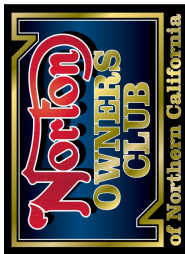




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I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

Name _____

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This is a new ____ renewal ____ application.

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Year ____ Model _____

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)

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: Black 1975 Mark III Interstate. This is Harry's old red Interstate with new bodywork, it has lead many a Norton club ride. The electric starter works, she runs and rides great. \$8500 OBO. Contact Dave Warrens, david.warnes@sbcglobal.net



FOR SALE: 1975 Mark III Roadster, 11,700 miles. This bike was restored but has been sitting for 4 or 5 years. All this bike needs is a little TLC to get running, and some elbow grease to bring back its shine. Contact Dave 650-572-1473 if interested. (No Images)

FOR SALE: Red 1975 Mark III Roadster. Starts (on button) runs (Boyer electronic ignition, new alternator, new front wiring harness) and stops (dual discs, front master cylinder sleeved to increase stopping power) Bike is currently registered and insured. \$7000 or best offer. Margie Siegal msnorton@yahoo.com



FOR SALE: 1972 Aermacchi Rapido 125cc by HD-AMF. Turns over and has spark. Needs new battery and TLC. This is club related because buying it will help your editor buy a Norton. Also there needed to be something other than MkIIIs for sale. Email the editor if interested.



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

Upcoming Events

- Mar 12 Gilroy Wildflower Ride RL: Art
Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
- Apr 16 Santa Cruz Ride, ending at Davenport RL: AlanG
Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
- May 6 The Quail Motorcycle Gathering in Carmel
- May 21 Mount Hamilton Ride RL: Tom Dabel
10AM at Tom & Liz's, 730 Linda Flora Ave, San Jose, CA
- Jun 4 Highway Cleanup 10AM at Alice's RL: Norm
17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA
- Jun 11 Redwood Ride through Big Basin State Park RL: Margie
Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
- Jun 21-24 INOA National Rally, Winthrop, Washington
RL: Evergreen Chapter <https://www.nwno.org/Rally/>
- Jul 9 Mount Umunhum Ride RL: Ken A
Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
- Aug 11-14 Sierra City campout at The Buttes RL: None, Camping
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/tahoe/recarea/?recid=55474>
- Sep 10 Delta Ride RL: Dave Crader, Meet at Carl's Jr parking lot at 915 Main St in Oakley, Ca - Depart at 10:30am.
- Oct 1 AGM TBD RL: None
- Nov 4 All Brit Ride see <http://www.bsaoocnc.org/2023AllBrit.pdf> for details
- Dec 3 Holiday Dinner location TBD RL: TBD
- Dec 10 Freeze ride to Alice's Restaurant 10:30am. RL: None
17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA

After the start of this year maybe we should change the Polar Bear Ride to the Lets Build an Ark Ride. With so many slides and washed out roads getting rides together has been a little rough. We should have better luck with Art's Gilroy Wildflower Ride next month.

Between surgery and Covid my personal start to the year wasn't much fun. It's great to be able to put my helmet on again and ride. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming months at club events.



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The INOA Rally will be on our coast this year, June 21-24. Winthrop Washington is about 950 miles from my shop so you can judge distance based on your location. I'm planning to be there, hopefully our club can make a good showing.

Plans for our August campout are already underway. It will be in Sierra City located on Hwy 49 240 miles from Campbell. This is the same place we went last year and those of us that went really loved the place.



That Won't Take Long

by Sportster Diana

That won't take long, that's what I thought while looking at the empty lift, so I threw my bike up there to change the mufflers. All I'll need is a 1/2 inch wrench and two 10mm, ten minutes tops. After all it's not like I would also need a pipe wrench, heat gun, drift, hammer, 3 pound sledge hammer, chisels, pry bars, tie-down straps and a die grinder to just change a couple of mufflers. Two hours later:





off, and that would require fingernails. Looking around I found a puddle and threw the key in. It sizzled for a second and I let it sit a couple more, then picked it up, removed and tossed the ring. Now I needed to start the bike again and most of the sport bike riders were now watching the show. I kicked it twice and got nothing, then trying my best to act like I meant to do that I reached down and turned on

the key. One more kick and she burst to life. I pulled up on the gear shift and road away, exiting out the 84 side of the lot to avoid the muddy water on the road. A quick stop at lookout yielded a picture that showed how perfect a day it was. Thankfully it got a lot warmer when I got out of the hills!



