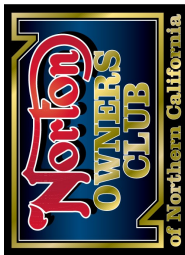




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I hereby apply for Membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)

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Year ____ Model _____

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Applicants Signature and date (required)

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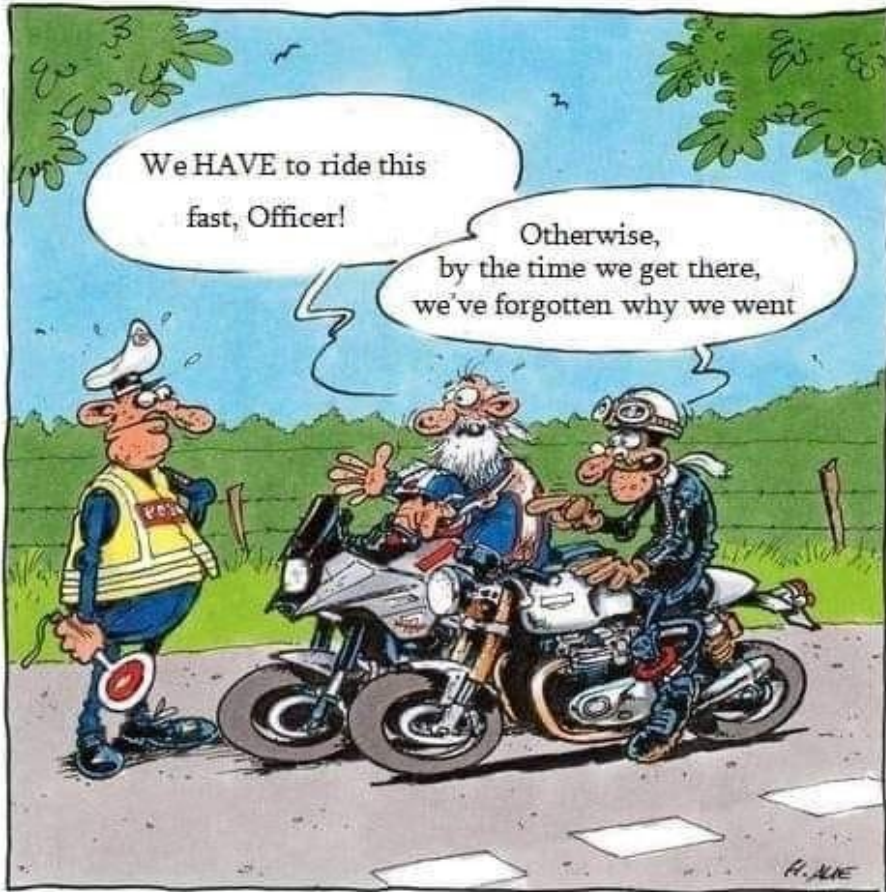
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2024 Upcoming Events

- 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 4** Quail Motorcycle Gathering
Don't Forget to stop by the Club Booth
- 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 All Brit Ride this year. Despite all the dower

predictions from 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 Polar Bear Ride next month. The 2024 calendar is looking good and I hope I'll be seeing you all at future events.

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Oh the Shame of it All

by SportsterDiana

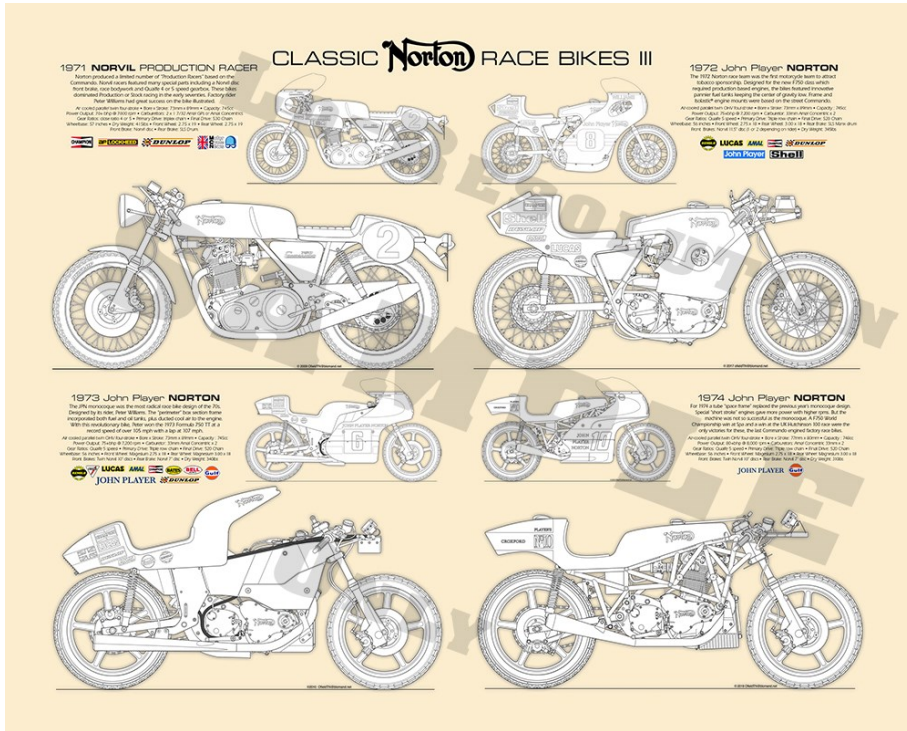
Nine months ago I thought I had this motorcycle shaped pile of problems somewhat sorted out so I took it for my longest ride yet, six miles. I came back with flames licking at my left thigh from under the seat behind the side cover, you know, where the ignition switch is. While it was burning I quickly pulled off the side cover which requires removing one nut and loosening



