco
Sam Bernstein- San Francisco
Jim Broustis- San Francisco
Woody Brown- Campbell
Ken Gerard- Orangeville
Mike Herbert- Pacheo
Denton Hill- Paradise
Milton Jeffries- San Carlos



Mark Jones- San Leandro Greg Lacy- San Rafael Peter MacLaird- San Francisco Andrew Mattos- Hanford Paul McPhillips- Dublin Gordon Murphy- Dixon Martin O'Donoghue-Hayward Michael Pettis- Santa Rosa Geoffry Rappaport- San

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Tom Sheen- Sacramento
Kevin Sherman- Granite Bay
Art Stitch- Assoyo Grande
Dave Stroebe- Palo Alto
Eugene Thorburn- Los Gatos
Gene Turney- Modesto
Dan T. Wood- San Jose

Any of these folks who went to Mount Tam for dawn yesterday had as great a time as I did. Great riding. Inspirational sights. Good breakfast. Tarmo. A morning (and night) to remember

April Ride Report by Mike Burnham, Rides Marshall

I must apologise, but in order to describe the Easter Morning Ride, I have to resort using the "F" word. So that our more serious members (and you knowe who you are) are not offended, I will spell it out for you: F-U-N. And I know who you are, too, by your absence, of course. Yes, I know, getting up early enough to be somewhere at 4:15 AM can be a bit gruelling. My alarm was set for 3:15, but I was awake by 2:30! It's the excitement of an event like this that affects me-I had the same problem sleeping before the Clubman's event. Attendance was 400 or so motorcycles, with Nortons accounting for close to 10%. And then there was the weather- it was glorious. And it was warm, even at 5:00 AM! When was the last time you saw a sunrise? Remember how beautiful it was? Then imagine seeing it from 2500 feet above San Francisco Bay, watching it rise over the East Bay Hills, with a panorama extending out over the Pacific Ocean and the Farralone Islands, as the moon sets in the western horizon, and it's luminescent light dancing on the water. It's enough to make a tourist swoon. Even intrepid Brit Bike Riders need their breakfast, so down the mountain and off to Sausalito we went. No, not all 400, just the Norton core. Lynne Miller arranged for the Lighthouse Restaurant to take us on. The service was fast and the food was very good. For most people, their day of riding was now over, anxious to get home- and, I suspect, crawl back into bed. However, there were a few of us who were determined to get in a full day's worth of riding. Jerry Kaplan, James "redline" Langan, and his significant other Beth, and yours truly. At about 9:30 or so, we gassed up in Sausalito, pointed our British iron North, and proceeded at a spirited pace up good ol' Highway One. Easter Sunday proved to be a good day for riding, as traffic was surprisingly light. Going up the coast on a beautifully sunny Spring morning is motorcycling heaven. When you've worn yopurself out on Nature's racetrack, you

simply slow down and enjoy the scenery- and there is never a dull moment. We topped off our tanks at Point Reyes Station, and continued up the Coast until we reached Coleman Valley Road, just south of Jenner. I chose this road because Fred Twigg mentioned it to me, and couldn't praise it highly enough. He didn't lie, because it is one gorgeous chunk of undivided country road, which at times looks like Ireland with it's rolling green hills, a 1400-foot view of the ocean, and sheep everywhere (don't get excited, Phil). It eventually takes you into Occidental and, you guessed it, more gas. Coleman Valley Road will also be included in the upcoming North Bay Ride in July.

If we had decided to call it a day, nobody could have called us wussies (or woozies, as Mr. Radford would say). But it was too nice a day, and only 11:15 with the whole afternoon before us! I had already decided which way to go from here, as we would simply retrace last year's North Bay Ride...north on the Bohemian Highway to River Road- then east through Guernville past Rio Nido to Westside Rd. Beautiful country, Sonoma is: the Russian River, redwoods, vinyards and country roadsall of them conspiring to seduce even the most hardened of souls.

