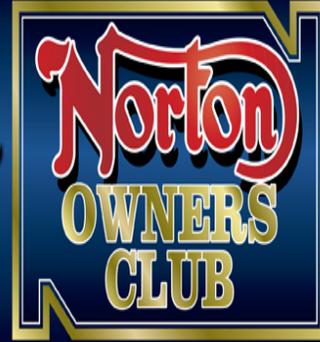




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AFFILIATIONS

The NCNOC is affiliated with both the Norton Owner's Club of England (NOC) <http://nortonownersclub.org/> and the International Norton Owner's Association (INOA) <http://inoanorton.com/> see page 13.

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2015 RIDE AND EVENT DIARY: note: dates in bold are NCNOC club events those not in bold are events of interest to the club. **For event details see your club website at Nortonclub.com.**

Thurs, May 14: Monthly Meeting, Swinging Door, San Mateo

Fri-Sat, May 15-16: Quail Motorcycle Gathering, Carmel, CA.

Sun, May 24: Mt. Hamilton Ride Ride Leader Alan Goldwater: ride start Lorin and Kathryn's house, 36 Oakmore Dr San Jose 95127 (one block down from the My Hamilton Road) Sweeties and coffee, juice and more! Depart 10am

Sat, May 30: BSAOCNC Mother Lode Ride, El Dorado Hills

Sun, June 07: Adopt-a-Highway Clean up: 10:30am start

Thurs, June 11: Monthly Meeting, location TBD

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—Always check your club on line calendar for updates and your Yahoo Group for up to the minute ride and event information.

President's Message :

Come all ye faithful!

We have taken on a great project as a club, the 2016 NCNOC/INOA International Rally. It will be in Quincy, California where we had it twenty years ago, it was great times then so why not do it again? Our club was larger and with more active (younger) members at that time, so we are going to need everyone to "**step up**" and help us to make it a great event.



We will need lots of volunteers to help out, so whatever assistance you can give, send a note to Harry Bunting (the event chairman).

If you were at the one in 1994 it would be great if maybe you can find pictures from the last Quincy event and write a story for the Norton Notice!

Weather is wonderful as usual here in California (we are so lucky) so it is time to start getting out there and get back to riding and letting people see you on your NORTON. The best way to get more members is to show up on your bike and make everyone feel welcome, it's a great recruiting tool to get new members so grab some of the club cards (passed out at events See Lorin) and start passing them out.

As always thanks for your support and remember to "play well with others".

Photo credit: pg4 Ken Armann pg 7 internet, pg 10 Jerry Kaplan and internet pg12 internet

A vertical rectangular sign with a yellow background and a black border. At the top, it says "The approachable" in a cursive font. Below that is the name "Ken Armann" in a large, stylized, outlined font. Underneath is "Classic & Antique Motorcyle Restoration & Repair" in a smaller, serif font. The sign also features logos for "Norton" (in red), "BSA" (in blue with wings), and "TRIUMPH" (in yellow). At the bottom, it lists the address "851B So. McGlincey Ln Campbell, Ca 95008", the phone number "(408) 626-0061", and the email "kenarmann@hotmail.com".

Rusted Nuts and *Stupid (Simple) Shop Tricks and Tips*
By Fred Fortune @ Fred's Garage

Using a Ratchet for a Hammer Tricks

- With a dremel tool and abrasive wheel, bench grinder or a hack-saw and file you can make a do-it-yourself tap to 'chase' gunk/rust/powder-coat from threads. Simply cut a couple grooves long-wise in the threads of a bolt of the appropriate size, and thread it in and out a couple times. Alternately file a "V" groove in the threads with one side of the groove as perpendicular as possible to the centerline of the bolt to make a cutting edge. Work the doctored bolt in and out slowly, blowing out the stuff as it comes loose, and you're done. I've made a similar die by filing slots into the threads of a nut. This is in desperation only...you won't regret having on hand a cheap tap and die set if all you're doing is cleaning threads.

- An old turkey baster makes a great tool to quickly remove oil from a difficult to drain primary (tube frame Buell) or oil bag. If you need more reach slip a length of clear tubing over the end.

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- For a homemade bearing race driver, take a long-shafted punch or chisel (or 9"-12" piece of rebar) and grind the tip to an oval cross section. If you have an acetylene torch and hammer, just heat and flatten the tip. Over-length punches with flattened or oval tips are great multipurpose tools once you have them.

- Bamboo shishkabob skewers make an excellent tool to check bolt hole depth or test oil levels. Use the pointy end to dig out crud in bolt holes if you don't have an air compressor. Crud left in bolt holes are the number one cause of cracked or stripped case bosses.

Changes By SportsterDiana

As much as the P11 seemed ready for it, I had to take my 07 Sportster for the Apr NCNOC ride. I was leaving for AZ in a couple of days and needed a few miles on it before I left to check out the changes I'd made for this Summer northern trip. A quick stop for gas, filling the new larger tank and I was on my way up to Los Gatos. It seemed I could do no wrong and made every light.

