

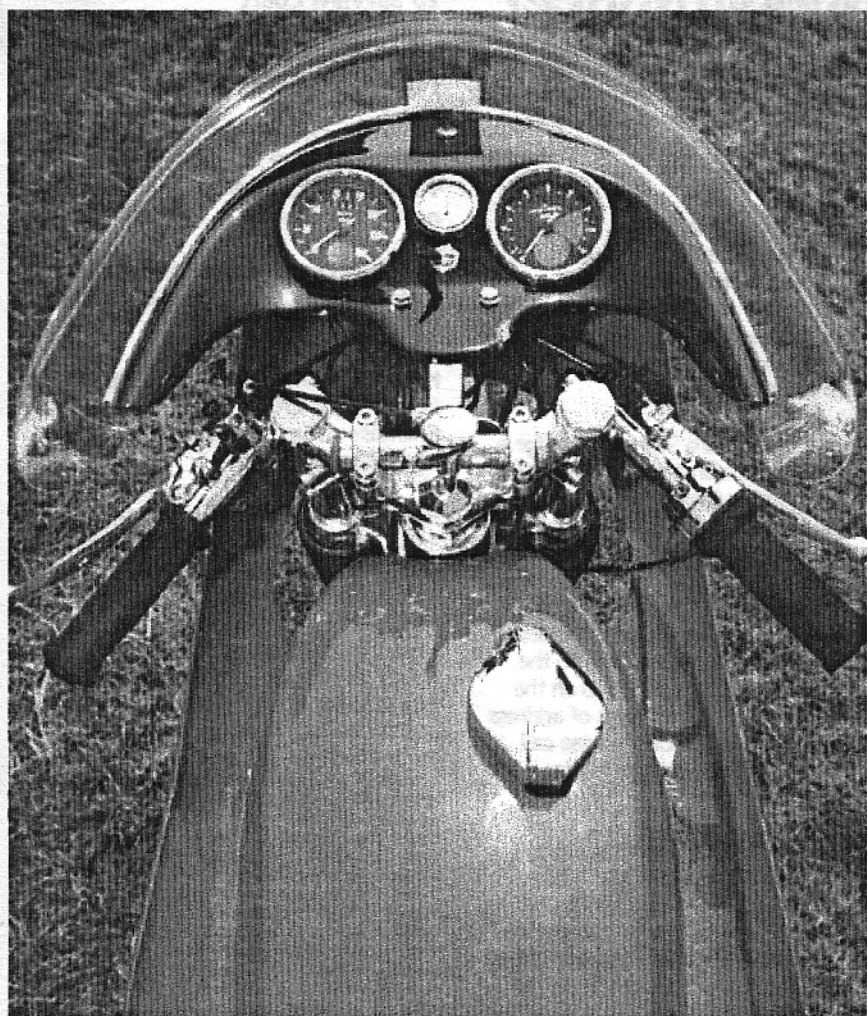
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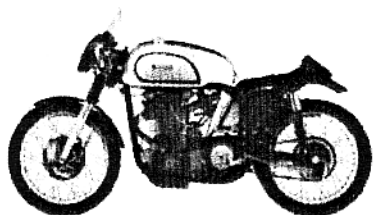
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Dunstall 750 Fastback Commando



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## • 1999 Club Rides •

date	time	alt date	event	meet at	contact
Apr 11	10 AM	N/A	Rallye di Milani San Rafael	B Street Bar	Ed (415) 4557-5423
Apr 16-18	**	N/A	Vintage Days	Sears Pt. Raceway	
May 16	10 AM	N/A	Camerons Ride	Alices: Cornor of 84 and Skyline(35)	
Jun 12-13	**	N/A	Moto Melee	see ad on page 8	Harley (415) 642-9212
Jun 12	10 AM	Jun 19	Santa Cruz Ride	Alices: Cornor of 84 and Skyline(35)	Alan G. (831) 475-7505
July 25	**	N/A	North Bay Ride	**	Greg Fuller (510) 449-1762
Aug 11-15	**	N/A	Dardanelles Run	Call for reserv's or camping info	(209) 965-4355
Sept 2	10 AM	N/A	Mt Hamilton Ride	**	Tom D. 408-272-0369
Sept 26	10 AM	Oct 14	Old Timers Ride Annual Meeting	**	
Oct 10	10 AM	N/A	Delta Ride	Gar Jorgenson	(925) 634-9395
Nov 7	10 AM	N/A	Marin Ride	**	
Nov 21	11 AM	N/A	Boulder Creek	Alices	Alan G.

