



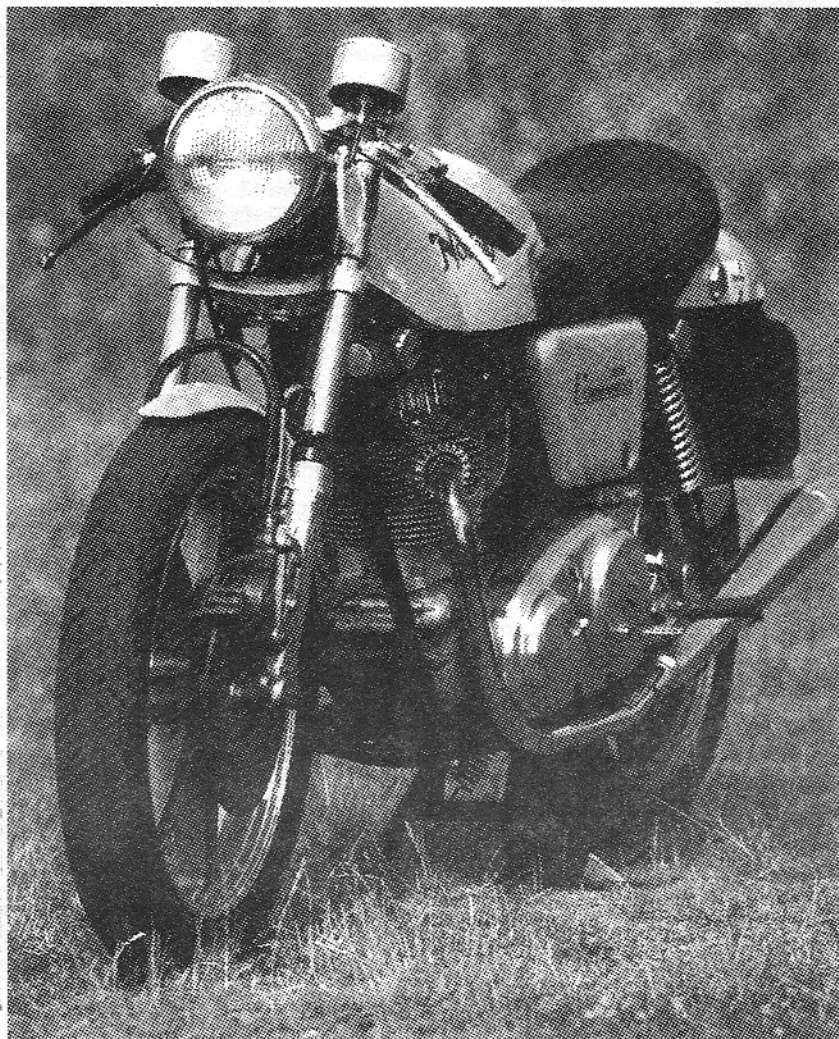
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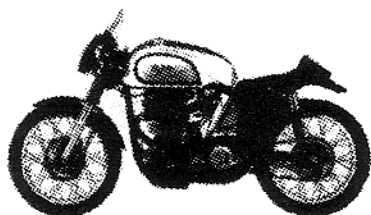


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Norton Notice

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◆ 1999 Club Rides ◆

date	time	alt date	event	meet at	contact
Sept 5	10 AM	N/A	Mt Hamilton Ride		**Tom D. 408-272-0369
Sept 26	10 AM	Oct 14	Old Timers Ride Annual Meeting	Alices (Skylonda)	**
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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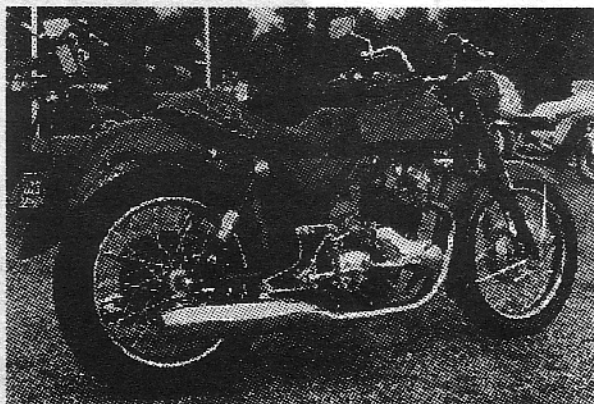
Earn Norton Points by attending OfficialNOC events Ride a Norton: 6 Points, Any other bike: 4 points, Ride on 4 wheels: 2 points Weekend events are tallied by day. At the end of each year the member with the highest point total is awarded the Norton Cup and gets a free year membership.

