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

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**Applicants Signature and date (required)**

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**Upcoming Events**

Jul 10	Mt Umunhum Ride meet at Flights in Los Gatos Ken will be leading, KSU at 10am
Jul 11-15	INOA Rip Van Norton Rally 348 Sunside Rd, East Durham, NY
Jul 17	Highway Cleanup 10am Alice's
Aug 19-22	Downieville Campout Ride Cabins <a href="https://www.buttresort.com/">https://www.buttresort.com/</a> (sold out) Camping <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/tahoe/recarea/?recid=55474">https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/tahoe/recarea/?recid=55474</a>
Aug 27	MOTO ESPANA3 Classic Motorcycle Show & Swap 8:30-4:30 2470 El Rancho Dr, Santa Cruz
Sep 11	RIDE TBD (ride leader needed)
Sep 24	Central Coast Classic Motorcycle Show 9:00-2:00 1775 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo
Oct 2	AGM & Ride TBD
Nov 5	BSAOCNC All British Ride starts in Novato This is our club ride for Nov
Dec 3	Holiday Party Frank's place in Scotts Valley
Dec 11	Freeze ride TBD (ride leader needed)

This newsletter is made possible only through the contributions of pictures and stories from its members.

Please take the time to enrich the newsletter by adding your pictures and your thoughts!

After every ride, take a moment to email any pictures (full size images) you took during the ride to the editor.

Don't forget to include any thoughts you had about the ride!

I've been holding up the news letter long enough so I better write something. The weather for the Quail was great as was the show and the food. It was a pleasure to see so many members and friends out there even if I had to explain over and over again that the club didn't have a booth this year.



Margie found us a new place further north to do the August campout around Downieville so we can get back to that club tradition. Space wasn't available for our normal weekend so it will be a week later and the sky won't be falling while we're there, maybe next year.

In July I'll be leading us up Mt. Umunhum so I guess I better refresh myself on the route soon and make sure the roads are still as nice as I remember them.

Be good to each other, stay safe and I'll see you all soon.

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around becoming Gilroy Hot Springs and then Canada Rd. Those three roads make 15 miles winding through trees, past small farms, grassy valleys or following rivers through the east hills. A quick run on 152 had us in Gilroy, and eating BBQ shortly there after.

Norm met the group down at the BBQ joint on his 94 Ultra-glide Harley. A little later someone came in and told us there was a motorcycle on its side in the parking lot. Norm quickly had the bike back up with help from Ken, Art and Frank. Upon seeing the damage his first thought was "Thank goodness it wasn't his new Screaming Eagle!"

After lunch everyone said their goodbyes and made their own way home.



### May 15th - Gilroy Ride

By SportsterDiana

It was already warm as members started rolling in to the parking lot in Los Gatos. A couple of riders used the time to do some final adjustments on their bikes while waiting for every-



one else to show up. Alan showed off his points cover mod, three holes drilled front and back to keep the Tri-Sparc cool.

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When the time came to go four of the eight motorcycles lining up were Nortons, Art in the lead and Liz running sweep.

Kennedy, Hick, McKean and Uvas started the ride out with familiar roads. After crossing 101 in San Martin we took New Ave to Roop Rd which loops

### Nortons Win at the Quail Show

by SportsterDiana

A little lane splitting at the lights in Carmel got me into a good spot heading out of town. There were three sections of controlled single lane between the 99 miles station and the Bixby Bridge. At the bridge I headed up the dirt road to enjoy the views, wildflowers and some time alone before heading north again to the Quail. Heading north again passing several classic bikes out on the road left no doubt it would be a great show. I met my first distant club member Steve on his 74 Interstate as I parked.

British 1st Place went to Phil Lane's one owner 1972 Dunstall Norton 810 MK2 with all the documentation.

Competition On Road 1st Place went to Simon Graham's 1937 Norton Racing International

There were several really nice Nortons scattered through the show, most in very original trim and more than one belonging to club members. One standout went the other way, a highly customized JPL complete with high pipes and mags.



