



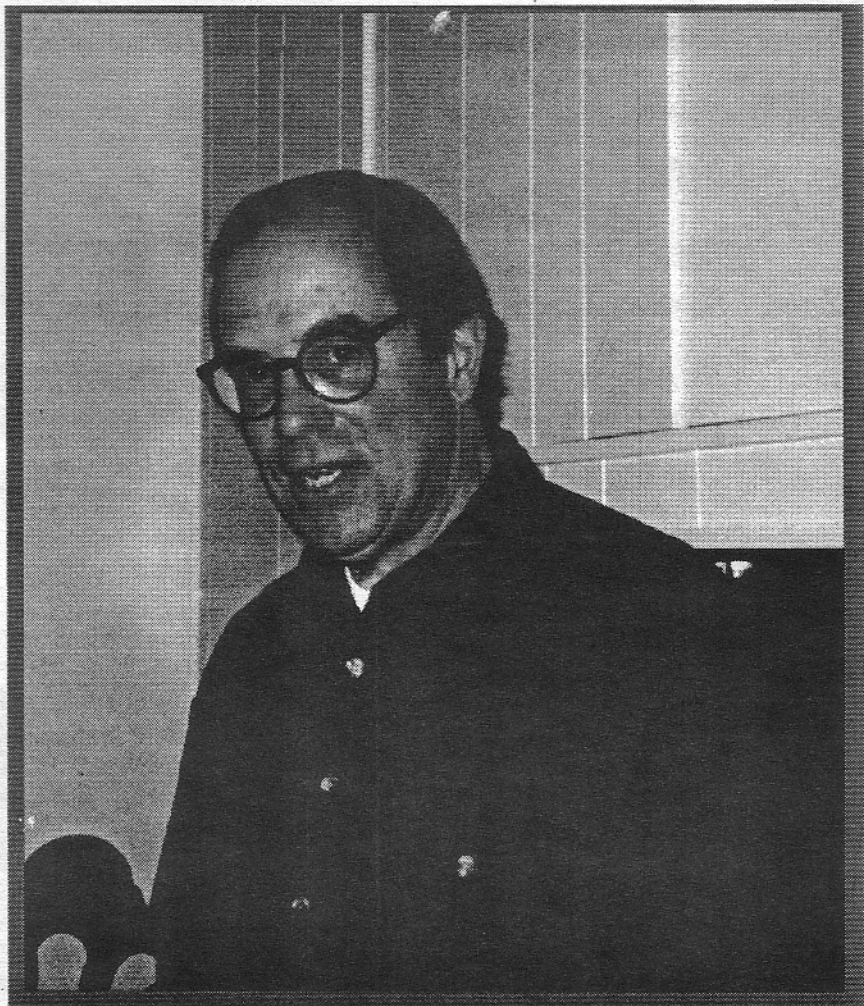
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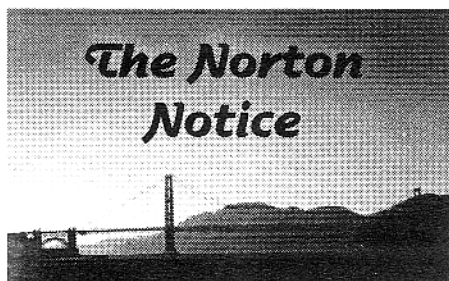
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# Upcoming Events

## Club Rides Schedule

Official NOC events are shown underlined and in **bold print**. You earn NORTON points only by participating in these events, as follows:

Riding a Norton: 6 points

Riding other bike: 4 points

Riding on 4 wheels: 2 points

Weekend events are tallied per day. At the end of each year the member with the highest point total is awarded the Norton Cup and gets a free year membership.

