

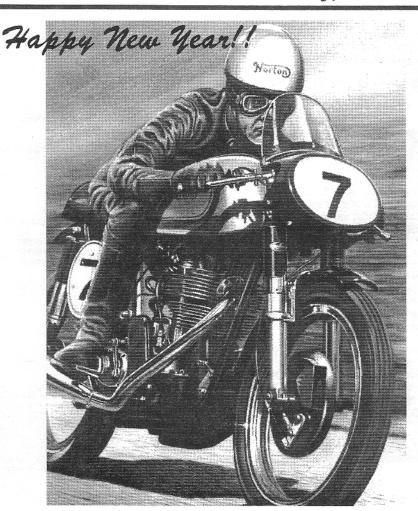
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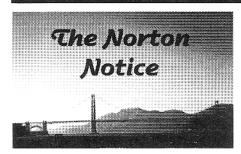
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Riding a Norton:
6 points
Riding other bike:
4 points
Riding on 4 wheels:
2 points

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.

Call Ride's Coordinator Gar Jorgenson (925)634-9395 for details

DATE	TIME	EVENT	MEET AT
Jan. 16	12N	Polar Bear	Alice's
Feb. 13	11AM sriams	Ferguson/ Sweetheart	The Florence
March 25	Yamaha DT6	Clubman Show	S.J. Fairgrounds
March 26	T.B.A.	Day After Ride	Road Rider/SJ
April (?)	T.B.A.	Rallye de Milani	Jeny Grainge:A.B.T.
April 23	Dawn	Easter Ride	T.B.A. Facility vonevy
April 28-30	Anytime	Sonoma Fest	Sears Point
May 14	10ÅM	Mother's Day/ to Cameron's Ride	Alice's
May 26-29	Anytime	Lake Cachuma Ride	T.B.A. on box agino
June 10	10ÅM	Santa Cruz Ride/Meet	Alice's
June 24	T.B.A. Isnella	Ft. Sutter AMCA	Dixon Fairgrounds
July 12-16	T.B.A.	INOA National Rally	
August 11-13	Anytime	Ken Armann Weekend	
Sept. 17	T.B.A.	Mt Hamilton Ride	T.B.A.
Sept. 30	10AM	Old Timer's Ride	Alice's
Oct. 15	T.B.A.	Delta Ride	T.B.A.
Nov.?	T.B.A.	All British Ride	T.B.A. du bennii ed
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Dec. 10	T.B.A.	Xmas Party and I	T.B.A.s etubertes ent
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Club Meetings

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Prince of Wales, San Mateo
Harry's Hofbrau, Mountain View
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Santa Cruz Ride/Meeting
Donkey Deli, San Juan Batista
Prince of Wales, San Mateo
Harry's Hofbrau, Mountain View
Prince of Wales, San Mateo
The Boat House, SF
No meeting

At this time, all rides and meetings are not east in stone. Events and dates may change!!

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President's Message......by Mike Sullivan

Well guys, with the occasion of the Christmas Party, I presume that the reins of office have been passed to me from the more than capable hands of our president for the last three years, Alan Goldwater. I believe that we all owe a large THANK YOU to Alan for bringing the club out of the doldrums and for holding us together.

At the Christmas party (and hev! All you guys that were not there missed a great party that was well hosted by Jerry Grainger and his gracious wife Wendy. The food was great, besides turkey and ham that the club provided: there was sushi and lox as well as chips and dips and a couple of great salads. Tom Dabel brought a cake with an interesting decoration of a motorbike done by a friend of his.) The schedule for the year was laid out and is shown elsewhere in this issue. Some of the dates are a little fuzzy and will be firmed up, as we become aware of the actual dates. The major items on the schedule are the Clubman's show in San Jose, the Danmeier Ride with date to be determined, and the INOA Meeting in Utah on July 12-16

Also, awarded at the party was this year's Norton Cup for the most participation points earned by a member. This year's recipient is Keith Karn with a total of 76 points. He beat me out by two points when he rode his

trusty Norton to last month's meeting and I drove my auto. Well done Keith!

