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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 _____

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)

Make your check for \$25 payable to:

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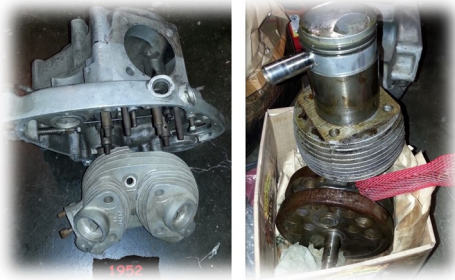
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Classifieds

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

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





The INOA rally was a success with a good showing of our folks there. Frank Cheap rode his Interstate up and back, just to make the rest of us look bad I think.

GREAT JOB FRANK!

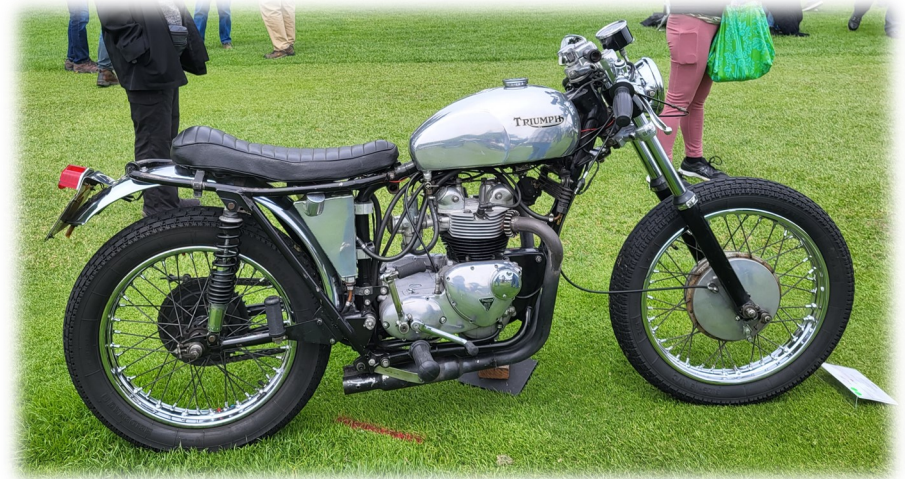
Art and I went up in the shag wagon. Given how thin the walls in our motel were and that they didn't start breakfast until 9am we probably should have slept in the shag wagon too! A good time was had by all at the event site. The events and rides were well run.

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I got Sportster Diana's award for New Letter of the Year 2022 and even brought it back to her unbroken.

Our August campout in Sierra City should be a good time again. It will be the perfect time for me to tell you all I'm going to the Isle of Man. By then I'll be so excited I doubt I'll be able to talk about anything else!

- there and looking at it.
68. It doesn't really matter whether a Vincent can outrun a kangaroo, until it needs to.
 69. The horses in a Hesketh reside in an area somewhat north of 4000 RPM.
 70. A one-owner 1969 VW can bring purchase offers over ten times its original cost. If it's black.
 71. Roses may be red, but violets aren't blue, and neither are the mountains along the Blue Ridge Parkway.
 72. Coaxing an overloaded BSA into a headwind while crossing Nevada on US 50 is "fun".
 73. "Boat-ass" is acquired by spending the day in a dinghy wishing for fish.
 74. Cruising over the Alps with your sweetie on a Vincent is fun.



Don't Ask Me How I Know

by Don Danmeier

- 51. Driving a de-commissioned Border Patrol Ford Econoline through an orange grove in San Diego County can cause a swarm of citrus workers to flee the trees and head for the hills.
- 52. A sidecar attached to a Panther motorcycle is a little-kid magnet.
- 53. Children in Minnesota have been told to "go outside and play" at 27 below zero.
- 54. A single day's catch of Dorado from the Sea of Cortez can provide dinner for everyone in the hotel.
- 55. Winning a trophy for your Matchless was easier when Bud Ekins was on the judging team.
- 56. Servicing the starter on a Norton rotary requires removing the engine first.
- 57. Using your left hand to guide material past a 3/4" dado blade in a table saw is a bad idea.
- 58. Riding an old, slow bike fast is more fun than riding a newer, fast bike slow.
- 59. If you find an old Zenith motorcycle in a basement garage in New Zealand, you should buy it.
- 60. Driving a structural pile into the bed of Nu'uaniu Stream in Honolulu is hilarious when the pile sinks faster than the pile-driver can hit it.