Ah, yes- back to Westside Road. If you don'trecall last year's Ride Report, it eventually gets you to Healdsburg-not, of course, without the necessary twists and turns that make for a great motorcycle road. Through Healdsburg, and on to Hwy. 128 through the Alexander Valley, you pass through some of the greatest Chardonnay producing vinyards in California. No, we were good... we didn't stop and taste. By now, of course, stomachs were grumbling and butts were aching, and we were still 20 miles from food and refreshment in Calistoga.

When we arrived at the British Pub and restaurant at the intersection at the easternmost edge of town where Hwy. 29 meets the Silverado Trail, we were thoroughly knackered. And as it should be. I never knew bangers and mash could taste so good... washed it down with a Watney's and I was ready to rock n'

Side Trips

by Andy McKerral, Editor

This is gonna be a short blip this month, 'coz there's lots of info that others have to put out. (Please keep your applause to a minimum, Burnham).

Now that my head is out of the clouds from the All-British Show and Swap Meet in San Jose, congratulations are in order to the stunningly fortunate winner of the 1992 Club Raffle Bike. Maybe... just maybe- he'll show up at club rides on something other than a Bantam 500 with knobbies...

There were so many incredible bikes out there this time... lots of pride, personhours, sweat and money invested in the entries. Folks really outdid themselves this year. I burned up a couple rolls of film- even got a couple shots of that gorgeous '54 Triumph 500TA Speed Twin- that was the first kind of bike I ever owned, and seeing another one brought back some fine memories (see N.N.#160-August, 1991). Thanks again to Don Danmeier and the Bonny Band of Beezer Buddies for another excellent event.

You all may be interested to know that the April Notice came very close to not happening at all: as I was entering the last article into the formatted program, I had no trouble whatsoever importing the file into the system-however, when I went to back it up onto a floppy disc for the purpose of printing the galleys, the hard drive crashed, and wiped out my backup disc at the same time. (I was told later by an Apple Computer hardware specialist who participated in the original design of the Lisa system I'm now using that the main reason why Apple

discontinued the use of the MC 83000 microprocessor was because they did this occasionally- in about once in every 150,000 startups! Lucky me.) It took an innoculous little specialized outfit in Redwood City to do the disc repair, Alan Goldwater's library of systems diagnostics, and Marick Payton and his amazing patience with early Apple O.S. recovery programs. It was major stress, but we got it recovered. At the risk of sounding paranoid, we need a new Club Computer that's somewhat more modern than the 10 year-old system we now have. Is there a generous benefactor with a real live Macintosh to donate to the Club out there?...

The last enrollment count at the club booth was 30 new members! We need to aggressively pursue this trend with real follow-through... if you see another Norton out there while you're riding that's unfamiliar, pull up along side, hit your horn, and give 'em Grover's number. Maybe the club still has courtesy cards- if we don't, we need 'em.

-4/5/92: zipped up to Mendocino to see what it was like... what a beautiful ride! It was so clear that I could see whitecaps breaking all the way to the horizon! *Highly Recommended!*

-4/19/92: If you didn't make the Easter Morning Ride up to Mount Tamalpaias, you messed up BIG TIME. My best guess is the Head Mechanic upstairs was trying to make up for trashing the weather on the Flying Lady Ride... perfect conditions- even at the Golden Gate Bridge. A magnificent light show for a sunrise, the moonlight flickering into the horizon over the Pacific Ocean- now I know why the Indians got pissed when we came here. Hundreds of bikes- just a great experience.

"Moonshadow" ...or, The Easter Morning Ride by Lynne Miller

It was clear, and the full moon shone down on the Bay Area with an intensity that we rarely see. I knew the moment I rolled my Ariel out of the garage that we were all in for a special morning. The warmth of the air at that early hour was a welcome treat and there was not a speck of fog to be seen as our eclectic group of bikes left for the Golden Gate Bridge rendezvous.

The view from the parking lot was spectacular and the moon produced a long golden streak on the glassy water of the Bay. The number of bikes grew steadily and it was obvious that this year's ride would be larger than last. The familiar faces of Norton Club members began to appear. Mike and Grover, Joe and Art, Andy and Jerry and many more. What a turnout! Bikes and people of all types!