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Earn Norton Points by attending OfficialNOC events Ride a Norton: 6 Points, Any other bike: 4 points, Ride on 4 wheels: 2 points Weekend events are tallied by 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.

## 1999 Club Meetings

The club meets at 8:00pm on the second Thursday of each month at rotating venues.

Apr 8	Harrys Hofbrau	Mtn View	Sept 9	Price of Wales,	San Mateo
May 13	Harrys Hofbrau	San Leandro	Oct 14	Harrys Hofbrau	Mtn View
June 12	Ride Meet	Alices-Santa Cruz	Nov 11	Harrys Hofbrau	San Leandro
July 8	Boathouse	S.F.	Dec ??	Xmas Party	
Aug 12	After Dardanelles	Ride			

### ***Minutes for March***

Thirteen bikes arrived at Skylonda (Alice's Restaurant) at around 11 pm. There were 8 all black Commandos. That obviously is a very popular model amongst our members. Also present was Bob Bausch, our original member along with his original Fastback Commando (red (somewhat faded) and silver metallic flake). He wasn't able to join us on the ride so the rest of us departed Skylonda for the coast.

Twelve Nortons and one lovely, new Yamaha R1 followed Alan G. down La Honda Road over to Pescadero Road to the town of Pescadero. We had a nice lunch at Duarte's where they had a couple of tables reserved for us. We went outside Duarte's to have our meeting. It was called to order at 1:30pm by President Alan Goldwater. We discussed the upcoming event at Sears Point, April 16, 18. It seems that Alan is not getting much support from the members. We are the fea-

tured marque. He says he will do the best he can. We will have parking available and he hopes many members will show up. It seems that there are several MC events happening that weekend which might be diluting the enthusiasm.

The Clubman Show is 2 weeks away. Alan hopes to have new black, long-sleeved shirts available. The members voted unanomously to purchase them. We hope for many sign-ups as the club numbers are dwindling.

There will be a Day after ride leaving from Road Rider in San Jose at 10 AM. There will be more in the Notice about the Cambria Weekend with the Southern Cal group. The next meeting will be April 8th at Harry's Hofbrau. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

***Alan Mueller,***  
***secretary/treasurer***

PS: I would like to know what the members who went to this meeting felt about the ride/meeting combination. I happened to like the idea!!!

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Here is the latest news about Norton taken from the March 3, 1999 issue of MCN (Motorcycle News)

### **NEW MANX TO BLAST FIRM BACK INTO BIGTIME**

A prototype 750 Norton superbike was seen out on the road in a secret test session. The location was a desolate moorland in Lancashire on a freezing February morning. The reason for the test was to see if the fuel-injection system which feeds the in-line 4 motor was working.

This was only the second time the prototype was seen ridden. The sound and sight of the 16-valve machine firing into life was a milestone in Norton's comeback. The bike did start but only after the rear wheel was perched on a home-made starting rig driven by the front wheels of the design teams van.

The bike returned after just a few minutes with the engine sounding as though it was running on three cylinders. This prototype motor was fitted with only one plug per cylinder. The new World Superbike Manx contender engine will be fitted with 3 plugs per cylinder.

This time the bike ran well. Design chief Al Melling has restricted the throttle movement to prevent opening the bike all the way up to prevent

damage to the new engine. The rider said that it was difficult to come to any conclusions about the engine at this stage. He felt it feels similar to a conventional in-line four but it seemed to have more pulling power in the low rev range. Technicians will use these results to start setting up the engine for full power delivery.

### **NEMESIS WILL BE READY FOR OWNERS IN JUNE**

The 220mph-plus Nemesis could be roaring on the road before June.

To satisfy the demand, Norton is likely to start hand-building one bike a week at its Rochdale HQ before full production begins later this year. At best, production will only be around 3 bikes per week as they will be all hand built.

