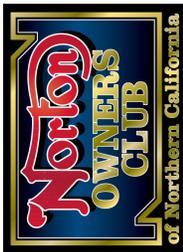




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Norton Streamliner built by Denis Manning ridden by Boris Murray

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Red 1975 Mark III Roadster. Starts (on button) runs (Boyer electronic ignition, new alternator, new front wiring harness) and stops (dual discs, front master cylinder sleeved to increase stopping power) Bike is currently registered and insured. \$7000 or best offer.

Margie Siegal msnorton@yahoo.com



FOUND: Pacific Trail jacket with hood, size L/G, left in my van on 11/8.
Don Danmeier, 415-898-0330.

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

8-Jan	Polar Bear Ride to Alice's Restaurant RL: None
12-Feb	Sweetheart Ride to Original Joes's Niles Canyon RL: Margie-North, Alan- South
12-Mar	Gilroy Wildflower Ride RL: Art
16-Apr	Santa Cruz Ride, ending at Davenport RL: AlanG
21-May	Mount Hamilton Ride RL: Tom Dabel
11-Jun	Redwood Ride through Big Basin State Park RL: Diana or Margie
Jun 21-24	INOA National Event, Winthrop, Washington RL: Evergreen Chapter
9-Jul	Mount Umunhum Ride RL: Ken A
Aug 11-14	Sierra City campout at The Buttes RL: None
10-Sep	Delta Ride RL: Dave Crader
1-Oct	AGM RL: None
4-Nov	All Brit Ride [see http://www.bsacnc.org/2023AllBrit.pdf for details RL: BSA Club
3-Dec	Holiday Dinner RL: ?
10-Dec	Freeze ride to Alice's Restaurant. RL: None

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!

Another year has come and gone, seems like that keeps happening faster each time. The Christmas party was wonderful this year, so good to see you all there. Big thanks to the Cheaps for hosting!

I missed the Freeze Ride and the ice this year due to having my ear carved on. They took enough that they did a graft and things are a little uncomfortable. My brother is watching it for



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me and so far everything looked good so hopefully I will be able to wear a helmet again in time for the Niles Canyon ride on Feb 12th. The days will start getting longer now and the Polar Bear ride is on Jan 8th. I probably will not be able to join you all for that, hopefully it will be warmer than the Freeze ride was. Our officers have the 2023 ride calendar done so we will have lots of chances to get together. Stay safe and warm, and take care of each other my friends.

few had turned back earlier, as our contingent had shrunk considerably.

That's where the fun came to an end. Paul Zell prodded his bike into life and headed back ahead of the main body of riders, and just south of town, stuffed the Velo into the side of a van on Highway 1. We couldn't be sure of any of this until comparing notes later, back in Novato, but when I was told that the bike in question "had one of those funny-looking mufflers", I knew who had been involved. At the time, the cops had shut down the highway, so most of us sat there in the rain to wait it out. Some guys doubled back to skirt the scene by going through side streets. When we were finally cleared to move, the bike and the rider were gone, but I saw that the van had been bashed in on the left side. I think that the driver pulled out into the highway from the RV park access road (which had been on Paul's right).



As I write this (November 7), we know that Paul survived but has multiple injuries and is expected to be hospitalized for about four weeks. He will be kept under sedation in the ICU

until successive surgeries are done to set broken bones. Folks have rallied around his wife Julie to see that she is cared for (she is wheelchair bound herself). A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Zells; here's the link: <https://gofund.me/e2160a87>.

Ironically - and tragically, in the 32 years of this event, only one other such event has occurred, when years ago a rider on a BSA B50 left the road out by Walker Creek Ranch, crashing and rupturing his spleen (and undergoing surgery to remove it). That was Paul Zell.



*Photos by Keith Dunlop

The 32nd Annual Northern California All-British Ride

Don Danmeier

The one question that recurs after each of these events, without fail, is "How many bikes?" Well, what with the uncertainty of the weather, this year's ride saw a much-reduced number of forty. It certainly wasn't going to reach our historical high-water mark of 200. You can't blame people for not wanting to cross the Sierras with the travel advisories and chain requirements that were being sent out. We did however get a hardy bunch of guys from Oregon. Kudos to them and the locals who defied the predictions.