The thought struck me that this event is the day of motorbike season: the first really big ride of the year. The time where one shows off the work of the winter and gets it out on the road. "Roll it with pride" as my son would say.

We left for Tam Junction and met the rest of the group. What a sight! Already jampacked, and not even five o'clock yet. The group from the East Bay arrived, led by the intrepid Lou Caputo, and they rapidly blended into the crowd.

Some time shortly after five, itchy throttle hands were no longer able to control themselves and a mass exodus took place. Too bad, I thought, because the ranger was not scheduled to open the gate until five-thirty. perhaps there was a lesson in the making here.

The old Ariel performed nicely on the ride up and the views and moonlit vistas were awe-inspiring. Somehow the great Cat Stevens song "I'm being followed by a Moon shadow" just would not leave my head and at every turn on the road I found myself leaping and hopping on a moon shadow.

Well, the gate was still locked when we

got there and a few non-Norton people tried to break it open and they were promptly stopped by Norton club members. As promised, the ranger opened the gate at the appointed hour and the ride continued up the mountain.

The top of Mount Tamalpias was perfect. Not only was it perfect, but it was warm, and that made it even better.

The sunrise was worth the wait. As the sun came up in the east, the moon sank slowly in the west. What a gift.

Thermos after thermos of hot coffee made the rounds followed by sweet rolls and Easter eggs. The bikes in the early morning light looked like burnished silver and their riders glowed with an equal sheen. Three hundred and ninty-eight bikes made it to the top. Fiftynine of them were Nortons. Well done, lads!

Somehow the ride down the mountain seemed less enchanting without the moonshadows. Our breakfast at the Lighthouse Cafe was just what we all needed. The manager, Paul Roberts, does a great job and his main waitress, Jenny Bushnell, is unflappable.

For those of you who were treated to four leaf clovers by the little old lady next to the restaurant, you should know that she is over ninety years old, and her name is Mrs. Flower-and that she is one of the old time Sausalito residents.

What a morning. Thank you all for a great ride. All that, and most of us were home before ten o'clock in the morning.

Did it take long to find me
I ask the faithful light
Did it take long to find me
-and are you going to stay the night?
I'm being followed by a moon
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Moon shadow - moon shadow

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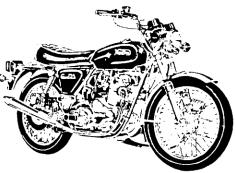
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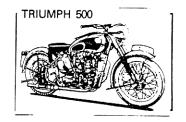
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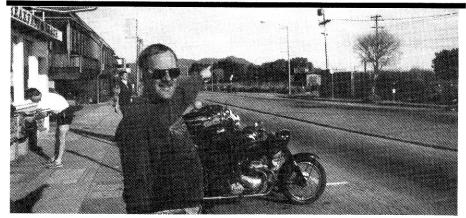
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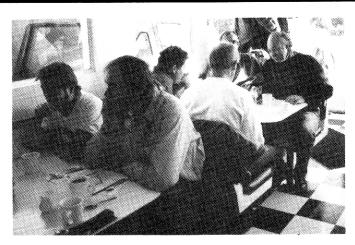
Harry Bunting sez: "We done just come from there!"



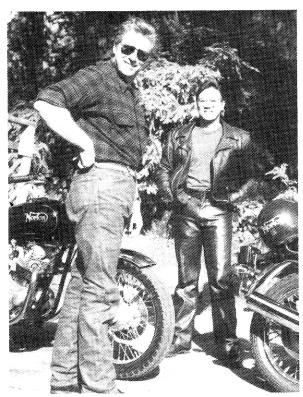
Don Danmeier and Art Sirota at the break of dawn (Art doesn't do mornings....)