The Nemesis will have a 230bhp motor and a top speed of 220mph. Al Melling says that he has been under tremendous pressure from Norton America to get things rolling.

MCN saw a brief moment of it hitting 10,000 rpm when the V-8 engine was blipped, producing a roar more like an F1 racing car than a motorcycle. All the tooling needed to make the bike has been completed and ready to ship to sub-contractors where Norton sources its components.

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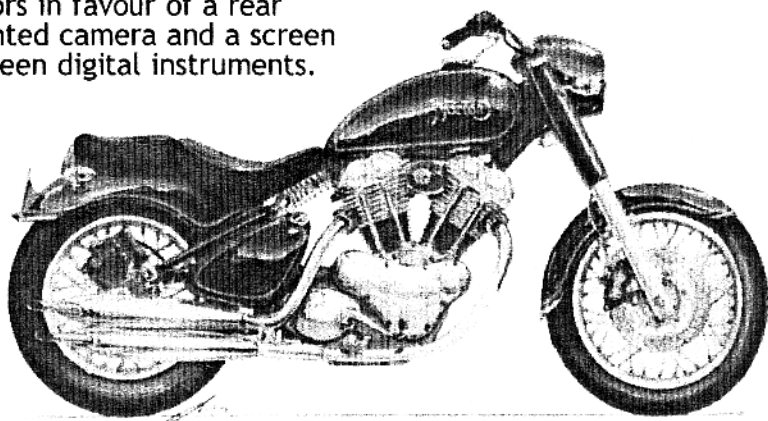
Melling confirms that there are 24 firm orders for the Nemesis, which is enough for six months.

Only after it starts producing 3 bikes a week will the firm be in the black even though the price is over £27,000. Most of the buyers come from the United States where Norton's comeback is causing quite a stir. Technically the V-8 is a doubled up 750 four. It shares identical gear-driven camshafts and cylinder heads. Many internal parts are shared with the Manx. It will even dispense with rear view mirrors in favour of a rear mounted camera and a screen between digital instruments.

## V-TWIN ON TRACK FOR AUTUMN

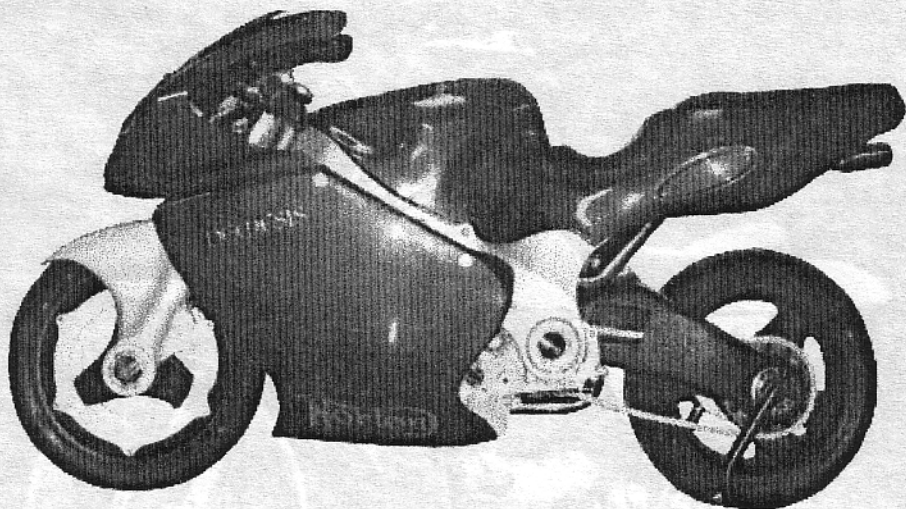
The giant V-twin Nirvana will follow the Nemesis into production this autumn. It is a 1640cc V-twin cruiser. It was rushed into production when it became clear that the V8 Commando was running late.

Even though it is a rush job, Melling has detailed the design to make it look like a pair of 1950s Norton cylinders with a typically British timing case. It will have 2 valves per cylinder and will have a mild power delivery.