1999 Club Meetings

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

Sept 26 After Old Timer's Ride
Oct 14 Harrys Hofbrau Mtn View

Nov 11 Harrys Hofbrau San Leandro
Dec ?? Xmas Party



THE DELTA RIDE

WHEN: October 10, 1999

RIDE LEADERS:

Gar Jorgenson and Greg Fuller

WHEN & WHERE TO MEET:

The ride officially starts at 10AM at Carl's Jr. at the intersection of Hwy 160 and Hwy 4, in Oakley. There will be a ride meeting at 9:45 AM and we will leave promptly at 10:00. For those of you who are coming from the South Bay, you may meet Greg Fuller at Geno's Country Store and Shell Station on Vasco Rd just north of Hwy I-580 in Livermore at 09:00 AM. There is trailer parking at both locations. Greg will lead anyone who meets in Livermore to Oakley. Greg will leave for Oakley at 09:15.

To get to Carl's in Oakley coming from the west, take Hwy 4 to the Brentwood/Stockton off-ramp. Turn right and Carl's is right next to the off-ramp before you get to the Chevron Station. To get to Geno's from the west, take I-580 and go north on Vasco Rd, in Livermore. Geno's is just north of the freeway.

The ride will be similar to last year, but covering a few different roads.

We will be going to Old Sacramento and will arrive there about noon. There will be a two hour layover in Old Sacramento for lunch and sight seeing. Parking is convenient and security for the bikes will be provided by the ride leaders. Rest stops and fuel stops will be included in the route. We will return to Oakley about 4:00PM and will be back to Livermore about 4:30. There is no charge for parking in Old Sacramento. There is a \$2.00 toll one way over the Antioch Bridge.

If you have questions, please call Gar Jorgenson at (925) 634-9395.



North Bay Ride Report Reported By Greg Fuller

Despite the temporary cancellations, date changes, and of course the obvious reluctance of all to letting a Triumph rider lead a Norton Club ride, the North Bay ride took off on time from Rodeo with 12 bikes, two carrying a passenger.

Altogether, we left Rodeo with ten Nortons, a BMW, and of course the ride leader astride his Bonneville. Our BMW rider had intended to bring her Norton, but with a transmission not yet back from a rebuild she was stuck riding a lesser bike (actually, the Beemer was a beautiful specimen, but not a Norton). Although your trusty ride coordinator, Garwood Jorgenson, is convinced the good turnout was due to the free donuts and coffee, the good riding weather must have contributed some to a good showing.

We made good time on the trip up to St. Helena, and took over the patio area of "The Spot" diner, which the management promptly closed to non-club members. The one family already seated on the patio inexplicably packed up and left almost immediately, perhaps due to our failure to offer them a club membership. We did, however, sign up one new member,

and pick up three additional riders (already club members) on their Norton's at "The Spot." After a gas stop, we headed out through the hills toward Lake Berryessa, and enjoyed all the great scenery and curvy roads. We made it to the rest stop at Lake Berryessa with all but one rider accounted for, our BMW rider. Although we lost one, we made up for it by adding George Shoblo, who met us at the rest stop. George rode with us as far as Hwy.128, where he broke off for lunch with a couple of other riders who apparently got hungry along the way and stopped with George for a second lunch (or maybe just the good company).

