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

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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)

Make your check for \$25 payable to Northern California Norton Owners Club. Send all applications & inquiries to Treasurer Alan Goldwater 1780 Chanticleer Ave. Santa Cruz Ca. 95062

You can also join on line at nortonclub.com and use credit card through our pay pal account.

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

*The NCNOC is associated with both the NOC and the INOA You can join the INOA and the NOC from our website at Nortonclub.com

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Norton Notice: your club newsletter is a bi-monthly publication and is available in full color printable PDF form on line at your club website Nortonclub.com see "Norton Notice".

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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!

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2016 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. Calendar**

Sunday, May 22: Mount Hamilton Ride, Sunday rain or shine, Tom n' Liz's for coffee and pastries before leaving at 11:00 a.m. The Junction (for lunch) has reopened with much money spent. Wildflowers were very good two weeks ago and it rained since then. Cheers, Tom & Liz

Thursday, June 9: Club meeting, Harry's Hof Brau, San Jose, CA. meeting starts 8pm.. Come early get dinner...

Sunday, June 12 "June Swoon Ride", Alice's, 11:30am Highway Clean Up, Alice's, before ride 10am start!.. Be there..

Thursday, July 7 Club Rally Volunteers, Harry Bunting's house 2856 Hemlock ct. San Jose (prep for rally)..

Monday thru Saturday, July 11-16 NCNOC /INOA Feather River Rally. Quincy CA. see website for details ..

Thursday thru Sunday, Aug 11-13 Dardanelle M/C campout, Meeting Saturday night with dinner. Ride, Meteors and MORE ... fun time in the hills...

Sunday, Aug 21 Highway Clean Up, Alice's, 10:30am

Thursday, Sep 8: Club meeting, Swiss Park, Newark, CA meeting starts 8pm come early get dinner..

Sunday, Sept.11 Delta Ride, start ,Carl's Jr, 915 Main St. Oakley, CA 10 am

Sunday, Oct 2: AGM meeting BBQ and Ride, Los Gatos Creek Park, TBA..

Saturday, Nov 5: BSA Clubs's All British Ride, Novato, CA (points ride).

Sunday, Nov 6 Hanson Dam ride 35th Annual Southern California Norton Club

Thursday, Nov.10: Club meeting, Swinging Door, San Carlos CA.meeting starts 8pm come early get dinner.. Really good Fish and Chips!

Sunday, Nov.13: Adopt-a-Highway Highway Clean up and Turkey Ride: 10:30am Alice's, ride start 11:30..

Sunday, Dec 4 Holiday Party, TBA

Sunday, Dec 18: Freeze Ride, Alice's, 10:30am

—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 :

This really great news is mine to share, The BSA club is going strong and the Clubman Show will continue into the foreseeable future. The granddaddy of all the British clubs Don Danmier gave me this great news himself, thank you Don.

Speaking of the best thanks to Harry Bunting (for signing up my bike at the Clubman) the trophy for the best Norton from the show is here with me.

The Club was strong at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering last week, the booth saw a lot of people come by including Norton Expert and one of our Honorary Members Brian Stark, and actor, motorcycle enthusiast and builder Keanu Reeves.

Get your applications in for the All British Motorcycle ,NCNOC/ INOA **Feather River Rally** as soon as you can, it's July 11-16 it will make our planning job easier and take some stress off the rally personnel. We have been ironing out the final details and it is all falling into place nicely. Hope to see you all there remember to bring a hat and sunscreen with swim trunks as we should have some warm weather.

Keep in mind we are still going to the Dardanelle Camp out and motorcycle weekend at the Dardanelle resort in August to watch the sky fall, our annual sierra mountains overnight campout weekend will be August 11-13th I have already been up twice and the fishing is good and the water is great.

Hope all are well and remember to play nice with each other.

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Cindy Armann, Page 7 & 8 Lorin Guy. Also page 8 Jerry Kalpan



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INOA and the NOC Events:

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:

July 2016 INOA/NCNOC Feather River Rally

The 2016 All British, **Feather River Rally** presented by the International Norton Owners Association (INOA) and the Northern California Norton Owner's Club (**NCNOC**) will be held July 11-16 at the Quincy, California, Plumas County Fairgrounds.