<u>date</u>	<u>time</u>	<u>alt date</u>	<u>event</u>	<u>meet at</u>	<u>contact</u>
<b>Jan 10</b>	12 N.	Jan 17	New Years Ride	Tom D. 408-272-0369	
			Alices	Corner of 84 and Skyline(35)	
<b>Feb 14</b>	11AM	Feb 21	Duncan Ferguson Memorial		
			Sweetheart Ride	Jerry Jolliff 510-793-7747	
			The Florence in Niles		
<b>Mar 13</b>	11 AM	Mar 20	Meet at Alices		
<b>Mar 28</b>	10 AM		Day After Roadrider	Alan G. 831-475-7505	
<b>Apr 11</b>	10 AM??		Rallye di Milani	B Street Bar, San Rafael Ed 415-4557-5423	
<b>Apr 16-18</b>			Vintage Days,	Sears Point Raceway	
<b>May 16</b>	10 AM		Camerons Ride -	Alices (Corner of 84-35)	
<b>Jun 12</b>	10 AM	Jun 19	Santa Cruz Ride	Alices Alan G.	
<b>July 25 ??</b>			North Bay Ride	Greg Fuller 510-449-1762	
<b>Aug. 11-15</b>			Dardanelles: best roads, neat place, fine folks		
			Call for cabin reserv. or camp	209-965-4355	
<b>Sept 12</b>	10 AM		Mt Hamilton lotsa turns	Tom D. 408-272-0369	
<b>Sept 26</b>	10 AM	Oct 14	Old Timers Ride/Annual General Meeting		
<b>Oct 10</b>	10 AM		Delta Ride	Gar Jorgenson 925-634-9395	
<b>Nov 7</b>	10 AM		Marin Ride		
<b>Nov 21</b>	11 AM		Boulder Creek Ride,	Alices Alan G.	

## Meetings

<b>Jan 14</b>	Prince of Wales, San Mateo
<b>Feb 11</b>	Boathouse, S.F.
<b>Mar 13</b>	11 AM, Alices (rain date 3/20)
<b>Apr 8</b>	Harrys Hofbrau Mtn View
<b>May 13</b>	Harrys Hofbrau San Leandro
<b>June 12</b>	Ride Meet Alices -> Santa Cruz
<b>July 8</b>	Boathouse S.F.
<b>Aug 12</b>	Dardanelles
<b>Sept 9</b>	Price of Wales, San Mateo
<b>Oct 14</b>	Harrys Hofbrau Mtn View
<b>Nov 11</b>	Harrys Hofbrau San Leandro
<b>Dec ??</b>	Xmas Party

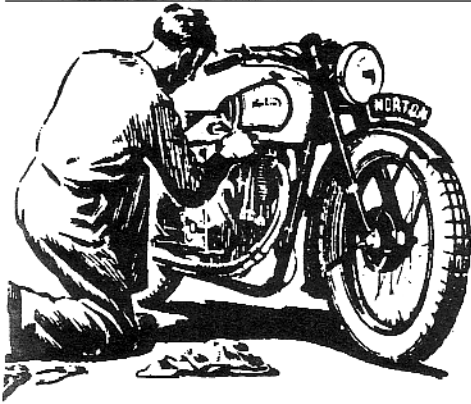
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# Alan's Wrench

by Alan Goldwater, president



Happy New Year everyone. I'm happy to report that we finished up the year with another fine party at Alan Mueller's, though only Brad Green braved the wet weather to ride in. At the pre-feast meeting we were able to plan the coming years event schedule. By using the 1998 ride points tally we hope to fit your interests and schedules better. You will find the full calendar in this issue. Please take a few minutes to look at it, and mark your personal calendar for the rides you want to make. By the way, Tom Dabel wins the 1998 Norton Cup and a free renewal, with 68 points. George and Sachi Shoblo place second with 62, and Frank & Elizabeth Recoder are third at 56 points. It's nice to see couples riding so many miles!

I have been offered a chance by Barry Armitage to take over the review column in the INOA's Norton News. So over the next year I will be sharing these columns with you, and hopefully the product testing as well, as evaluation samples become available. The first item I have is a rectifier/zener replacement unit from Bob Kizer's Cypress Ignition. After I bench test it, this will be available for installation on a volunteers bike. Give me a call or email if you're interested.

In Norton News 111, Nathan Kimble mentioned the Tsubaki 530 chain as a good fit for the Commando's narrow chainguard. In 1995 I was supplied one of their HSL chains for testing, courtesy of Bob Marin of the Chicago NOC. This is an unusual design, with self-lube sintered bushings and heavy side plates. It is not an O-ring type chain, yet I was specifically told not to use any lubricant.

The convenience of a non-lube chain is obvious, and the need for rear wheel cleaning is substantially reduced, although some oil escapes from the mainshaft seals and eventually gets on the rim.

