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

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ E-Mail _____

This is a new ____ renewal ____ application.

Norton(s) owned: Year ____ Model _____

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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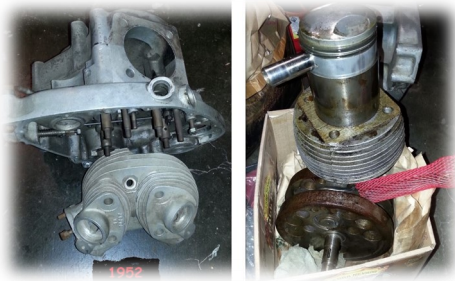
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Classifieds

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: 1952 Vincent Comet bits. Cases, crank with rod, sleeve, muff, piston. There is also a head that needs machining still from past repairs. This is club related because buying it will help your editor pay off her P-11. Email the editor if interested.



FOR SALE: 2015 Norton, low-mileage bike in great condition, stored locally. Call Barry Buckley, 415-613-3257.

FOR SALE: 1972 Norton 750 Commando Roadster \$4000

Matching numbers, 11K miles. Purchased from Dealer with 3k miles 50 years ago. Stored in covered indoor garage. Last rode in 1981. Comes with Norton manual.



Chris Larsen@925-323-7895 (TEXT or CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE)

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

- Jun 11
Redwood Ride through Big Basin State Park RL: Diana or 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.
- Sep 30
Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Show in San Luis Obispo
www.CentralCoastClassicMC.com for more info
- Oct 1
AGM TBD RL: None
- Nov 4
All Brit Ride see <http://www.bsacnc.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

While the modern bikes are just finishing up at the Isle of Mann the weather is clearly moving from spring to summer. Lots of activities going on with the national rally in Washington. I'll probably be up there with several of you when this Norton Notice get to your mailbox. Our club campout is coming up fast. It sounds like we will have a good turn out this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all, please forgive me if all I talk about is my up coming trip to the Isle of Man? Did you hear I am on my way to the Isle of Man for the Classic TT? Very excited anyone with suggestions for wardrobe and how to sensibly figure out the long range weather conditions there. I am also looking for suggestions for which pub to visit so as to not end up in Yamaha country with my Norton garb.



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WHY IT TOOK ME ALL DAY TO PUT MY NORTON BACK TOGETHER

(A horrendous tale of woe)

by Margie Siegal

I had successfully replaced the ignition module on my Mark III, but while going through the steps needed to make the replacement, the wire broke off the main fuse holder. I went to the local auto parts store, bought a new fuse holder, and decided to resume in the AM.

The next morning I was up, bright and early, with a plan of action: (1) install the new fuse holder (2) replace the little dashboard (3) replace the headlight and rim in the headlight shell (4) replace one side cover (5) install the tank (6) replace the seat (7) go for a test ride. Simple right? Um- this is a Norton...

Soldering the side of the fuse holder that goes to the battery was not difficult. Soldering the side that goes to the main harness was a different story. I had just about no main harness wire to work with and getting the fuse holder wire to twist around the main harness wire was incredibly difficult. Eventually, I made it work. Onwards to #2. I got the two bolts that hold the dash in place hand tight, checked to make sure everything worked properly – and noticed the connector to the alternator light had fallen off its little spade. It took three more tries before I had the little connector firmly in place. Tighten down the bolts and onwards to #3.

One of the red wires to the headlight fell off the headlight as soon as I picked up the rim and light assembly. Dig out the soldering iron and the electric solder again. Solder the wire into place. Install the headlight. Take a break to get something to eat and calm down.

The side cover and the gas tank and the seat all behave. Do I see light at the end of the tunnel? I push the bike outside the garage to see if it will start. Turn on the gas. The right side gas line is leaking. I try replacing the line with some clear gas line I have on hand.

The clear line is larger diameter than the current line and it leaks. Tightening down the hose clamps doesn't make it stop leaking. I reluctantly remove the new gas line, cut off a quarter of an inch of the old gas line (it was damaged at that spot) and reinstall the old gas line. It is really tight and getting it on the fittings is a bear. The bike is still leaking, now from a different spot. Check all the connections. Tighten the hose clamps some more.



April 30th Highway Cleanup

by Sportster Diana

was 53F as I rode the 97 1200s over to the shop and picked up Ken's MkIII, and the hills were crowned in clouds. Riding through them it sometimes seemed like fog, and other rain. In one of the foggy sections on Skyline it looked like Ken and a turkey might mix it up, but the turkey thought better of it and went back into the brush. It was windy up on the ridge, even in the lot at Alice's the gusts would blow through causing mini dust storms that



began and ended all in 10 seconds. We pulled in right behind



Art giving us a nice line of three Commandos. Dave did his part to covert the next generation of riders letting a little boy's mom put him on the Triumph. All said and done ten of us showed up today with six or seven of us having ridden.