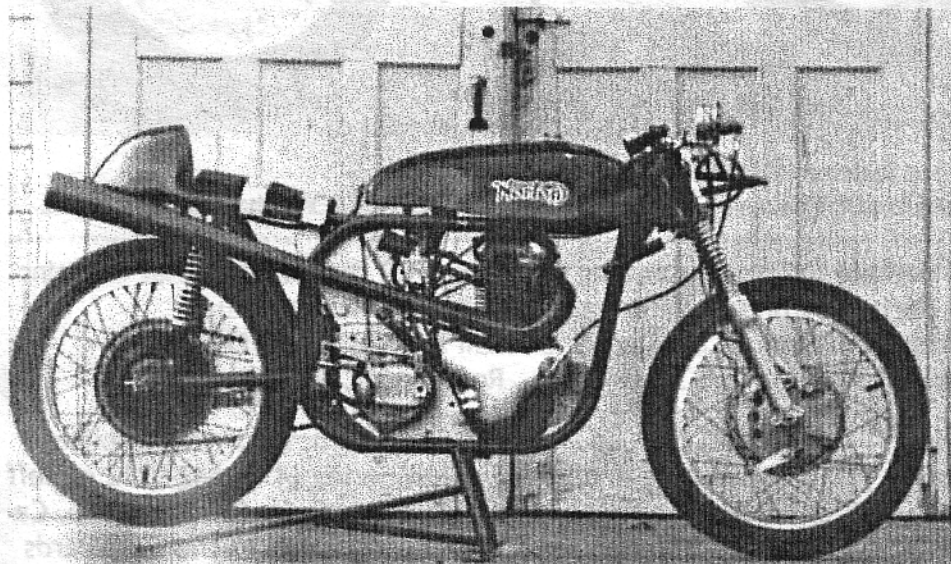


## BRITISH FIRM'S NEW RANGE AT A GLANCE

Name	Style	Price	Available
Nemesis	Hypersports	£27,000	May/June 1999
Nirvana	Cruiser	£13,000	Oct/Nov 1999
Manx 750	sports	£18,000	May 2001
Manx 600	sports	£12,000	Oct. 2001
Manx 900	sports	£14,000	March 2000
Commando	cruiser	£18,500	May/June 2000
600cc singles	sports/trail	tbc	tbc

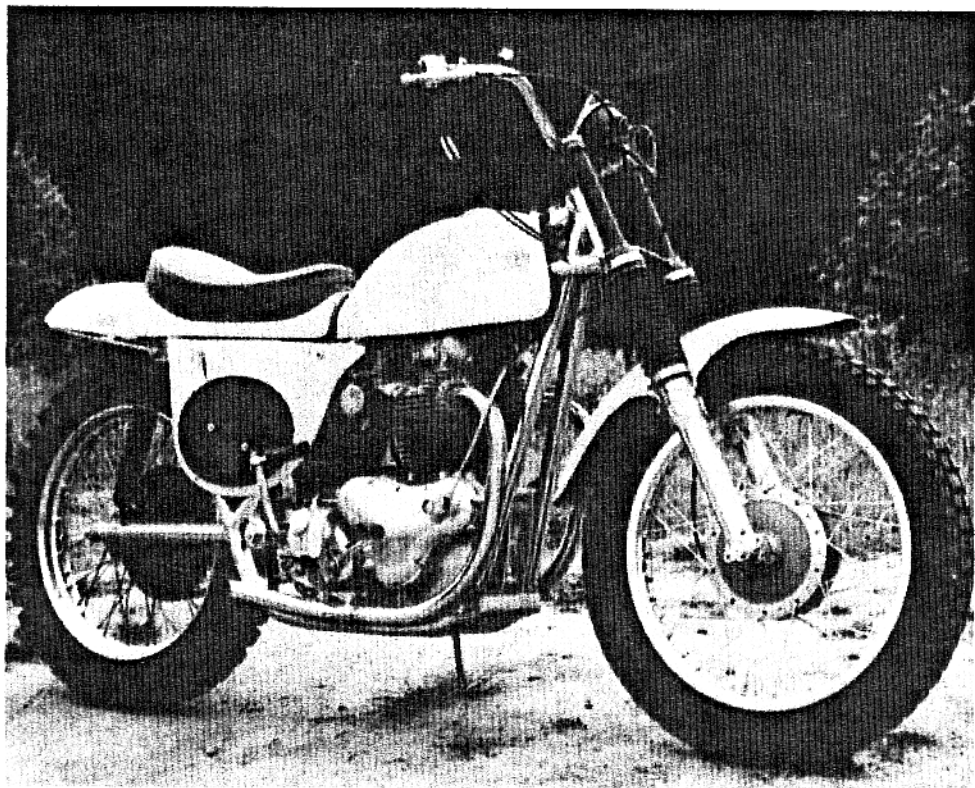


The NEW Norton Motor Corp.'s prototype "The Nemesis "