This beautiful and exciting area of Northern California offers some of the states best motorcycle roads. Plan early to be a part of this amazing event. Registration opens soon. Watch the Norton Rally website for details or see Nortonclub.com

Coming events in the NOC:

Banbury Run: With 600 entrants the VMCC is the biggest gathering and run in the world for machines manufactured before 1931. Operating over three different routes which all converge back on Gaydon, the Banbury Run caters for those who wish to enter a timed event or those who just enjoy the thrill of riding with so many other Vintage, Veteran and Pioneer bikes. Discounted entry fees will be available for Veteran machines (manufactured before 1915) to encourage more of the very oldest bikes to enter the event. Access to the Heritage Centre from 7am with the museum building opening at 9am. The first bike leaving from the start line will be at .

The Norton Owners Club will be there with a display of very old Norton to dispel the oft quoted rumor that the NOC is a Commando-only club

You can join the NOC at:
www.nortonownersclub.org/membership

You can join the INOA:
www.inoanorton.com/Membership/



March Adopt-A-Highway cleanup

By SportsterDiana

Since we pulled the transmission/primary chain adjusters off my P-11 to have them duplicated it has been stormy, I sat on my bike waiting in front of Ken's house just before 9am so we could head up to Alice's and the club Adopt-A-Highway clean up. On the way over I had watched the mountains, the clouds hanging low over them, but so far things were dry.

Traffic was light for the ride up, the road mostly clear with only a few wet patches here and there. Turning on to highway 35 we were greeted by a small deer just two feet off the pavement on the right shoulder of the road. Luckily it didn't move at all as we passed other than to turn its head watching us go by. Traffic was even lighter and the clouds high enough that we didn't have to ride through them which let us enjoy the views toward the coast and the bay. It seemed like in no time and we were at Alice's. "Persons in cars" (a car club) took up the entire lot to the east, between that and the clouds there were not many bikes today.

Lorin & Kathryn have always hauled all the 'stuff' up and provided coffee and snacks for the Adopt-A-Highway Clean up so we waited with anticipation for them to arrive. Ken, Mike, John and Harry rode up on their Norton ranging from Mike's 350 single to John's NEW 961. Dave was on his Bonneville and Alan brought up his SV650 Yamaha. None of our bikes took the "Vintage Bike of the Day Award", that honor went to a beautiful Red Indian that rolled through heading west, part of the charity event that passed by Alice's bringing cool cars and old bikes past the land mark cafe.

Along with the stickers from the So-Cal guys, a new sticker from the Northern Texas Norton Owners Association has been added to our sign. So is our sign becoming a destination ride in its own right? (would be soo cool for us..)



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As the cleanup was winding down (lots of trash) a new guy came over and started asking about the club. His name was Jim, he and his wife Vanessa both ride on BMW GSs. They have a few bikes, and shared with us a picture of their stunning blue 1973 Commando. Jim signed up for the club, then joined us when most of us walked over to Alice's for lunch. Jerry even popped in and joined us.

The wind was picking up, clouds were rolling in and during lunch there was a burst of rain but it didn't last long, after that it was mostly just sprinkling off and on. It really didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. Things were wetter coming down than going up, and along the ridge gusts of wind from the west made the trees dance. Back in the valley is was still raining while the sun is shining bright enough to be hot at stop lights.... "I want to know, have you ever seen the rain, coming down on a sunny day"

NCNOC Treasurers Report March 6, 2016

The Club is in pretty good shape financially. We have \$1536 in the main checking account, and a "rainy day" reserve of \$741 in a separate account. Our main expense is the printing and mailing of the Norton Notice at about \$325 per issue. We also need to re-order Club shirts and that will tie up a good chunk of our funds until they sell.

Club membership is 104 members plus 36 "Comps", including advertisers, honorary members, and every chapter of the INOA. These complimentary subscriptions help get the word out about our activities, including the **Feather River Rally** we're hosting this summer. They also brought us the "**Chapter of The Year**" and "**Best Newsletter**" awards, so it's well worth the investment.

Of the 104 regular members, over half now owe club dues. Please look at the cover of this issue for a "**Membership Due**" stamp. I checked the records going back over two years and brought the membership data base up to date, but it's possible your payment may have been missed. If so, let me know the date and method of payment and I'll correct the record. Otherwise, please help the Club by paying your dues promptly. You can either mail a check or renew on our web site using a credit card.

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Thanks to everyone that renewed their membership recently, the Club accounts are in good shape. We do have an outstanding bill of around \$1000 for re-stocking NCNOC shirts, so if your mailing label says "**Membership Due**", please take care of it promptly. You can use snail mail or do it on line at your NCNOC web page. Respectfully Submitted Alan Goldwater Sec/Treasurer

Road Ramblings:

The difference between driving a car and riding a motorcycle is the difference between watching TV and actually living your life.