- 61. Willie McCovey could hit a homer so far into the fog at Candlestick Park that it would disappear.
- 62. Corn will sprout from the accumulated silt on the roof of condo in Alameda.
- 63. Two teenagers can apply a coat of primer to a 1939 Ford with handheld Black Flag insect sprayers.
- 64. You cannot possibly eat the entire serving of potato pancakes served in Cascade, Idaho.
- 65. Some of the biggest and best cinnamon rolls ever made are served in Cascade, Idaho.
- 66. Picking off the head of a rattlesnake with your .22 at 50 feet will save the life of your Beagle.
- 67. Some of the most enjoyable time that you can spend with your Model A Ford can be had by just sitting

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Junes Canceled Highway Cleanup

With temps in low 80s and dry it would have been a perfect day for our second highway cleanup, had we not done one a month earlier. There were eight of us at Alice's anyway, enjoying the weather and company.



May 21 - Mt Hamilton Ride

by Sportster Diana

I was unable to attend this ride so there are no pictures, but everyone I've talked to really like the new format. It started with meeting at Tom and Liz's place for snacks and coffee. There were four Nortons on the ride along with BMWs etc. Tom lead the group to the observatory and after a suitable time to enjoy the view lead everyone right back down again to Marria's Pizza.

Big Basin Ride - June 11

The Difference Between Disaster and Adventure is ATTITUDE

by Margie Siegal

I made a wrong turn, figured out where I was, turned around, and headed up Highway 236 towards Big Basin State Park. The rest of the group was clustered in front of the barricades that closed off about 100 feet of the downslope side of the road. I pulled up and learned that Alan Goldwater's

Norton had broken its clutch cable. Alan, with assistance from other mechanically minded group members, was quietly making repairs.

The day started sunny and bright at the Parking Lot Formerly Known as Flights in Los Gatos. Twelve bikes – five Nortons, three mod-



ern Triumphs, three BMW's and a Harley Sportster appeared to take part in the fun. After a short rider's meeting kickstands were up before 10:30 and we started to head out. One of the BMW riders left to drop off his eight year old kid, riding behind him. Unfortunately, Jim's Norton refused to start and Sportster Diana stayed behind to assist.

The rest of the group headed up Highway 9, which became a little misty as we rolled South. After negotiating the Skyline Blvd/Highway 9 crossroads,



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mando and
Fred's cus-
tom Com-
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we got our
fair share of
attention.
Nortons
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the show
and the
parking
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John
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present.



One thing
about this
show is no
matter how
many times
I walk it I
always find
something I
didn't see
the last time
round.

May 5th Quail Show

With rain every day since the start of May attendance was down some. Our new canopy looked good as we setup next to the Central Coast Classics club. The display in front of the booth consisted of a



we headed to the start of Highway 236. 236 probably has more turns per mile than the famous Tail of the Dragon in North Carolina and goes through what was once a beautiful redwood forest, now devastated by a recent fire. Although Google reported that part of the road was closed, in actuality (and as stated on the CalTrans website) just 100 feet of the downslope side near the northern end was blocked off. Just before the group got to this spot, Alan Goldwater's Norton decided to shed its clutch cable.

Clutch cable fixed, we followed the road (which through narrow, was in excellent condition and free of tree debris) through multiple 20 mph turns until it met up with Highway 9 again in the historic town of Boulder Creek, which still has at least one saloon left from its pre-1900 lumber town days. Brookdale, our lunch spot, was two miles south. The coffee was very good and we enjoyed the food and camaraderie of fellow Nortoneers and a guest from the BSA club, Bill Davis.

Those of us who live in the East Bay went home through Alice's Restaurant. Skyline Blvd was so wet in some spots that it looked like a thunderstorm had gone through, and the drizzle had to be wiped off face shields on a regular basis. The weather turned sunny again as we turned East on 92, making for a safe ride home.