Norton Dom 99 / 750 circa 1971

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**750cc Rickman Metisse-Norton**

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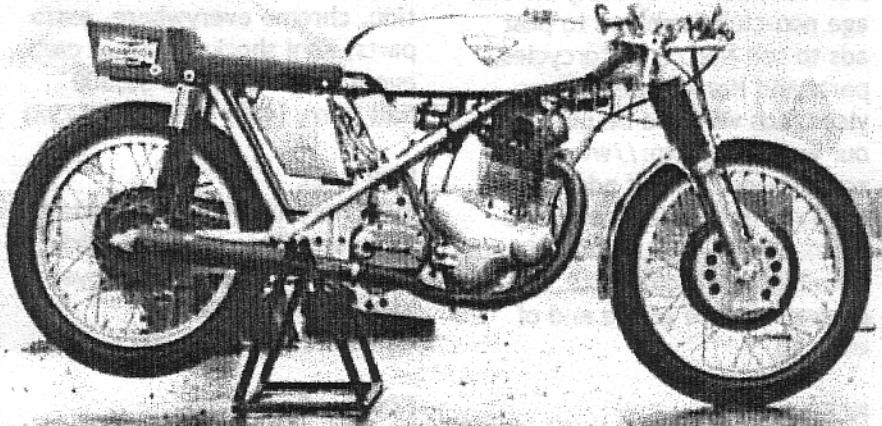
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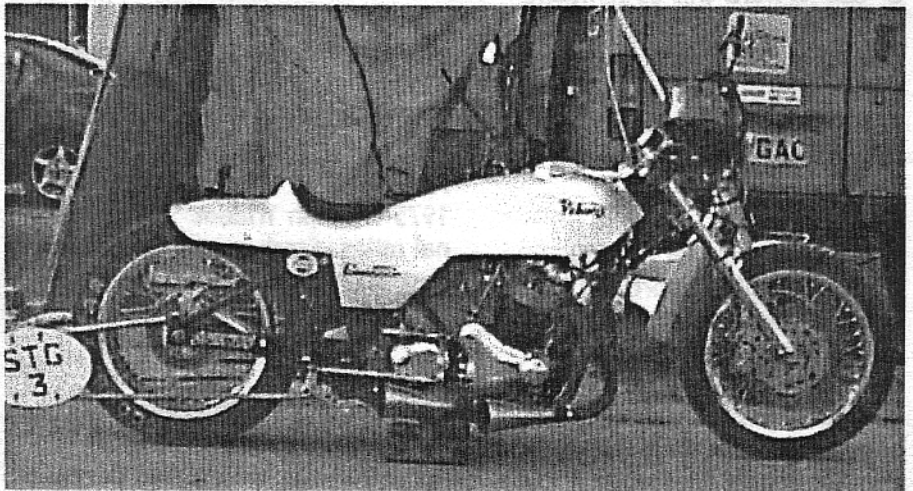
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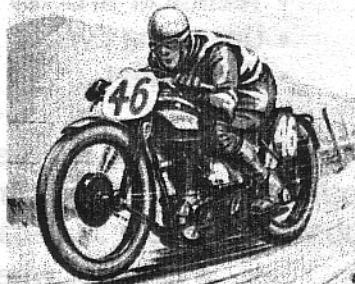
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Club membership is typically limited to Norton Owners, but we look the other way all the time, at least as long as you would like to own a Norton, own other British bikes, or are just a great person to be around. So if you like to ride, repair, eat,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

The club has monthly rides (some times more frequent), monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month (at rotating venues) and award winning 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!

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Make	Year	Model	Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers
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