Alan's Wrench

For Norton Notice #400 © 2016

I've been cleaning up my back shed, and in a moment of weakness I pulled out yet another project – a 1970 BSA Bantam. It reminded me of why we love the old British bikes. Many of the parts and design details are immediately familiar, from the Amal concentric carb to the Dunlop wheel rims. It's a good illustration of how the world has changed since the 1960's. Bikes built then used mostly British parts made by British specialist companies that were shared by all the British bike makers, BSA, Norton, Royal Enfield and Triumph.

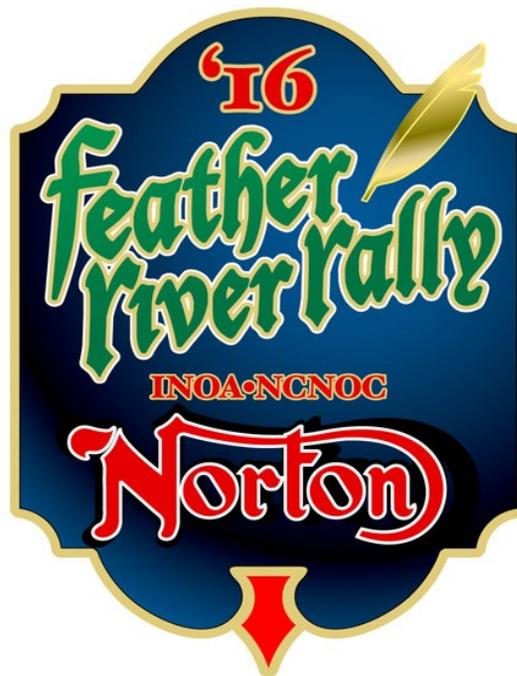
Modern bikes are built in and for a world market, and parts could come from anywhere, designed by computers and made by robots specifically for each bike. So performance and reliability have generally gone way up, but at cost of that nameless quality of comforting familiarity and shared detail style.

Our Club has been fortunate to have four members with new 961 Commandos, and we often have one or more on our monthly rides. Overall they seem to be excellent bikes, with lots of Norton torque and superb handling. But they're not without traditional Norton quirks. For example, the dipstick 'full' mark is apparently a bit too high, and excess oil escapes through the breather into the air box, from where it drips down over the swing arm and everything aft of there. Sound familiar? I guess it's a Norton tradition. Think of it as a character-building feature.

And speaking of sound, the primary drive with straight-cut gears and balance shaft is pretty clattery when the bike is new. The noise does seem to quiet down after a long (1000 miles?) break-in, and replacing the stock silencers with reverse cones also helps a lot. A properly set up 961 sounds great, and with a skilled rider can apparently keep up with the local Ducati maniacs.

But though the 961 has the familiar Commando silhouette, with sloping air-cooled motor, it is a fully modern bike, with computer designed and robot machined power train, and German suspension (Öhlins) and fuel injection (Bosch).

The performance is definitely there, and hopefully the reliability will be up to modern standards as well, once the bugs are worked out. It doesn't share any parts with Triumph or Royal Enfield as far as I know. Only time will tell if it ages and patinas as well as our wonderful vintage rides.



Don't miss out, the **Feather River All British Motorcycle Rally** it is going to be an amazing time for all ages!

Something you'll talk about for years to come.

These types of experiences are rare and few, be a part of it by volunteering or just being an attendee, ride the great roads, see the great tech talks and entertainment.

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The Feather River All British Motorcycle Rally !! Coming Soon!

The 2016 NCNOC/ INOA Feather River All British Motorcycle Rally at Quincy, CA. The famous Plumas County Fairgrounds the rally is July 11-16.

We have people coming from Canada, Mexico, England, Australia and all over the US so this should be a great rally. The **rally schedule is on the website for details** <http://nortonrally.com/inoa-rally-2016> ; Please register via PayPal or Mail ASAP; this will help the team in planning.

As one of the many very special guests we have on tap, Mr. John Favill, one of the original Norton engineers, will give a talk about his design experiences at Norton.

Below is the current list of NCNOC rally volunteers. We can always use more so if you would like to help out, please email Harry at harryB2378@aol.com.

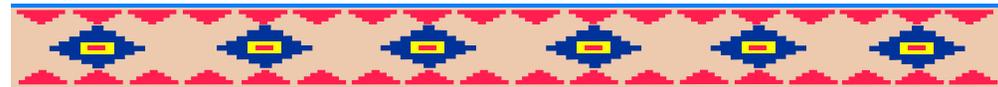
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- English Translator: David Warnes

Getting back to my Bantam project, the reason that bike was parked was leaking oil seals. It's a 2-stroke, so leaking seals means lower intake pressure and lost power. What's worse is that the gearbox/primary lube gets sucked into the engine along with air, all gone in 20 miles.