John's clutch on his new Norton was chattering, but test rides didn't reveal anything so at ten AM everyone saddled up and we head for our first stop, Dick's new house. The leisurely ride up Bear Creek Road left me lots of time to think. This had been my first 'racing road' my 500 Triumph against a CB350 up and down almost every weekend for a couple of months. At some of the wide spots I could almost see the bikes parked, as we would stop to trade batteries. Back then I didn't even know how funny it was that we were using a Triumph as a charging system for a Honda!

The last two roads were slow enough and steep enough that I was glad not to be nursing my P11's clutch up them, I could hear John's chattering up in front of me. With only two one lane road u-turns Harry somehow managed to get us to Dick's place. Its an amazing house, but the refreshments were still in mixing bowls. Having skipped breakfast this was shaping up to be a long wait. I walked back out to my bike and quietly coasted away, not firing up the motor until I got back to Hwy 9.

I sat there a moment, again lost more in the past than the present, some many rides down this road, so many bikes. Hanging a left I was back in Boulder Creek in 4 minutes pulling into Fosters Freeze. I had first been here 35 years ago on the back of a Triumph 650. It looked almost exactly the same now as it had then, and still only took cash just like it had back then. We had no jackets or gloves, and the fog rolled in while we ate.

When we left we missed the turn for Bear Creek, and it was so cold the boy I was with could not work the controls after three miles. It was my first ride over Hwy 9. Looking at my jacket on the other side of the booth, and the bike in the lot brought to mind how things change, and yet how much they stay the same.



Norton's first use of the name 'Manx' was applied to the 'Manx Grand Prix' model available from 1936-1940, a special racing version of their 'International' roadster,. Just after WW2, the 'Grand Prix' was dropped, and Norton named their 1947 racing model the 'Manx'. It was a lightly redesigned prewar racing Norton International, available as a 350cc or 500cc. The Norton factory race bikes under team manager Joe Craig were experimental models, and a version was available to buy from the factory in Bracebridge Street



BSA Club's 2015 Clubman's Event at the Santa Clara County Fair Grounds, San Jose Ca. Member's manning the booth all day and selling our club t-shirts, collecting membership renewals and new members. The club did an amazing job and congrats to all, who showed up early to help set up and those who stayed late to help tear down. Isabel, Harry, Kenny, Kathryn, Diana, John, Ron, Elizabeth and all the others you did a fantastic job.

Norton On parade, Norton motorcycles seen on the Quail Ride May 16th Carmel Ca,



Photos by Kathryn Guy

Rides and Activities Calendar

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Sun, **September 13: Delta Ride**
Sat, October 03: Gold Country Curmudgeons' Girder Fork Ride
Sun, October 04: AGM Ride & BBQ, Los Gatos Creek Park
Thurs-Sun, October 8-11: Classic Motorcycle Rally, SLO
Sun, October 11: Watsonville Car Show & Fly-in, Watsonville
Fri-Sun, October 30-November 1: IMS DISPLAY
Sun, November 01: Sacramento Swap meet
Sat, November 07: BSAOCNC All-British Ride, Novato
Sun, November 08: SCNOC 34th annual Hansen Dam Ride
Thurs, November 12: Monthly Meeting, location TBD
Sun, November 15: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
Sun, December 06: NCNOC Holiday Party
Sun, December 27: Freeze Ride

Remember to Join the CLUB Yahoo group for up to the minute details and or changes to club events. Get more details on rides

Motorcycle Logic re Lane Splitting:
The rule of averages: just because you can does not mean you should.

and events on the club
website
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1974 Wood-Norton, Big-Tube Racer

One of two big-tube framed racers built by Ron Wood. (The other big-tube's whereabouts are unknown.) This bike won the Ascot Championship three years running in the mid-seventies and is full of Ron Wood's and CR Axtell's best stuff. it won its class (Competition Nortons) at the now defunct Legend of the Motorcycle show at Half Moon Bay, CA. Owned by Jamie Waters



One of NorCal Norton Club's founding members Jerry Kaplan with Jamie Waters showing the Norton Ron Wood Flat Track Bike

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Notes from the Editors:

Norton Club's booth at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering was a huge hit, the club selling out of t-shirts and gaining again a number of memberships. The event is the premier motorcycle show in the United States attracting manufactures and celebrities as well as collectors and just good ole riders.

The Club's presence is of great import and keeps us in touch with a factor that may not be familiar with what we are about the opportunity to educate and recruit is monumental.

The fact that we are now involved with presenting the **INOA International Norton Rally**, is another huge opportunity to show just how great the NCNOC is. Through our contribution to other clubs rally's has gained us a lot of knowledge, we are under pressure to make this an amazing experience. I say that because the NCNOC is known for its ability to enhance the experience and as we head into this task we are all needed to call upon our resources and ingenuity to present an amazing rally. My experience has taught me

that having a vision and shooting very high in your expectations and planning is important, because if you miss your mark, it's still pretty damn good, but it's also taught me to look at the details and offer the things that are unexpected and seldom seen at rallies. This enhances the experience and makes it better all-around. But just "good" is not an option, it has to be amazing in every aspect, planning and task delegation is important, and every member needs to get involved and volunteer to help make this one of, if not the BEST rallies the INOA has ever seen.



