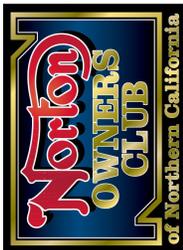




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I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

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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 as-signs, 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.

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believe he was keeping up with the modern bikes. Soon they passed other bikes, which seemed to be slowing down to group together. Some of those groups then flew past him again. He was going faster than the Norton ever could when a pack of bikes that were made in the 20s flew past! He passed a guy on an old Norton, who grinned at him from under his bowl helmet as he rolled the throttle, suddenly matching Johnny's speed. Even when they were on their own with no modern bikes around, somehow the headlamps lit the road ahead even at speed.

The race went on and on, but his bike never hit reserve even after he lost count of the laps. The sky began to grow light in the east. As he pulled back toward town everyone was slowing down, stopping again where they had staged. Johnny had never felt more alive as he took off the helmet. The crowd was mixing in with the riders, everyone talking about the race. Several of the people he'd raced with came to shake hands with him, welcoming him. An arm wrapped around his shoulder, the familiar voice of his grandfather said "That was an amazing ride boy!" Johnny turned and hugged him as the sky was growing lighter. It had been so long since grandpa had died. As the sun came up the street was empty, until next year...

The End



Classifieds

Do you have something to sell? Something you are looking for? Email the editor with details for a free classified add.

(Club or Norton Related Please!)

Upcoming Events

- Dec** 16 Christmas Party and Meeting
@ 1260 Pine Ave, San Jose, CA 95125
- Dec** 17 Freeze Ride up Mount Umunhum
Starts @ Hult's in Los Gatos - 10AM
- Jan** 11 Meeting at Round Table Pizza
@ 4400 Stevens Creek Blvd. - 8PM
- Jan** 14 Polar Bear Ride & Highway Clean-up
@ Alice's Restaurant - 10:30AM

2018 Tall Timber INOA Rally News Update

News Flash: July 16-20 Tall Timber INOA Rally at Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds in Elma WA.

Flash: - INOA Rally website is up and running and Registration form and on-line registration are available.

Flash: - Discounted motel reservations available at the StayBeyond Motel in Elma. Ask for Norton Rally. This motel SELLS OUT in July.

The rooms are on a first come, first served basis only, we are unable to reserve a block of rooms, so make your reservation EARLY. Reservations can be made NOW!

You can always cancel. The StayBeyond has a 24 hour prior cancelation policy.

Check out the Norton Rally website under Accommodations for more information on lodging possibilities.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 INOA Tall Timber Rally!

For most frequent updates, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/450097545355918/> or at <http://nortonrally.com/>

Another year has past and the holidays are here again! I hope you will all try and make it to the Christmas party on Saturday, the 16th of Dec. We are lucky enough to be having it at the Fortune's opening their home to us all again. Its always a good time to see friends as we plan for the next year, and toast those that are no longer with us. We will be doing The Pirates Gift Exchange again, please no freebie harbour freight items, gifts should be in the \$15-20.

Since most of us drive to the Christmas party, we'll have a chance to get our Nortons out for the Freeze Ride on the day after the party. We are going to ride up what I have been assured is a new smooth road going to the top of Mt



Umunhum. Bring your camera's the views should be grand.

The INOA Rally is only about 800 miles away this year, so hopefully we can make a good showing there in July!

Thank you all for supporting the club in 2017! I look forward to 2018 being another good year for us.

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The After Race(Fiction)

By SportsterDiana

Johnny cheered with the rest of the crowd as the winner of the last race crossed the line. It had been a great week watching the racing, it seemed he could barely remember anything else. He rolled his eyes thinking about his crash, not exactly the finish he had hoped for, but he was now one of the few to race The Isle of Man and he would not trade that for anything. His bike looked like a total loss when the wrecker hauled it away. Looking down at his leathers Johnny shook his head in disbelief that he had walked away without a scratch.

People began wondering off as the last racers crossed the line, yet others were just showing up. Many of them were dressed like they were going to Dickens fair. There were a lot of classic bikes with riders dressed to match the period of the bike. The crowds were still leaving, not even pausing to look at the amazing show of vintage race machines making him wondered if it was some private event just for locals. He would have left were it not for so many of the new arrivals saying "Hello" or welcoming him with a big smile. As darkness fell, riders on bikes both vintage and modern began to arrive, staging them up as if to race. There must have been nearly 150 bikes spanning a hundred years. It couldn't be a race, it must be some sort of parade lap they were going for. He had just worked his way into a good spot near the start when one of the officials dressed in what he guessed to be 1930 clothing pulled him out and started leading him toward the back of the very large field. The bikes seemed to be lined up in loose chronological order, though there were some notable exceptions. Those exceptions more often than not were street bikes. Johnny was so engrossed looking at the bikes he had forgotten to even wonder where he was being lead until suddenly he was looking at 1972 Commando in classic gold on black. It looked just like the one his grandfather had helped him rebuild in high school. The helmet sitting on the tank even said "Johnny" on the sides! The official pointed at the bike and said "Have fun son!" as if that explained it all.

Johnny took the gloves from the helmet, put it on then slipped on the gloves as she threw his leg over the Norton. Clear the clutch, fuel on, tickle carbs, key on, one kick and it came to life. The pack started moving, Johnny was at the very back, so he figured he would just follow the parade, it was probably just going through town but it was a thrill to be part of it. The rides waved at the crowd, then started picking up speed as they left town. The big four cylinder in front of him got on it hard, the motor winding up, so Johnny opened the Norton wide. This was no parade! He couldn't



Oct 15th Highway Clean-Up

The roads were clear, dry and ~mostly~ repaired, a pleasant change for the first few cleanups this year. Riding with Ducatis on the way up kept things interesting. Despite some of our core crew being on a ride to Death Valley, and our Prez being up at the Dardanelles parting, we still had a good turn out of both members and Nortons. A dozen or more show up to pick up trash and/or bench race at Alice's afterward. One lucky member got not only the find of the day, but almost certainly the find of the year in the form of a \$20 bill! (See picture)



Meeting Minutes Nov 9th

There is a memorial service for Harry on Dec 2nd being put on by his son. Currently, we are not sure if it is also for his "Motorcycle Friends", but we are trying to find out. Watch the yahoo group for updates.

The Christmas party has been moved to Dec 16th to be sure there is no conflict with the memorial. This will be at the Fur-tune's, the same wonderful location they provided us last year on the corner of Pine Ave and Cottle Ave.

The Freeze Ride will still be on the 17th, starting at 10am. Meet at Hult's in Los Gatos. We will go up My Umunhum to the top, or to the snow line, whichever we reach first.

Ian has the new website up. Of course, it works great, so be sure to check it out. Thank you, Ian!



August Dardanelle Weekend

It was another great get together in the High Sierras. 28 members made the trip to enjoy the good weather, great roads and lots of fellowship & camaraderie with old timers and newbies alike. Bill and Babe brought up a mountain of great meat for the potluck Friday night! Ken even managed to catch a 16 inch trout to add



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to the feast. For Saturday night Rob Matt treated the entire club to dinner at the Dardanelle resort diner!

Weather was great the whole time with very little smoke from the fires that continue to burn as of this writing. While meteors were lite this year with only a few being seen, trips down the hill to see movies under the stars did a nice job of filling the evenings for many of the club members. Best of all, no one crashed this year!



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