For those of you who do not know me, here is a brief description of my motorcycle life: I started riding the first year out of high school on a Sears (Puch) Twingle, graduating to the following in order; BMW R26, Yamaha 50 Trail, Kawasaki 175 Trail, Suzuki x6. Yamaha DT1 (first one in San Diego) Yamaha DT80, BMW R27. Honda moped, 1961 Norton Model 50. 1971 Norton Commando Roadster. The last four of which I still have. The Model 50 is apart after having the crankpin bearing fail after about 50K mikes. I am working on it and hope to have it back together for the National.

I have been in the Club for four years, and although I am a rank amateur at organizing and running a club like this, I have a love of motorcycles and motorcycling and with the capable help that I am sure I will get from the members, we will be able to keep things rolling for another year.

See you at the Polar Bear Ride to Alice's in January. Points will be awarded just for showing up, no formal ride will be undertaken.

With thanks from your President

Mike Sullivan

1965 Electra

This infrequently seen model is notable as the first Norton to feature an electric starter (there were only ever two machines built with electric start anyway). Only in production from 1963 to 1965, its engine is a slightly enlarged version of that fitted to the 350cc Navigator, with which it shares most of its cycle parts, though the frame is strengthened and a 7" rear brake fitted as on the Dominator twins. Direction indicators fitted into the end of the handlebars are a distinguishing feature. Chrome plated mudguards were standard on export bikes in 1963 and on the home market ones from the following year.

The cylinder is overbored in order to obtain the extra cubic capacity and there were some modifications made to the crankcase because of this. Gearbox internals also differ from those fitted to the smaller machine. Chrome plated mudguards were standard on export machines in 1963 and on the home market ones from the following year.

The Electra was an early casualty in 1965 along with the Navigator as AMC sought in vain to stave off imminent financial collapse.

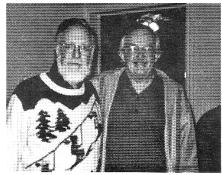


The Christmas Party

Our gracious host, Jerry Grainger



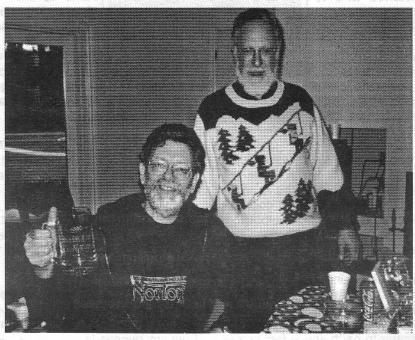




President Alan Goldwater passes the gavel to new President, Mike Sullivan



Many marvelous gifts were exchanged that day!!



Point winner, Keith Karn receives his award (a 1999 Norton Club mug)

A comparison of the earlier and later versions of the components that make the red light come on when your battery isn't charging. By Alan Osborn, Roadholder #176, Jul/Aug 1994

The earlier type of warning light unit, with the designation 3AW, is an aluminum can that hangs on a spring under the Commando seat.

A circuit exists between the AL terminal

that connects to either alternator lead. through a 20 ohm (nominal) resistor, and through a piece of nickel-chromium resistance wire to earth. As soon as there is an output from the alternator, current passes through this circuit, the resistance wire heats up, and a circuit through the WL terminal is broken.

on the Mk. I and MkII 850s.

When we come to the Mk.III with the

giving it a very interesting waveform.

Should that particular diode in the

rectifier fail and go open circuit, then

you not only lose half the output from the alternator, but you may burn out

the 3AW. The burned out 3AW can

then short out and reduce the alternator

output, the fault remaining even after

electromechanical, these units are delicate with regard to vibration as

well: it's a wonder they last as long as

they do. I believe they were only used

you replace the rectifier.

high output single phase (180W) alternator, the 3AW would have burned out. so Norton started again and came up with the black 'square' assimilator, almost a proper piece of electronics. This unit certainly seems to be reliable with regard to vibration and water ingress.