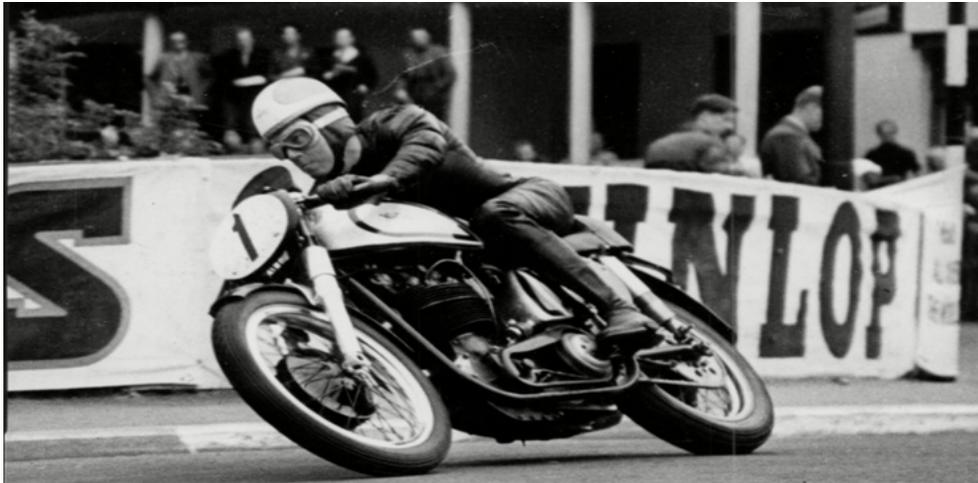
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RIP: Geoff Duke, who has died at age 92 was the first British star of the motorcycling world championships. He won his first world titles for the British Norton concern in 1951, before moving to the Italian Gilera factory, where he achieved the first world championship hat-trick, taking the 500cc crown in 1953, 1954 and 1955.

He was born in St Helens, Lancashire, to Robert and Lily, a baker and confectioner. At the age of 10 Geoff bought his first motorcycle – a 1923 belt-drive Raleigh – for 10 shillings, by pooling his savings with a few friends.

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Born into an age when motorcycle racers looked more like matinee idols than rock stars, Duke brought new standards of professionalism to the sport. He was meticulous in everything he did and his riding style was unerringly smooth, a crucial factor at a time when chassis, tyre and suspension design still had a long way to go.

Like all top racers, Duke rarely stopped contemplating how to extract more speed from his machine, from himself and even from his riding kit. In the early 1950s he instructed his tailor to create a tight-fitting, one-piece leather suit that would cheat the wind better than the usual two-piece outfits. One-piece leathers quickly became the norm and remain so today.

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INOA and the NOC Happenings:

The NCNOC is associated with the **NOC** of England (Norton Owner's Club) After years of establishing ourselves as the Norton representatives in the USA we joined with the **INOA** (International Norton Owner's Association). We highly encourage all members to join both organizations, for the benefits to you and your club.

Coming events in the INOA:

INOA Norton Carolina Rally

July 13-17, 2015 Asheville, NC Details to follow

Coming events in the NOC:

The International Rally May 29-June 1 Co. Wicklow, Ireland, just 33 miles from the ferry at Dublin and only 26 miles from the ferry at Dun Laoghaire.

The end of the rally coincides with the beginning of TT practice week on the Isle of Man and those going to the rally may wish to take the ferry back from Dublin to Douglas.

The rally itself takes place from May 29th – June 1st. Many Members will remember the very enjoyable rally in Ireland at Clonakilty back in 2003 and some of the original team will be organizing the 2015 event.

There are hotels and B&Bs off site – an accommodation list is available.

You can join the NOC at:

www.nortonownersclub.org/membership

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Yahoo Group ; Your club maintains a Yahoo Groups page, for all up to date event info and changes, questions about your bike or just queries, it's a quick way to get an answer or opinion. You can join the Yahoo Group from your club Website Nortonclub.com, click on About Us.. at the bottom of that page, Join us!

Club Membership; Club membership is \$25.00 per year and is open to all British motorcycle enthusiasts, regardless of Norton motorcycle ownership. You can join from the Clubs website Nortonclub.com

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Club Events; Club events are printed in your mailed Norton Notice; page 3, "2015 Ride and Event Diary". Club events are in "bold print" type, other events of interest to the club are in regular type. Feel free to invite your nonmember friends to rides and events, we are an open club, although a liability release needs to be signed (the club "sign in sheet") everyone signs before events.



Membership Application to the Northern California Norton Owner's Club

Membership cost is \$25.00 per year and includes a subscription to the Norton Notice, a publication which provides an enormous wealth of information to Norton owners, announces and re-caps of club events.

I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

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This is a new _____ renewal _____ application.

Norton(s) owned: Year _____ Model _____

Year _____ Model _____

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 judgment 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.

Applicants Signature and date (required)

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Join our club Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorCalNOC/>

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