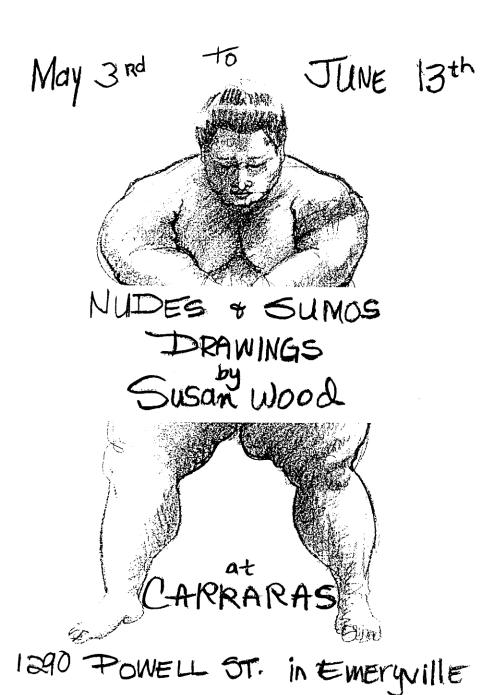
Yep- just a couple folks showed up for Mount Tam...



The rumble you hear isn't the sound of Nortons... it's the sound of the empty bellies of hungry NOCCER's



Grover Buhr and Gerald Mauricio at Alice's on an unsuspecting Spring Sunday Morning



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After our lunch, Jerry took off for his home base in Davis, while James, Beth and I made tracks for 101 South. It's really a great time riding with people who enjoy it... thanks, guys!

Okay, it's information time. May 9 is the Mount Hamilton Ride led by Phil Radford, Of course, the Notice has not arrived before the ride, and it is not Andy's fault (is it ever?) {Ed.'s Note: nope.} In any case, you have a ride calendar SO THERE IS NO EXCUSE! If, on the other hand, you are new to the club or just plain geeked out and lost the damned thing, give me a call and I'll send you one. And speaking of ride information, the Chili Cookoff over-niter on June 6 and 7... er, uh...well- we don't have a flier as promised. Oops. The reason being is the BSA Club newsletter and Norton Club newsletter come out at slightly different times, necessitating an additional month's lead time for the Norton Notice information. So, let me run it down for you, as I currently know it: We will leave from Lyon's Restaurant in Grass Valley at 10 or 10:30. I apologise for the indefinite time, but as of this date (4-24), I don't know exactly-but I will by the time you receive the Notice, so just feel free to give me a call. Daytime hours.

Hokay, so how do you getto Grass Valley? If you're coming from the Bay Area, go east on I-80 until you reach Auburn, which is on the east side of Sacramento, in case you don't know. Then, you take Hwy. 49 North until you reach Grass Valley. As I recall, Lyon's is on one of the last turnoffs. Like I said, gimme a call!

And just one more thing: the muchanticipated Flying Lady Ride which was cancelled due to rain in March, has been tentatively rescheduled for June 28th. The late date will give the Notice plenty of time to get to your doorstep in time for confirmation. {Ed.'s Note: considering my recent run of lousy luck, I absolutely refuse to sanction, endorse, or otherwise recommend that anyONE do anyTHING- but it <u>is</u> one helluva ride...)

Alan's Wrench



Here is my tentative plan for the trip to the INOA national rally in New Hampshire: My truck will be leaving around Sat., June 27 for the east, carrying my bike on a trailer. One or more Norton riders will accompany, with the truck carrying luggage, tools etc and providing chase support. If a bike breaks beyond immediate repair, it can be loaded in the truck along with the rider.

My trailer carries two bikes, so the plan is to have someone else drive one way (preferrably eastbound) and myself the other half of the trip. The two of us would split a round trip air ticket By, allowing 10 days on the road (arriving around July 6.) we can keep the pace to a leisurely 300 miles a day and still have time for inevitable delays and visiting along the way. The return flight will be immediately following the rally, getting my co-driver back on Sunday, 7/12 or Monday 7/13. If you're interested copiloting this adventure, please call me at (408)475-7505 or see me at a club meeting.