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Wildflower Ride

by Sportster Diana

Having missed the start of the ride a quick run down to Buffalo Wild Wings in Gilroy to meet up with the end seemed in order. Sun was up but it was still a little cool blowing down 101. When the rest of them pulled in they were all rather cold and a few of them visually shaking. There were five of them counting Frank's friend on the Road King so a table for six was no



problem. Ken's MkIII was the only Norton on the ride. Two BMWs (one vintage) and a red Sport-bike rounded out the ride. The food was good and the conversation lively covering bikes and rides to come. An hour we reluctantly go up to head our separate ways.



I stopped for an adventure bike rider who had a flat on 101, while I couldn't help he was grateful for my advice to ask for a flatbed when he called AAA. A run up Uvas seemed like the perfect way to miss the traffic going north on 101. All the reservoirs



are full and water runs across the road in several places. Everything is green and sure enough, there are a lot of wildflowers.



April 16th Ride

by Sportster Diana

This was it, the first event of the year that was actually going to happen on the original planned date. Cold and cloudy in Los Gatos but a raven kept me company until Alan showed up. Tom showed up next and the sky started to clear. Jim's Norton decided it only wanted to run on one cylinder so he brought his big Kawi. Art showed up on his JPS. Jorge rode his monstrous BMW 1800 since his Commando cracked a case, and brought along two friends when helped bump up our numbers.



From a slow cold start we got up to eight motorcycles and blue sky be-

Don't Ask Me How I Know

by Don Danmeier

28. You may grow wiser as you get older, but it's no guarantee that you won't continue to do STUPID things.
29. Rome is at the same latitude as New York.
30. A Ford Econoline van can simultaneously total itself and a San Francisco fire truck.
31. Dick Mann had a Hudson Terraplane.
32. Get-offs while riding dirt bikes don't really count until one of them does.
33. Two guys on a 250cc BMW will have a hell of a time reaching the Caldecott Tunnel.
34. Most bikes that are unreliable are that way because they simply don't get ridden enough.
35. The best technique for starting the bottom nut on the carburetor flange of an Ariel Square Four is to ask a woman to do it.
36. You will regret riding a bike through Dodge City, Kansas on US Highway 50.
37. A BSA Gold Star can pitch two into the ditch if it picks up a two-inch screw with its rear tire.
38. Iowa is not flat.
39. One Velocette is capable of providing more flat tires than 49 other bikes combined.
40. There are ski runs in Illinois.
41. Pikes Peak can be conquered on a 1925 Rudge.
42. A Tenderfoot Boy Scout's mother will always send her son out with more stuff than he can pack.
43. A 1936 Ford coupe running a hopped-up 1942 Ford truck block can beat a 1956 Corvette in a quarter-mile drag race.
44. Summer in New Zealand can be as short as three weeks.
45. Tying a Hershey bar to a string and casting it onto the sidewalk in front of the coffee shop in Daytona during Spring break will not snag you one of those babes in a bikini.
46. Meeting a couple in a pizza joint who have a Ford Model A for sale while on an Ariel ride with Shirley has the same effect on your collection of pink slips as finding a Sunbeam in a barn during a BSA ride with her in England.
47. Never install door head trim with finish nails in your mouth.
48. Easing your Ford Model A over the cliff in a decomposed granite quarry is so thrilling that you will drive back up and do it again.
49. Florida is so flat that you can push an empty Royal Enfield nine miles to get gas.
50. In the summer, the little dry lakes in Baja are perfect for practicing power-slides on your Dick Mann Specialties BSA.

Highway 9 south of Brookdale goes to 1 lane a couple of times where the big slides happened. The waits for the controlling lights weren't too bad. In Felton I cut back over to 17,



and has a sheriff follow me through Scotts Valley making me REALLY glad I got the mufflers changed. It was speed limit or better from the time I got on 17 to home.



fore 10:30. Alan lead the pack up Black/Gist to Skyline, a route he doesn't believe has ever been used on a club ride before. Everyone stopped at four corners to pick of Michael and bring us up to nine bikes and three Nortons. From there it was highway 9 down the Brookdale Lodge for lunch. The pace was brisk but not too spirited since there was always the possibility



of water running across the road in every turn, and wet tar spilled on the road in places.

We took over one of the patio sections in the sun which gave everyone a chance to warm up while drinking coffee. Conversation covered everything from how Winter projects were progressing to the upcoming INOA rally. Alan's Atlas sounds like it will be coming together soon. Has promised the food was great.



