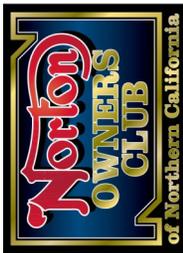




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Membership cost is \$25.00 per year and includes a subscription to the Norton Notice, a publication which provides an enormous wealth of information to Norton owners, announces and re-caps of club events.

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

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Applicants Signature and date (required)

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There has already been snow on the mountains, be sure to prep your bike for Winter!

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
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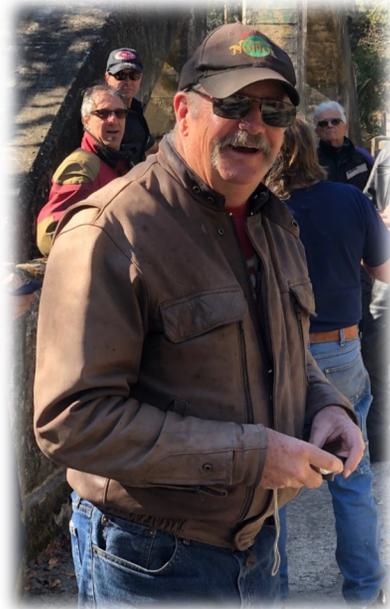
15 - Freeze Ride



It has been an interesting year with many changes and trials. I will miss our Norton Notice editor the most as she has saved my butt on countless occasions and made me look good in spite of my actions and words. THANK YOU VERY MUCH DIANA!!! Michael Senhert will take over the Notice and I am sure he will need your pictures and tails of victories won over the challenges of riding.

I would like to thank all the helpers and volunteers that have been there when we needed you, please keep it up as help is always needed. We have a major need to recruit new members as our aging staff need young blood to help us.

We need to establish a new venue for meeting so please send me your



suggestions.

I hope this finds all of you are well and safe please be kind to one another and remember we are an inclusive group everyone is welcome so treat others well.

Annual General Meeting

No notes or pictures submitted. No change in officers at that time. Two weeks after the meeting Michael Sehnert stopped by Ken's shop and offered to take over as Editor for 2020. Thank you Michael!

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wise the slow pace would have been hard on old air cooled engines.

The San Jose riders did a great job of fundraising, coming in at \$74,082, as of today. That put the ride fourth in the US, after New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Obviously those are much larger cities, with far more riders. World wide, 115,089 riders raised \$5,720,486. I enjoyed the ride and personally raised \$411.



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Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

By Dave Hardbarger

In theory the ride is limited to vintage, café and custom bikes. It was my first DGR, it was the first time in awhile that I had a bike that fit the criteria having finished putting my 1970 Commando together earlier this summer. When I got to the event I saw that in fact, all types of bikes were ridden.

There were 207 riders in San Jose, and mine was the only Norton. Triumph sponsors the event, and Triumphs were plentiful. Moto Guzzi was best represented in the café and vintage group. I counted at eight, and there might have been more.

The ride itself, 27 miles around downtown San Jose, and Los Gatos, was tedious. We were escorted by four San Jose motorcycle officers, who raced ahead to block intersections. They did an amazing job. That said, it was strictly a first and second gear ride. Fortunately the weather was sunny, but cool. Other-



November Meeting

8 members present, 3 of them officers

A Sportster was the only bike present

The night got off to a rough start with the staff seeming unable to get our orders to us. Ken came to the rescue making several trips to track down the wayward pizzas, pitchers and plates. After that, things settled down and the food was really good.

Alan explained his latest work on cold fusion in terms that almost made it understandable to the layman. Alas I could not hope to repeat it here correctly, so if you missed it you'll have to ask Alan when you see him next.

Tom talked about some of the challenges of the long group ride he did at the end of Sept. Between fires, smoke and snow things got a bit dicey near the end, and alternate routes had to be taken.

The last big topic of the night was favorite Weird Al songs. No clear winner was picked but Eat It and Amish Paradise ranked highly.



A Very Heavy Bike Show

Margie Siegal

Due to my journalism and other bad habits, I am on several different motorcycle club lists and check all frequently. About six weeks ago, I checked one club's listings, and there was a post about a classic bike show at Sears Point racetrack, Labor Day Weekend, "The Heavy." The post directed me to the show website- \$15 entry fee if you were showing a bike. I figured I could put Old Nort in the show and have an inexpensive day at the races, so I saddled up and headed north.

I was quite surprised when I got there. There had been next to no publicity I was aware of, but there were a lot of people and bikes – at least fifty bikes in the show the last time I counted, some really nice, and a few rarities – like a 1932 Motosacoche. The racing at Sears Point that weekend featured a race for Superbikes from the late '70's and early Eighties and modern bike AFM races. I parked Nort in the middle of the show

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The All Brit Ride

by Ken Armann

It was a perfect day for a ride and 12 NCNOC members showed up for it. There was a bit of question about the ride with the fires burning, luckily the smoke was absent and the fires didn't get close to the route. Roads were great without the wet spots or debris we often encounter. Don and crew did a great job putting it together as always. The park where the post rice feast was held had the added excitement of avoiding the goose poo. Everyone had a great time and I only know of one DNF due to mechanical malfunction.

ALAMEDA SHOW AND SWAP ~ A PROMISING BEGINNING ~

by Margie Siegal

The Alameda Naval Air Museum (Alameda Point – Pan Am Way and W. Trident Ave) has been hosting a car show and swap meet for several years. This year, they decided to open the show to motorcycles, and a few bike people and bikes showed up. The Museum was selling coffee and donuts, and a veteran's group was selling vegetarian and non-vegetarian lasagna.

The turnout was a little sparse, but I was able to talk to a non- Club member who owns a Norton and will be at the All Brit ride and possibly convince him to join. I also scored some Ferodo brake pads for Old Nort.

The bike people there feel that the space is good and this was a promising beginning. Another event will happen at the same venue in 2020. For more information: Alameda Naval Air Museum, <http://alamedanavalairmuseum.org/> or Norton Club member (and good welder) Kim Williams (510) 521-5514

bike lineup, found somewhere to stash my gear and watched the fast folks do their thing.

I was even more surprised when the Heavy Show announcer started giving out the prizes. Nort, aftermarket parts, iffy paint job, rust and all, got second place for the Daily Driver class.

The organizer, Brady Walker, is planning on putting on another show in our area next year. He thinks he can rent Golden Gate Fields and have a swap meet and other events. Quote from a recent email: "Hey Margie! For a big ole bike show, swap meet, horse racing at Golden Gate Fields...what do the weekends of Sept 12 or 19, 2020 look like on the Bay Area vintage bike scene?"

Anyone wanting to contact Brady and put in their two cents: info@bradywalker.com

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