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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)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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This is a new \_\_\_\_ renewal \_\_\_\_ application.

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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.*

*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

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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)



**Classifieds**

Due to the need to pay doctors bills, I am currently considering selling my 1951 Vincent "C" Comet. She may be a little rough, but UFM, LFM and case numbers all left the factory together, and they are only original once. Comes with original carb as well at the concentric it has now. The tires are new. Last started March 18, 2018. Serious Cash Offers Only.  
- Contact SportsterDiana/Norton Editor @ editor@nortonclub.com

(Club or Norton Related Please!)

**Upcoming Events**

- December** 2 Christmas Party & Meeting  
16 Freeze Ride
- January** 10 Meeting Round Table  
13 Polar Pear Ride (Highway Cleanup)
- February** 14 Meeting Swinging Door  
17 Sweetheart Ride
- March** 14 Meeting Swiss Park  
17 Ride Alice's Start Point (Highway Cleanup)
- April** 11 Meeting Round Table  
14 Santa Cruz Mtn Ride RL:Alan
- May** 3-5 Quail Motorcycle Gathering  
9 Meeting Swinging Door  
12 Mt Hamilton Ride
- June** 13 Meeting Swiss Park  
16 Alice's (Highway Cleanup)  
24-28 INOA Rally
- July** 11 Meeting Round Table  
14 Ride
- August** 8-11 Dardanelles? Ride & Meeting  
18 Highway Cleanup
- September** 12 Meeting Swinging Door  
15 Delta Ride

As your fearless leader (for another year) it seems we need to find a way to encourage both participation and recruiting any suggestions would be welcome.

The AGM was a success with about 28 in attendance a big thanks to my wife for all her hard work and to Bill and Bhabé Keegan for the lamb steaks. Thanks to the rest who pitched in to help us to have a fun time. I missed the cleanup and ride and want to thank those who made the effort and filled in. Great weather has been our normal lately for our events so I think we should



keep up so the rain will come.

Typically we have a changing of the officers however no one stepped up to help or hinder, those of you with time on your hands should consider pitching, in we could use some fresh ideas and help with the planning and execution of rides and other activities.

We are lucky to have Fred and Kathleen Fortune hosting the Christmas party again this year, bring a (non Harbor Freight freebie) wrapped gift to exchange if you are so inclined to join the mayhem. Something in the approximately \$15 range. An appetizer, side dish or dessert would be appreciated the club will provide main courses of turkey and pork roast. Come join in the fun as we talk of the year passed and make plans for the year to come!

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### All Britt Ride

By Ken Armann

The ride could have not been a better day for a ride and the weather was perfect. The turnout was good at 141 entrants and everyone seemed to have a great time. I got lost with a small group and we still made it in fine shape. The club turnout was good with 21 riding members. Tom on the Inter and Marty Mitchell on a 1958 Norton Nomad really stood out in the crowd. It was the maiden voyage for the Nomad after a long slumber (I believe he said it was run last in 1961). It's always exciting to bring something unique out in a large group and hope it all goes well. Don Danmier and company did a great job again and he says it will go on at least one more year.





Center Fold Image

Norton mounted Alex Jorgense

Dennis, one of our members in the central valley, is a big fan of flat track racing. Alex and Dennis are friends, and he was kind enough to get me not only a picture Alex, but to also have it personally signed.

Alex is the last AMA dirt track rider to win a national on a Norton.

He did it at Ascot on May 13th, 1978, on the bike in this picture!



bor Freight charger. As a result, I was able to charge the battery twice during my 275 miles trek from Arcata today. Bike ran well, despite fifteen minutes of stop and go due to an accident on 101 in Mendo county (truck collided with motor home, and even lane splitting didn't help much) and another road misery. I am now home, and bike is in garage. Thanks to all who helped.

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## ADVENTURES ON THE ROAD - Conclusion

Submitted by Margie Siegal

Sunday, July 22, 2018: Posted this about 5 PM

"Got up early. Bike started, and I headed off down the road. All went well until I stopped for lunch in Cave Junction. Bike would not start. Country people are incredibly helpful, and within a half hour I had a jump and gas and was headed out. As I was packing up the bike, an older man pulled up in his pickup truck: he had actually gone home and gotten his jumper cables!

By the time I hit Arcata (about 310 miles) my arm was sore, and I was sure the battery was out of juice. I pulled into the Comfort Inn and called AMA Roadside Assistance. I am at the Comfort Inn for the night. Hopefully I can get a charge in the morning- the local tow service says that all garages are closed."

At this point, Ken Armann emailed an excellent suggestion: locate an auto parts store, buy a battery charger, take the battery out and charge it in the motel room! I set out to locate the auto parts store that the clerk at the desk told me about (I didn't say what I was buying). I walked two blocks and there was an OPEN HARBOR FREIGHT STORE. Hallelujah!

Sunday July 22, next post:

"High tech battery charger, \$31. Two pair of dishwashing gloves- \$1.99. Paper bag to disguise battery and enable me to sneak past reception desk- free. Battery is now on top of paper bag in bathroom. Charger reads 13.3 volts."

Someone suggested I pull the low beam fuse to limit battery output. It sounded like a good idea, but the next morning (this is the California coast after all) it was foggy. Very foggy. Lights seemed like a very good idea.

Monday, July 23:

Cascade Moto Classics installed a pigtail (one way charging plug) when they were working on my bike. The pigtail mated perfectly with the Har-



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TO Diana  
Thank you for your help  
in keeping the Norton marque  
alive  
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