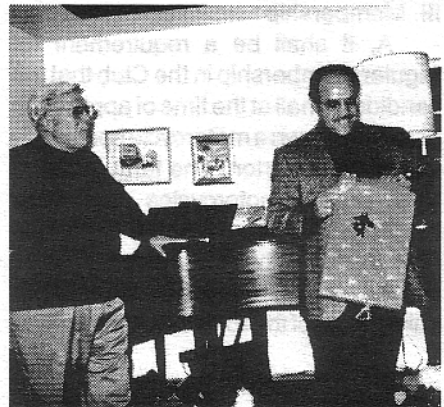
Unfortunately I have to report that in other respects this chain appears to be a poor design. After just over 6000 miles on a MKIII, the chain is at its adjustment limit. In my experience this is about half the expected life of a conventional lubed chain. The sprocket is the real concern though, as it was new when the chain was installed and is now visibly worn at around a quarter of its normal life.

On examination I found that this chain's roller bushings are staked solidly to the pins and are not free to rotate as those on a conventional chain would. As a result, there is surface wear every time the chain goes around the sprocket. What were they thinking? This is not to say that Tsubaki chains are inferior in general; they are widely used and have a good reputation as Nathan pointed out. Just stay away from the type HSL.

Some time ago, Robert Newman wrote about finding some rubber Isolastic parts which had been made with too hard a compound, resulting in severe vibration, and eventually a cracked frame. The hardness of rubber is usually specified in Durometer units, and I have recently acquired a test instrument for this measurement. I would like to test a wide variety of Isolastic parts, both

new and used. Here is a chance for both readers and parts suppliers to participate in valuable research, by sending me samples of these parts for testing. Please attach a label to each part with its source clearly specified and whether it is new or used. I will return any sample which is supplied to me with return label and postage.

We're starting the years activities with ((of all things!) a New Years Ride. The plan is to meet at Alice's (corner of 84 and Skyline) Jan 10 at 12 Noon and hang out for a while, maybe a short ride. If it rains, try again on the 17th. On the 14th we will meet at the Prince of Wales to start planning our Norton display for Sears Point Vintage Days. See you there.



**Xmas Party Happenings**



## Northern California Norton Owner's Club By-Laws

as reported by Alan Goldwater

This document contains the final draft of the NOC Bylaws. This exact text was printed in the October 1992 issue (No. 174) of the Norton Notice, and following extensive discussion, was adopted by vote of those members present at two successive meetings. This vote was documented in the Minutes of the September 1992 Meeting, on page 5 of the October Norton Notice, and of the October Meeting on page 5 of the November 1992 Norton Notice.

### I. Name

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

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Membership Application

The Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC) was started in San Francisco in the early 1970's, and grew geographically larger to become the Northern California Club.

Club membership is technically limited to Norton owners, but we look the other way all the time, at least as long as you would like to have a Norton, own other British bikes, or are just a great person to have around. So if you like to ride, repair, eat, drink, be merry, and admire Norton motorcycles, it will cost you \$20 to join.

The club has monthly rides (sometimes more often), monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month (at rotating venues), an award winning monthly newsletter, and a Website.

If you would like to learn more about your Norton and how to take care of it, would like to buy a Norton, or just want to have a good time with other Club members, join now!

The NCNOC maintains a relationship with the U.S. Norton Owners Association (USNOA, also known as the International Norton Owners Association, or INOA) as well as the original Club in England. Our club secretary will tell you how to join the UK organization, if you have an interest.

The USNOA puts on a North American Rally each year and publishes a fine quarterly magazine called the *Norton News*. This gives you access to national want-ads and to Norton merchants all over the country who advertise in the News. You also get the national membership list. It is well worth joining and will cost you another \$20. Send that to: **Dian Slark, 12603 BelAire Circle, McCalla, AL., 35111...Phone (205)477-4340.**

We look forward to seeing you and your Norton out on the high road.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTORCYCLES OWNED**

Make	Year	Model	Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers
_____	_____	_____	_____

Attach another sheet if you want to list more.

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC). This is a \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal application.

The undersigned applicant certifies that he or she is a legal resident of the US over the age of 18, has a valid motorcycle driver's license, and will use legally required safety equipment in connection with club activities. Participant does hereby execute this release, waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself and his or hers, successors, representatives, and assigns, and hereby agrees and represents as follows: To release the Northern California Norton Owners Club ("the Club") and its officers, agents and members from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or cause of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the club's activities, it being specifically understood that such activities include the operation and use by applicant and others of motorcycles. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify the club and its officers, agents, and members and hold them harmless for the results of the undersigned's participation in those activities. This indemnification shall include attorney's fees incurred in defending any claim or judgement and incurred in the negotiation of any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned shall have the opportunity to consent to any settlement; provided, however, that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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.

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