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The Northern California Norton Owners Club is open to all British motorcycle enthusiasts. Membership and renewals can be paid for via our web site and is available for \$25 per year. Membership offers a wide range of benefits including the mailed Norton Notice, website, yahoo group, Social activities, Tech sessions and Monthly rides.

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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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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2024 Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 Sweetheart Ride to Joe's Corner RL: North-Margie South-Alan Noon, 37713 Niles Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536
Mar 3 Highway clean up at Alice's Restaurant, 10AM, 17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA
Mar 10 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 14 Delta Ride RL: Ride Leader Needed, Depart at 10:30 AM. Meet at Carl's Jr parking lot at 915 Main St in Oakley, Ca.
May 19 Mount Hamilton Ride RL: Ride Leader Needed 10AM at Tom & Liz's, 730 Linda Flora Ave, San Jose, CA
Jun 9 Redwood Ride through Big Basin State Park RL: Ride Leader Needed, 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos
Jun 17-22 INOA NorEast Rally https://nortonrally.com/ Lincoln/Woodstock KOA, 1000 East Side Rd, RT 17, Woodstock, NH
Jun 23 Highway clean up at Alice's Restaurant 10AM, 17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA
Jul 14 Mount Umunhum Ride RL: Ken Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
Aug 9-12 Sierra City campout at The Buttes RL: N/A Cabins: https://www.buttresort.com/ 530-862-1170
Sep 8 Santa Cruz Ride, ending at Davenport RL: Alan Meet at the parking lot 165 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos 10 AM. KSU 10:30. Route TBD
Sep 15 Highway clean up at Alice's Restaurant 10AM, 17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA
Oct 6 AGM (tentatively planned at Giorgio's in Milpitas) RL: N/A
Nov 2 All Brit Ride RL: BSA Club Ride departs 10:00 AM - 940 Seventh Street, Novato
Dec 1 Holiday Dinner, Location: TBD RL: N/A
Dec 8 Freeze ride to Alice's Restaurant combined with Highway clean up. RL: N/A, 10:30am, 17288 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, CA

I want to start off this message with a big THANK YOU FRANK & RENEE!! We all had a wonderful time at the party in your lovely forest home. I hope you and your family have recovered from the invasion and the dog didn't put on too much party weight.

It was good to see so many of our members make it out for the The All Brit Ride this year.



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Despite all the dower predictions form the weather guessers earlier in the week the day was dry and good for riding. I don't think anyone had a malfunction so that's a big plus.

The Freeze ride finished out this year's calendar. Diana and I even saw three deer not five feet off the side of the road fueling up for their big night later this month. It was a chilly ride, good practice for the Polarbear Ride next month. The 2024 calendar is looking good and I hope I'll be seeing you all at future events.



Holiday Party

THANK YOU FRANK AND RENEE!!!

The holiday party was once again our biggest event of the year. Over 30 members made the trek into the Santa Cruz mountains to enjoy each others company and enough food to feed three times that many! Home made Piz-za were just the start, Liz and Co made an epic 30 pound boneless turkey and other members brought just about anything else you could want. Due



to the potluck nature of the event only one bike was ridden, alas it was not a Norton. Frank and Renee made sure boxes were ready for left-over for everyone. A grand time was had by all.



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2023 All Brit Ride

by Ken Armann

Photos by Andy Mattos, Jerry Kaplan & Ken Armann

With my MkIII already loaded in the truck I was up and on the road north by 6:30. Others were already there when I arrived at the parking lot at 8am and I quickly found Andy, Alan and Norm. Alan was riding his atlas raised up from the remains of his Featherbed Indian. I saw Tom Dable later and so many others later. The rain that had been predicted all week held for the ride and the 70 or so riders all stayed dry. I was expecting to hit 20,000 miles on the MkIII but only had 19,990 at the end of the day. I guess I missed a wrong turn somewhere!





December Highway Cleanup

by SportsterDiana

It was a brave band of souls made up of Ken, Art, Brenda and Norm that showed up for a cold 10am start to the highway cleanup. The



'dirt' in the center island where we set-up was mostly mud but a small dry patch was found to setup. Norm brought hot coffee and snacks. In short order others arrived joining in, Alan, Liz and Margie. Several people stopped by to thank the club for taking on the challenge of keeping the area clean.





The Freeze Ride

by SportsterDiana



The ride was living up to it's name, it just made it to 40F by the time I left to get meet up with Ken for the ride. We had more than a dozen club members make it up to Alice's, and



Tom D secured the three tables at the front corner for those that wanted to eat. In the parking lot things were a bit thinner with Ken and Margie being the only Norton riders. Beyond that Dave H and Ian rode up modern Triumphs and I came on a Sportster. The ride down seemed almost warm by comparison.



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