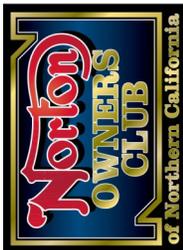




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August Highway Clean-up

The Guys as always got up there early and set out a really taste spread of food and coffee. For a while the club turn out was looking bad, but it turned out to be an RV vs car accident that closed 84 coming up from 280. Club members that were not running early had to double back and come up longer slower routes. Alan and Art started up 17 from the Santa Cruz side and hit steadily heavier rain as they went up. When they got soaked to the 'this is no longer fun' point they turned around and went home. We had a few people come by and ask about what we were doing, unfortunately there was not a single Norton ridden to show them. Dave H's 1970 Tiger was the only British bike ridden.



Classifieds

1975 Norton Commando MkIII for sale. Good running bike with fresh paint. Give Ken Armann a call for details.



The NOC is looking for Roadholder issues between #2 and #6. They are scanning their magazine like we did and cannot find those issues.

Do you have something to sell? Want to Buy something?
Contact the Norton Newsletter Editor @ editor@nortonclub.com
(Club or Norton Related Please!)

Upcoming Events

December 8 - Christmas Party, Starts at 1pm
Address: 998 Loma Verde St.,
Palo Alto, 94303.
Phone# 408-272-0369
P.A. Phone# 650-856-8839.

15 - Freeze Ride



The Camp Out - August 8-11

By SportsterDiana

Thursday with the help of an early start I beat the traffic out of the bay area and the heat in the central valley. The camp was not hard to find, but even with the signs the road itself was not easy to see. One person arrived before me, the one who found this campground for us, Rob Matt. As I pulled up on my Sportster and he pointed at the All Seeing Eye on my tank and proclaimed "I have that same emblem on my helmet" and he did!

Later after more people showed up and I wandered around seeing if anyone needed help making camp, but no one really did, everyone had done it before.

Eight of us went back to Arnold for dinner at the Mexican place across from the motel several club members were staying at. The food was good and the conversation very lively.

Friday morning I left while everyone was figuring out where they wanted to ride and rode west on hwy4, stopping in a few places to take in the view while. I kept an eye on the time, I wanted to be back at camp in time to flag Lita in. When I got back to camp all the Nortons were gone as walked out to the corner on Highway 4 to wait.

I was only out there a few minutes before I saw a Norton coming and got my phone out to try and get some pictures. They turned out to be pictures of their accident as a car came around them while they



tried to turn left into the campgrounds. It side-swiped them sending them back into on-coming traffic, luckily the driver of black SUV coming the other way made the stop. After I picked the bike up off Leo, he and Pat were for the most part OK. The bike had a broken brake lever but other than that was not bad. I pulled the clutch in and pushed the bike backwards out of the road, leaving a trail from the oil tank vent. Eric showed up on his Triumph a minute later, and a tow truck stopped to be sure everyone was alright another minute after that. I was able to wave Lita into the

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er pace winding back road of other rides. It's perfect for those who want to stretch the legs of slower smaller models, so encourage those to consider this ride in the future. Obviously any make is welcome from the list above.

Lunch at Al the Wop's in Locke. Jerry Kaplan down from Davis met us there – party of eight. The usual comradery and some checked out the museum on Locke's main street before we headed back to Oakley on Hwy 160. We lost Tom and Liz before the Antioch bridge, but they showed up only a few minutes later than the rest of us. Tom you need to let Liz know when you siphon gas from here tank.

Thank you all for joining me this year. ~ David

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NCNOC Delta Ride report – David Crader

Sunday morning Sept 15. Another year past and summer end is getting near. Each year I try to change up the route for the delta ride just to keep it interesting. At the start this year we had two Nortons, one Triumph Sprint ST and four BMWs. A bit thin on numbers compared to the past. The Antioch bridge toll has gone up a dollar now to \$6. Weather was just right.