Alan Goldwater



NOC Member Profile

by John Covell

Name: Don Danmier

Age: 51

City Resident: Novato Marital: ...attached... Occupation: architect NOC Member since: 1982

How first became involved with the NOC: Bought a Norton- that event eventually led to Art Sirota somehow...

Club Offices held/years: none {Ed.'s

Note: !!!}

Nortons owned/described: 1975

Interstate

Other makes of motorcycle: Ariel (3), BSA (6), Royal Enfield (1), and Triumph (3)

What first interested you in the Norton? Had to have a Mark III, had to be an Interstate.

Other hobbies, interests of note: baseball, fishing

Favorite motorcycling road/ride: Point Reyes Station is a good weekend ride; Ohio to California in 1990 was great!

If you could redesign the Norton, what one thing would you most want to change? How and why? Create a space for a real tool kit.

Favorite or most embarassing episode on a Norton: my trip to the Isle of Man in 1985- most rewarding



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The Northern California Norton Owner's Club

Financial Statement First Quarter, 1992

Beginning Balance- January 2, 1992

\$2,268,821

<u>Income</u>

Membership (including several NOC-UK Dues) Norton Notice advertising Raffle Tickets (sold 1/2/92-3/29/92)²

\$65.00 \$4,9214.00

\$970.00

\$10.85

Paraphernalia Sales to date

\$420.00

50/50 pool

\$43.00

TOTAL INCOME:

\$6,422

Debits

NOC-UK dues³ Norton Notice pre-press preparations Norton Notice printing Norton Notice postage Raffle Bike Paraphernalia- UK; remittance⁴ Paraphernalia-UK; postage⁵ Miscellaneous expenses⁶

\$220

\$487.99 \$200.46

\$433.00 \$838.35

\$56.00

TOTAL DEBITS:

\$269.80 \$2,516.45

ENDING BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1992:

\$6,174.37

1. Reflects \$1,158 from-old NOC Account, \$190 from dues, and \$920 from pre-1992 raffle ticket ales.

To place these moneys in separate accounts, the results are as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Includes general membership, Notice expenditures, miscellaneous, 50/50 pool (I won't keep this small amount of money in a separate account), and for this quarter, only the holdover money for the UK Paraphernalia (which I hereby remove from the totals below: \$838.35,. minus \$838.35. It cancells right out.).

Beginning balance (1/2/92):

\$510.47

Credits: Debts:

\$1,078.00 \$1,189.00

Closing Balance (3/31/92)

\$399.37

Notice that we are moving backwards. This is for two reasons: A- \$220 to NOC-UK for memberships for President (Joe), Sexy Treasurer (Me), and Notice Publisher (ol' Doc Tipefas), and applications from last year to NOC-UK which were not forwarded.; B- because many members never knew their membership expiration dates, we are still catching up with expirees for January, February, and March of this year.

2. Raffle Bike totals for the last quarter of 1991 and the first quarter of 1992 are as follows:

Collections:

1991-\$920

1992-

\$4,924 TOTAL \$5,844

Eepenses:

\$1,200 motorcycle powder coating \$190 misc. plating \$65 engine rebuild \$543.68 gearbox rebuild \$25.01 add'l. parts \$433.00 **TOTAL** \$2,456.69

- 3. Some NOC-UK membership applications from last year were not forwarded; see membership notes.
- 4. Material from NOC-UK sold at the Lake Tahoe High Sierra Rally

- 5. Postage for returning unsold materials to NOC-UK
- 6. Includes Club Banner and Clubman's Show awards.

The separate accounts are recociled with the following balances:

Raffle Bike

Beginning balance	\$0.00
credits	\$5,844
debits	\$2,456.69
Ending balance (3/31/92)	\$3,387,31

<u>Paraphernalia</u>

Beginning balance (1/2/92)	\$2
credits	\$420
debits	\$0
Closing balance (3/31/92)	\$447.00

This does not include the paraphernalia material we have. We began the quarter with \$1,579.50 of cash plus retail value of the material, and ended with \$1,581.70 of the same.