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Breakfast Ride - January 22nd

by Sportster Diana

I started my day struck by how odd it was too see blue skies, it seemed likely this would be the only dry Sunday Morning in January. Thus a short time later found me making my way up to Alice's, where water only occasionally ran across the road. That didn't matter, it was still a great day for riding. Circling the lot I park next to the one bike I know, Dave H's modern Triumph, and catch up with him at the front of Alice's. Making our way back to the normal table behind Alice's I'm surprised to see Ray and Ann and quickly wish Ray a happy birthday. Everyone smiles for a pic for the news letter then Tom runs and grabs me a chair before I can sneak back out. Thanks Tom! The ten of us swap tales, enjoy the food and the heaters for the next hour.



...OH AND ANOTHER THING, I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING IT'S THE WRONG TOOLBOX TRANSFER FOR THAT YEAR, IT SHOULD BE THE SMALL ROUND TYPE, OH, AND ANOTHER LITTLE POINT....."

Sweetheart Ride/Gathering at Joe's - February 12th

by Sportster Diana

With all the good roads closed the Calaveras/Niles became 880 to Stevens and up to Mission, which works great for just getting there but isn't very scenic. The car show is going on again and we had a good turnout with 15 people. Four Nortons, three modern



Triumphs, three Harleys, a BMW and a few members that drove. Joe's had the entire side seating area reserved for us which worked well. It was good to see everyone since last months ride didn't happen. It looks like the roads for the March ride will be open so that should be more scenic.



light on them. The bike was running great and soon I was riding down the last hill into Alice's. I flipped up my visor as I rolled through the intersection and was rewarded almost instantly with a spray of mud in the face. I parked with the rest of the Nortons. In total I believe 15 showed up....13 were Commandos and one was a big red enclosed thing I



had no clue about. Even missing the side cover the P11 got a fair amount of attention. It was cold enough that I was shivering just standing there and wishing I had dressed warmer. The conversations were worth the cold and talked with people until most of them left around noon. One member was left still in the lot as I went to leave. The bike almost fire up on the first kick. With the second kick she was running and I started to take off, only to hear someone yelling for me to stop because there was smoke coming from under the



seat. It turned out that the little key ring I had found to put the key on was touching the coil leads and was now red hot! I turned off the key and pulled it out. With my gloves on I was safe, but I needed to get the ring

Memories—Polar Bear Ride 2006

by Sportster Diana

I woke up thinking about going on the first Norton of 2006 up to Alice's. The first thing to do would be see if my new P-11 felt like starting. I wheeled it out to the curb and proceeded to kick it a half dozen

times getting a few little kick backs that were telling me it to kick harder. So I kicked it harder and it fired up, then died. I looked at the choke was back off. I put it on again, kicked her



hard and then pushed the choke back down before it could die. I let her warm up a bit, the road down the street and everything seemed fine. She idled well. The oil was pumping and looked full. That's when I noticed the side cover was hanging by one tiny little screw. I pulled it off and put a couple of zip ties around the battery. With that I decided we were ready for our maiden trip together and went back inside to put on thermals.

She took a few kicks to get going when I was ready to go and soon we were heading up highway 9. I wondered how well the speedo worked because it didn't seem like I was going that fast but I never got passed and did a little passing. The roads were still wet in a lot of places so I wasn't out to set a record time up the hill. Skyline was clear when I turned onto it, and I hadn't gotten too wet despite not having a front fender. It was cold and as I got further north there were low flying clouds on the road which were odd to ride through with so much sun-