There is initially a circuit from the WL terminal to earth, which lights the ignition-warning lamp. As soon as this is broken, the red light goes out and stays as such until the output from the alternator ceases (usually, when the engine stops).

When you examine the way this unit is used on the bike you see that the circuit, shown in Fig 1, is a little weird, in that it takes power directly from the alternator to earth and in fact across one of the diodes in the rectifier, thus

Figure 2 shows how it works. The voltage applied from the ignition terminal biases the transistor on, and the warning lamp lights.

As soon as there is an output of sufficient voltage from the alternator the transistor is biased off and the warning lamp goes out.

Again the system is not that clever when it comes to failures elsewhere and the transistor is very vulnerable from any overloads.

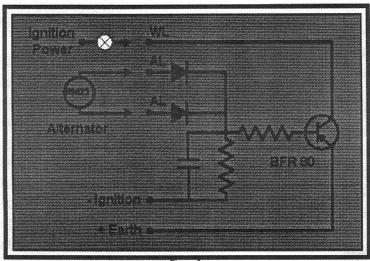


Figure 2

Merry Christmas



Courtesy of Tom Dabel

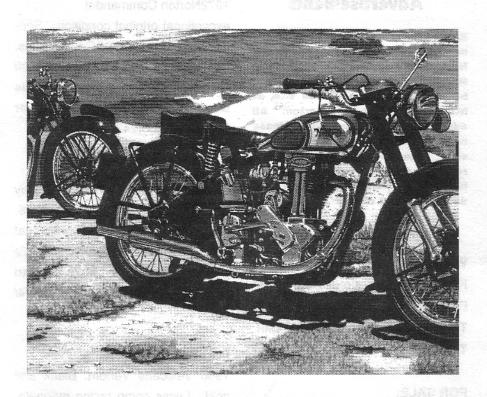
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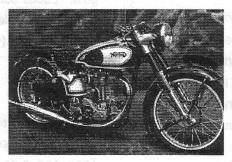
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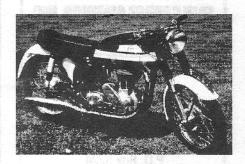
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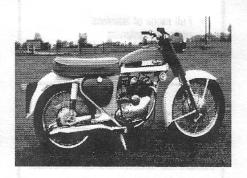
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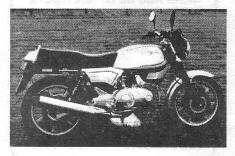
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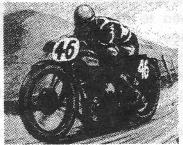
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and the size of the main jet. The fuel supply to the main jet is kept at a constant level by the float and needle assembly in the float bowl.

In order to slow the engine down, we need to reduce the amount of fuel and air reach-

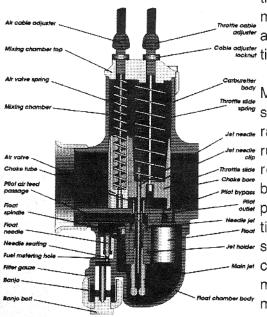
ing the engine. The MkI does this by lowering a slide into the main choke bore. As the slide reduces the effective bore size a tapered metering needle also reduces the effective size of the main jet.

To reduce the fuel/air mixture to a minimum (eg at tickover) a second circuit is needed. This is called the pilot jet system. With the throttle closed virtually no air is let through the main choke bore nor fuel through the main jet. Instead air is taken through the pilot air feed passage at the intake side of the carburetter and fuel is taken through the pilot jet feed passage. This separate and very accurate metering of the fuel is necessary if

the engine is to maintain a slow e cable and reliable and reliable tickover.

On some body Mk 1s an air stide spring slide is incorponeedle rated for cold readle running. This is slide reduces the bore bore bore size by placing a section of the air holder slide in the main slide and reduced remain as be-

fore, therefore fuel mixture is greatly enriched. All Mk i Concentrics will need flooding to start a cold engine. With the tickler depressed the float is held down allowing the fuel to flood up the main and pilot jets. On a warm engine this should not be needed.



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 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 youwould 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.

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