Overall, the ride was quite enjoyable. The only real downside we encountered was the amount of traffic we had to contend with throughout the ride. While not overly annoying, we did have to occasionally wait a few miles for a boat trailer or a motorhome to pull off and let us pass. We made it back to Rodeo at around 4:30 PM, and while loading up the bikes trucked or trailered in, our errant BMW'r showed up to tell us she missed a turn, but had a good ride nonetheless. I breathed a huge sigh of relief that I hadn't (at least permanently) lost a rider on the first ride that I've led. I left for home, looking forward to my next club ride!

PARK CITY MOTORCYCLE WEEK SEPT 16-19, 1999

Picking up where Steamboat Springs left off, Park City Utah has planned an outstanding program of vintage cycle events. Starting with vintage trials on Thursday, the program includes AHRMA road racing on a new course which includes city streets, and finishes with vintage motocross and Concours on Sunday. A pass for the whole week is \$35, or \$20 for the weekend. For details and accommodations, call the Park City Visitors Bureau at 1-800-453-1360.

Classified Advertisements

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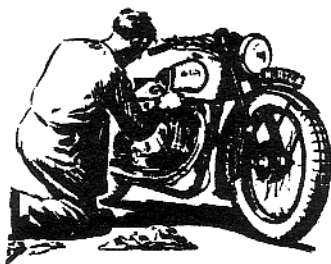
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We had perfect riding weather at the Dardanelles, and as a result I got in almost 600 miles in three days of great riding.

The scenery was incredible, and except for some delays due to road paving on Monitor pass, the traffic was light and well-behaved. There was a lot of sand in the corners, and while none of our group went down, I saw several serious bike spills on 108 in the course of the weekend. It's getting pretty popular with the sport-bike crowd, and some of them have far more bike than common sense!

We did have a couple of breakdowns, which were coincidentally both caused by broken header pipes. An on-the-spot repair by Tom Dabel's Uncle Charlie gave us a good topic for extended bench racing, and Kurt Wicklund was

able to 'ride it home'. Tom wasn't so lucky, as his own bike broke a header the next day, where it couldn't be welded.

I've finished another round of oil testing, this time for 3000 miles on Redline oil. The lab report showed a moderate increase in metal wear residues over the previous test, and around 30% oxidation. Based on this result, I think about 2k miles is a safe limit for a Norton oil change, when using this or other high-quality synthetic oil.

The annual Old Timers Ride and Picnic is coming up at the end of September. Our veep Mike Sullivan has volunteered to organize the barbecue, and I'm sure he'd appreciate some help. Call him if you can lend a hand or contribute a side dish. As far as the ride, we'll meet at Skylonda Corners (Alices) at around 10, and take a leisurely ramble down to the coast and then back up to the picnic site. I'd like to see a good turnout for this event, as it is our annual General Meeting and is your best chance to share your ideas and suggestions for the future of your club. Please plan on riding with us if you can.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NORTON OWNERS CLUB

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 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!

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

The USNOA hosts 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 merchants all over the country who advertise in the News as well as a national membership list. It is well worth joining and will cost 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 on the high road.

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Motorcycles Owned

Make Year Model Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers

Attach additional sheet to list more.

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC). Check One: New Membership Renewal application.

The undersigned application certifies that he or she is a legal resident of the U.S. over the age of 18, has a valid motorcycle drivers 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 it's officers, agents and members from any and all liabilities, loss, damage, cost, claims and/or cause of action, including but not limited to all bodily injury and property damage arising out of participation in the Club's activities, it being specifically understood that such activities include the use by applicant and others of motorcycles. The applicant further agrees to indemnify the Club and it's officers, agents and members and hold them harmless for the results of the undersigned's participation in those activities. This indemnification also includes attorney's fees in defending any claim or judgment in the negotiation of any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned will have the opportunity to consent to any settlement; provided however, that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

I have read and agreed 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.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Send all applications or inquiries to: Alan Mueller, 128 Windsor Ct. San Carlos, CA. 94070
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