another. With the cover off I could see that the ignition switch was the source of the flames and indeed still on fire. The fire would not blow out, but pulling the fuse caused the flames to subside. It's possible leaking gas from the petcock was blowing back into the switch. Testing shows there is now a short elsewhere in the wiring harness. Life was busy then so I drained the tank, changed the petcocks, drained the oil and the sump and left the bike for later. The shame I mentioned? I haven't touched it since.



"My motorcycle had a small mechanical problem. But thanks to me trying to fix it, it now has a large mechanical problem."



Remembering Leonard Losty

by Liz and Tom



Our old friend Leonard passed away in January of this year. He was 88 years old. Tom Dabel met him early 1980's. Camping and riding were important. Joined the NCNOC and enjoyed various motorcycles. These included two 1975 MkIII Nortons, a Laverda Mirage, a Harley, several BMWs and his beloved Moto Guzzi SP. There's a great story from when he was in the Strategic Air Command, (Air Force) in Morocco. It involves a nuclear missile, a B47, a fire, a roommate, a Lambretta scooter and a monkey! Don't you wish you heard it? Leonard had 2 wives and several children and grandchildren. His second wife Susan was very fun, some of the club will remember her. We will miss this special friend.

Steve Marsh Memorial

by SportsterDiana

I never knew Steve, but I knew he liked to ride so I figured stopping by Alice's on the way to Harry's would be a good way to start the day. After all the rain and feeling like the last biker on earth today motorcycles were everywhere, it seemed fitting. I was first to Harry's so asked people about Steve as they showed up. I heard things like he and Linda would ride his red MkIII to Daranelle for the yearly campout. That he also loved to ride dirt bikes and bicycles. That he kept his NCNOC membership even after he could not ride anymore. The thing I heard the most was how in love he and his wife Linda were. As things got going the back room filled up and everyone talking filled the air with sound. I met Linda, who was very friendly, full of energy and smiles taking time to talk to everyone there. She told me that she misses riding on a motorcycle. I hope someone will take her with them on a ride soon. Six NCNOC members were there including the Prez and VP, so we made a decent showing, any more and we would have been crowding the room.



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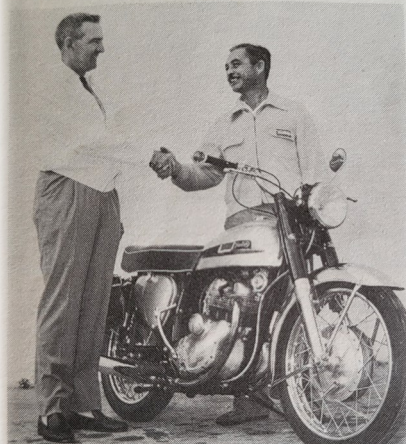
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Dr. V. D. Splane of Ft. Lauderdale, an ardent motorcycle enthusiast, takes delivery of a new electric-starter Norton Electra from Johnny Bowden, Norton dealer in Ft. Lauderdale. "The electric starter sold me," said the doctor.

Polar Bera Ride

by SportsterDiana

When I parked there was a total of five bikes in the lot. The two year old RE and four year old Janus got a lot of looks, but I had to laugh seeing that

Storm was older than all the other bikes put together. It wasn't long before I met Aria who was on her modern Royal Enfield 650 twin. Norton people began to show up and hopefully I did a passable job of introductions. At one point all of us were standing around the RE admiring it. When we headed to Alice's



to eat we brought Aria along. Because the group is so well know to the owner they gave us all three booths in the back



room and let us order there instead of waiting in line out front. After we got our food the owner came around to talk to all of us and make sure everything was good. Great conversation, good food and plenty of coffee made two hours seem like 20 minutes so with some reductants we finally headed out.



Duncan Memorial Ride - February 11th

by SportsterDiana

The weather was inviting after all the rain so we had a good showing. Joe's Corner had the outside corral reserved for us and with eighteen of us there it was very nearly full. Thirteen motorcycles, six of them Nortons caught the attention of most people passing by. The other seven bikes were from six different marques. The conversation was heavy since there was a lot of catching up as many members hadn't seen each other for a few months.