Before heading home there was one more show to enjoy, the motorcycle parking area. Art's JPL painted Roadster was hard to miss, as



well as Tom M's silver 750. Back on the road there was just enough marine layer left on Highway 1 to cool me back off before turning back inland.

### A June Ride - Back at Alice's

by SportsterDiana

At a quarter to 10 we had 6 bikes in the lot, none of them Nortons. By 10:10 we had sixteen bikes, eight of them Nortons and passerbys were stopping to admire the bikes and ask questions. A little after 10:30 as the clouds rolled in people started gearing up and heading north.

Meanwhile in the lot, Bill's bike had a dead battery and wouldn't start. New guy Jim lead the last few riders heading north since he knew the roads.

Thank you Jim! Ken, Tom and I



stayed to see what we could do for Bill's bike. After many kicks and checking things with Tom's meter it was clear all that was really needed was to jump start the bike. I walked over to the store and bought a \$20 set of jumper cables. Ken pulled his MkIII up and hooked up the cables, with just one kick Bill was on his way home a



few minutes later. Ken and Tom M. left next, Ken with my crescent wrench in his pocket! It was now 11:30 so with everyone else gone, I stuffed my new jumper cables into my jacket and headed home.



home.

Along the route to HMB we drove right up to Cameron's and noticed the remainder the club were still there (many bikes in parking lot). We stopped to say hello to the group and stretch our legs as it was a bit tight for 3 adults in a 1989 Toyota truck!

We three (Jim, Dave and me) then hopped into the truck and continued to



my home, dropped off Jim so he could retrieve his Kawasaki and Dave and



I continued to drive the truck to Dave's home in SF.

Was an easy ride to SF, easy unloading of his bike despite the typical SF steep streets near Dave's home and spent a few minutes in Dave's garage admiring his other bikes and off I went to return home.

it was Dave's beautiful Atlas. The entire group stopped to offer support but it was determined that it would be best to either call a tow truck or find another way to get his bike home. Many of the riders, including me, had no cellular coverage.

I offered to ride on to my home in Half Moon Bay and return with my 1989 Toyota truck to pick up Dave's Atlas and either take him and his bike to my home to work on the bike, let him drive the Toyota truck to his home in SF and return my truck at a later time or we drive together to SF. Dave suggested he would stay with his bike and wait for me to return with the truck. He encouraged the rest of the group to continue the ride to Camerons.



Jim, new member volunteered to ride with me to get the truck and return with me to get Dave. So, Jim on his Kawasaki and me on my 1974 850 Norton rode to my home which was a mere 13 miles from where Dave was stranded.

We arrived at my home, loaded up the ramp that Ken has lent me many months ago with the stipulation that I help any stranded motorcyclist along the coast, grabbed some tie downs, parked Jim's Kawasaki in my garage and we both jumped into my small Toyota truck to return to Dave.

About two miles into the return trip we realized that the truck, though has 3 seat belts, has a very small (no extended cab) cab and would be a tight fit for Dave, Jim and me. Undaunted, we continued on to connect with Dave



and were not phased by the rain and fog that set in.

We easily found Dave, loaded up his bike in the truck and the three of us jumped into the cab of the small truck with the plan to return to my home and determine how to get Dave

## June Ride - Start on a Norton, End up in a Toyota

by Michael Sehnert

A rather large group of NCNOC members and guests showed up on the June 12 ride that was set to depart from Alices Restaurant and take a route to Camerons Pub in Half Moon Bay.



Near 10:30am the announcement was made by our ride leader, Tom, to get ready to depart in 5 minutes. Everyone suited up, started bikes and started to discuss/debate routes from Alices to Camerons. All but one bike started up.

Bill's bike was reluctant to fire up and our club president jumped onto the bike to assess

the situation. Ken waived the rest of the group to continue the ride and he and Bill would stay back and work on starting the bike. Keith stayed back to offer tools and support.

The rest of the group took off for the Tunitas route to Highway 1 and along the way and about mid way from Alices and highway 1, another Norton decided to stop running. This time



