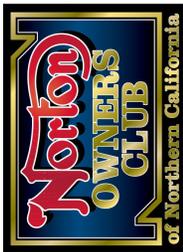




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**Membership cost is \$25.00 per year and includes a subscription to the Norton Notice, a publication which provides an enormous wealth of information to Norton owners, announces and re-caps of club events.**

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

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*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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**Applicants Signature and date (required)**

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You can also join on line at [nortonclub.com](http://nortonclub.com) and use credit card through our pay pal account.

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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](http://Nortonclub.com)

**New Member Peter Caldwell**

I just joined the NCNOC recently and I am an experienced Triumph owner that has ALWAYS had Norton Envy. Now I'm older, single and a fool with my money so not only have I purchased a new 2016 Norton Commando Mk III Sport but I recently bought a Norton Commando Mk III Interstate. I look forward to meeting you all at a future NCNOC event.



**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**

- March**
  - 8 Meeting Swiss Park
  - 11 Ride Alice's start point (Highway Cleanup)
- April**
  - 1 *Easter Morning Mt Tamalpais Sunrise ride*  
*Meet at Arco station at 5:30am*
  - 12 Meeting Round Table
  - 15 Santa Cruz Mtn Ride RL:Alan
- May**
  - 4-6 Quail Motorcycle Gathering
  - 10 Meeting Swinging Door
  - 13 Mt Hamilton Ride
- June**
  - 7 Meeting Swiss Park
  - 10 Alice's (Highway Cleanup)
  - 15/16 Ride Dixon swap meet
- July**
  - 12 Meeting Round Table
  - 15 Ride TBD
  - 16-19 INOA Rally Elma, WA.
- August**
  - 9-12 Dardanelles Ride & Meeting
  - 19 (Highway Cleanup)
- September**
  - 13 Meeting Swinging Door
  - 16 Delta Ride
- October**
  - 7 NCNOC AMG & Ride
  - 14 (Highway Cleanup)
- November**
  - 3 All Brit Ride This is our club ride!
  - 8 Meeting Swiss Park
- December**
  - 2 Christmas Party & Meeting
  - 16 Freeze Ride

My sincerest apologies to the club and mostly my editor for the tardiness of my message (holding up the notice for weeks) been the ongoing situation of finding time and something else getting in the way. Trying to stay on target is a challenge for me.

The winter (or lack thereof) has not materialized yet again so we may be back in drought conditions before you know it.

The lack of a Clubman Show has really put a hole in our social calendar. Many came just to see old friends and make new ones something we will really miss. I am looking for a venue that we might be able to have a small event however I have not found something, my



parking lot is not available unfortunately. If anyone has a suggestion please submit it for consideration.

The INOA rally will be upon us sooner than you think so get your reservations lined up. Owen the Australian mascot and ambassador to the club on the bottom of the planet will be coming back to lend me a hand and bring whatever new fangled improvements for Nortons he has come up with.

The Dardanelle Resort has been sold and the new owners are aware of our club and we have reservations for August 9-12 are already in place, if you want a cabin you should give them a call 209 965-4275 should be a good year for us.

Wishing all the very best, be kind and helpful and do your best to recruit more members!

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## Alan, a Secretary?

By SportsterDiana

It's hard to picture Alan as a secretary, sitting and taking notes at meetings. Anyone that has been to the meetings knows he is our treasurer of course. Depositing dues checks, writing checks to pay bills, billing to advertisers, moving money from PayPal to checking as needed, and keeping track of the funds that keep our club running. Many of you may not know he does even more, he keeps track of our membership. Who is current, who'd due and who has expired. This entails keeping a large database that changes monthly up to date with all the member information!

When I noticed we did not have that listed in the Norton Notice, I decided to go to the bylaws to make sure I listed the title correctly. Imagine my shock when I discovered that there is no "Membership officer" listed at all, and this very important job is listed in the bylaws as simply "Secretary". So yes, Alan is our Secretary, but the word falls far short of the job that is being done. He is also our VP and liaison with the INOA! And... Just in case that is not enough, he also records who was there and who rode what for every club event and keeps track of the points for the Norton CUP each year! Next time you see him, be sure to thank him for doing all the behind the scenes work that keeps this club functioning from one month to the next!





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### Mt Umunhum Ride

By Ken Armann

It was a bright clear cool day for a ride to a new destination (for the rest of you for me it was 41 years ago) "The Block", a long ago retired Navy radar station, which got a makeover complete with native California educational and ceremonial displays. Ten bikes made the ride, six Nortons, three modern Triumphs and a BMW with Tom leading the way. The 179 steps up to the top from the parking lot made the exercise part complete. I would like to make this our yearly rides being a close in and a beautiful destination not to mention the fresh blacktop and wonderful view. My choice will be to have this ride at another time of year as looking into the sun while riding is not my favorite thing.

Lucky we were to have refreshments of coffee, fruit, pastries brought up by our editor (ill as she was) and her wife. Thank you very much Diana and Lita!!

This is a short 20 miles from my shop to the top however the winding nature of the road and slow speed make it a very pleasant ride if you have not tried it do so!



### The Christmas Party

By Ken Armann

We are so fortunate to have the Fortunes host us for our annual Christmas Party!!!! Thanks Fred and Kathleen for the great time had by all. 39 members of the Norton tribe made it this year making this the most popular event on our calendar!!! The food was great and everyone's help was greatly appreciated. The gift exchange was fun but in the future MORE STEALING always makes everyone involved excited and engaged, so steal more!

Great fun seeing everyone and getting to share more stories and experiences to get us out and about doing more is good for us. Try to encourage others to get involved and join us so we can have new faces with new stories to share.

Thanks again Fred and Kathleen your are the greatest!!!!

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