One of the sensory characteristics of the delta is the smell of sweet fennel (licorice) that started as soon as we got over the first bridge. The pace was at or below the 55 speed limit which adds to the riding comfort as we made our way to Isleton then crossed the bridge to Grand Island. The plan was to take the J Mack ferry, however when we got there it was block off and the ferry had been removed – seasonality or maintenance? Making an on the fly change we continued north toward Grand Island Mansion then picked up the original route off Courtland Rd.

Going through dense tree overhang and along one of the sloughs on

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Rd145 we picked up Netherlands Rd through the vineyards and stopped in Clarksburg for a break. The delta levees, towns and buildings are over 100 years old so this area is not only scenic, but also "historic". I'm finding as I get older the history of my surroundings is more interesting. Also a good reason for a slower pace although that's mainly due to some of the road surfaces on the levees.

With the slower pace this ride is what I would consider a tour of the delta as compared to the fast-



camp while we were still sorting things out, and Ken & Cindy were right behind her. As things calmed down Ken and I could load the bike back into their truck. Lita and I started Saturday by going down the Big Bear Cafe in Arnold for breakfast on Leo and Pat's recommendation. We ran into Bill, Bhabbe and Carolyn as they were finished up their meal. When we finally got seated the food was as good as it was slow. Over an hour later, fully stuffed, we headed back to camp.

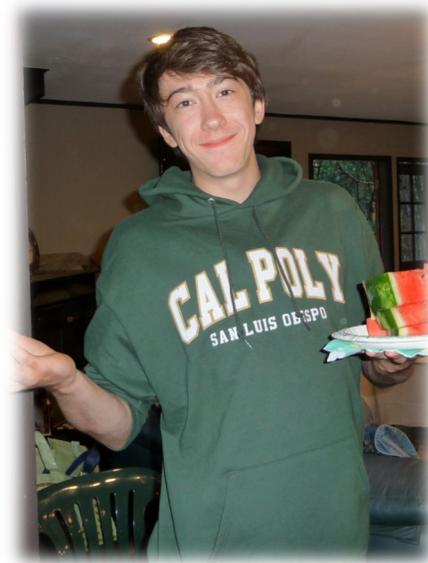
With not a Norton in sight the camp was deserted as I walked through on my way to check the pool. I ran into Joyce who seemed at once a little panicked and very happy to see me as she promptly gave me her phone. Mark was broken down, but the connection was so bad I couldn't tell where or what had happened. The only thing I could get was "bear station". Joyce had his keys so I hooked the U-Haul trailer back up to his car so I could try and go get him. Asking the locals where the bear station was and they sent me to Arnold, but I could not find Mark at any of the stations in town. An attendant at one of the stations finally sent me up the hill to Bear Valley, and there I found Mark waiting. We had a good laugh as he showed me I had plugged the trailer lights into a pigtail that went nowhere! I was car sick from driving up, and that thankfully only got a little worse with him driving back down.

Later after I felt better Lita and I went for a ride to a lookout point I'd seen the day before. Just before we got there Alan and the other Ken passed us going





At the potluck Saturday night the meeting room was full with 30 plus people. There was enough food for 75 people I'm sure, and enough variety that there was something for everyone. Bill and Bhabe provided a small fortune worth of meat and several people pitched in preparing it all. The items everyone brought all looked fantastic, but for me with biggest eye catcher was one of the smallest items, little chocolates shaped like motorcycles! There were also some amazing cupcakes to go with them.



Sept 7th Portola Kitchen Brunch

A grey cloudy overcast and cool temperatures were a shape contrast heat of the last several weeks. It was by no means chilly, just cool enough to make it nice to be wearing leather. The restaurant they had a large table setup for us, though it would prove to be not large enough. As more and more members came in they added another table to the end, and then another, and another. The waitress took it all in stride and took good care of all of 18 members. Everyone had a great time sharing stories and catching up on things they had missed. Four bikes were ridden, one was a Norton.

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