And the seals are inside the crankcase, to allow the drive-side main bearing to run in oil from the primary. So the whole engine has to come apart to replace the seals, which won't happen any time soon. "So many projects, so little time". I'm fortunate to have 3 running Norton that are easy to maintain and a joy to ride.



Norton at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering May 14th Carmel CA. Here NCNOC Member John Coffman on his new Norton 961 gets ready to head out onto Laguna Seca Raceway, Part of the Friday Quail Ride .



Motorcycle Logic: When asked: "What is your idea of a perfect man?.." The perfect man? A poet on a motorcycle. ~Lucinda Williams

The 8th annual Quail Motorcycle Gathering

The NCNOC was again a participant in the World Class Quail Motorcycle Gathering held May 14th in Carmel Ca.

This amazing standalone motorcycle show features antique to modern and includes a gourmet lunch as part of the entry ticket. Club members used their special club discount to be a part of this fantastic show.

Special features celebrating the 100th anniversary of BMW through its motorcycle, A unique Pre-16 display which was curated by NCNOC club members Lorin and Kathryn Guy it exhibited 27 100+ year old motorcycles. A 40th anniversary of Super Bike with Reg Pridmore display as well as displays from the AMA. Honda, Kawasaki, BMW and Yamaha were all there to celebrate it.

3400 motorcyclists were in attendance to see the 400+ bikes entered in the show as well as Celebrities Bo Derick and her Dad, Kenau Reeves, and 10 Motorcycle Hall of Fame members.

The Quail continues to be the #1 motorcycle show in the United States and being a part of it is a great honor for the club.



NCNOC Club booth at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering featured "red" Norton, Ken Arman's Mercury and Commando, Diana Pettijohn's P11 and Jerry Kaplan's P11 racer. The RED bikes attracted a lot of attention for the club.



Club Member and C/o Editor of the award winning Norton Notice Newsletter Kathryn Guy in early 1900's period dress at the Quail Motorcycle Gathering's Pre-16 special exhibit, curated by Kathryn and Lorin Guy for the May 14th event.

Clubman Show Wrap Up...

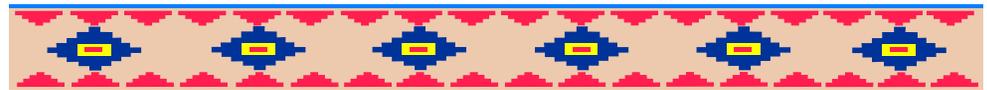
By Gusty Wynns

Wow, what a fun weekend it was, The BSA Clubs 29th annual Clubman's Show and Swap Meet held at the Santa Clara County's Fairgrounds, in San Jose, Ca.

Lots of people there to see and say "Hey" to. The Norton Clubs booth was well manned and they had (as always) lots of people come by. Ken Armann had his beautiful Commando there as well as John Coffman's well ridden 961, Coffee was provided by Lorin and Kathryn and Liz Sain-Dabel brought some Gluten Free cookies. Club t-shirts were offered for sale (numbers will be posted later). Lots of cool bikes in the show as well.

The "Morning After Ride" was well attended about 40 riders hit the hills in a modified route, from the issued map... impromptu ride leader Don Danmeier modified the route from the map to expedite the running as to make the lunch, he inadvertently forgot the most important instruction (which is so taboo to not do) he did not mention "NO CRASHING" sounds simple, but if not mentioned in the pre-ride meeting someone will do it. It's a rule not an option... U gotta mention it because it puts in the riders psyche the notion that it's not acceptable to crash... it's a mind trip thing but IT WORKS!!

Ride "chase truck driver" was Lorin Guy ... and guess what...Yup he had to pick up a "crasher" pretty good get off too almost a real disaster, but the rider was not too physically hurt (pocketbook and ego were obliterated) he will be very very sore this week. But other than three stops for bikes that would not restart, not a bad route. Real fun time, we hope in the Up Coming All British Feather River Rally this unwritten rule of the ride will not be over looked, we hope to see you all there!



Fred's Garage Tips: • When real mechanics drop a bolt, screw or nut down a cavity they whip out a small magnet on a telescoping handle from their breast pocket and fish it out without a thought. You can be equally cool by having at hand a small magnet taped to an 1/8" or 3/16" wooden dowel. Stick it to your tool chest and it'll be handy for the next oops.

Thanks to Fred Fourtune, Diana Pettijohn, "Sportster Diana" and Ken Armann of Ken Armann Classic Motorcycle Restoration.