Except for four Velos, all the bikes were BSA, Norton or Triumph. Among the more or less exotic were four BSA Gold Star singles, two Rocket Gold Stars, a street-legal BSA Cyclone (500cc twin), a '66 Triumph TT and a '57 Norton ES2. Not everyone provided model information on registering, so I may have missed a few that nevertheless drew special attention.



Planning this year tried to balance territorial variety with the option of reduced travel time in the event of unpredictable rain. So, we took some roads that we hadn't used since 1999, but also had a back-door beeline for a rapid return to the point of departure if things got exceedingly damp. Things were looking up prior to launch, with sunlight gradually making its way through the overcast. I was feeling optimistically smug as we worked our way through the valleys of northern Marin and up into Sonoma County. The roads were dry, it certainly wasn't cold, and surprisingly, nobody went past me. Over the years, Don Clancy has made that his specialty, but this time nothing passed the front end of my BSA but pavement, all the way to our pit stop and turn-back point, Bodega Bay. But there was wiping of the face-shield by the time we'd reached Valley Ford, and a gentle drizzle in the air at the gas station. Quite a

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Holiday Party - December 4th

Text & Photos by: Jerry Kaplan

Joan and I wanted to thank one and all for making this holiday party such a special event. It was full of warmth and caring, good food and cheer. More like a family reunion than a motorbike club. Special



thanks to the Cheap's for hosting us for another year and all the hard work by club members insuring a logistical success. This great party didn't happen by accident.





down and shaking it.

- BSA and Triumph triples should not be run at sustained high speeds unless BOTH fuel taps are open.
- Organizing a motorcycle event just takes a bit of imagination, but conducting it is akin to herding cats.
- A rear blowout on a Douglas with the tire leaving the rim will pitch you into the ditch.
- Wearing a full-face helmet can mean not erasing your chin with asphalt.

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Don Danmeier

- Don't use a box-end wrench to hold the nut while installing the head-steady on an oil-in-frame BSA twin.
- Individual ball bearings are magnetically attracted to the floor of the workshop.
- Don't grab the handle of the sliding glass door after folding a linen tablecloth.
- Pilgrim oil pumps were used on British bikes as late as 1972.
- A Ford Econoline van will be a total loss if it's flipped end-to-end at 55 mph.
- A BSA Rocket 3 with the stock two-gallon tank can carry its rider and a passenger from Tres Pinos to San Miguel, but not the reverse.
- Deer are cute, but not in the middle of the road and less than ten feet from your front wheel.
- Beer tastes good.
- Waking up in an ambulance can be make one happy or sad, depending on your condition.
- Shirley makes the best brownies in the world. Period.
- Mean Marshall Ehlers had a wise-ass reputation that evaporated if you walked into the shop with a woman.
- Same thing with the ex-BSA dealer, Bill "Biscuits" Verbiscio.
- Injecting politics or religion into a Club publication is a recipe for disaster.
- An Ariel can induce sidewalk experts to advise you of all the finer points of your "Vincent Square Four".
- A well-fettled BSA Gold Star is worth following just to hear the "twitter".
- The coefficient of friction of a leather-clad rider sliding on asphalt is greater than that of a Norton sliding down the road on same pavement.
- A (Birmingham) Scott sounds more like an Evinrude outboard than a Greeves ring-ding.
- Used cafeteria trays make great drip pans.
- A Pontiac pulling out of a gas station can stop an Ariel Red Hunter very effectively.
- Proving to a therapist that you can navigate stairs on crutches becomes hilarious when the top step causes you to hit your head on the ceiling.
- Wine is fine.
- There are 67 parts on a Mark 2 Ariel Square Four that require paint.
- Removal of a spark plug terminal of a Triumph TR5 from the cylinder that it just fell into can be accomplished by picking up the bike, turning it upside

Freeze Ride - December 18th

by SportsterDiana

Postponing this ride a week saved those who rode from needed rain gear and possibly snorkels. While there was no rain it was rather cold and of the ten members that showed up only five rode, no one rode a Norton. It was a toss up for the most interesting and/or dangerous thing in the Alice's parking lot. It was either Jim's 1974 Kawasaki H2 750, or the



large patch of ice. Of the people I talked to, the H2 had 90% of the vote, Jim was the only one that voted for the ice. The car clubs were out in force filling the lots but there was no trouble getting the normal table at Alice's, the food was hot, the heaters were running and everyone had a good time.



