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March 2015

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March 7 (Saturday) Museum Tour at Shelby American Collection, Boulder, 10 am www.shelbyamericancollection.org

March 22 (Sunday) Pub meeting at Streets of London Pub, 1501 E. Colfax,Denver, Noon.



Jack Abeyta shows off his President's Trophy. Jack has won this prestigious award 2 years in a row. Will Jack ride for the hat trick and make it 3 straight?? We'll find out next year.

Winter Banquet 2015

by Scott Robinson

Once again the Norton Colorado Winter Banquet was an event enjoyed by all who attended. There were 55 of us gathered at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant in Arvada. It was nice to visit with old friends and get to know new ones.

A few members deserve special mention. The lovely Sheila and Bob Martin made quite the dapper couple with Bob in a jacket and tie and Sheila looking very sparkly. Jack Abeyta was quite the stud in a shirt he went to Las Vegas to get just for this occasion and a pair of shoes you had to see for yourself. Jim Fisher is doing well after surgeries to his neck and lower back. He is already back in the saddle. Bob Ohman is also regaining his health and promises to join us on more rides this year.

There was a bit of business to attend to as well. Apparently we are all happy with our officers, and the officers are happy to serve, so they get to rule for another year. The only change is that I will be taking over the newsletter from Bob Herman.

Eric would like to make a change to next year's calendar and is requesting we take pictures of the younger generation, children, grandchildren, etc. on Nortons. I think he accused us of being old farts with one foot in the grave (or something like that) but I may have misremembered. When Eric asked if we thought any other changes were necessary and there was no response, Mark Liu replied, "We must be perfect". No one disagreed so I guess he spoke for us all. Next up, the club thanked Bob Herman for his 5 years of editing the newsletter and presented him with a bottle of Scotch.

Finally, this years President's Award went to Jack Abeyta for the second year in a row. Jack attended 17 club events and had 12 solo rides on his beautiful purple 850 Commando for a total of 96 points. You can see his picture on the cover.

As usual, after dinner we had the gift exchange. This is always the highlight of our night and not for the sensitive types. Many gifts were "stolen" and made their rounds leaving the occasional broken heart (I lost a bottle of Jack Daniels again!) and many laughs in their wake. There were books, a bike cover, tools, cleaning supplies, a knife, a video, a mug, and I'm sure a few things I forgot, and finally a lot of wine and liquor. This seems to be a club favorite over the last few years.

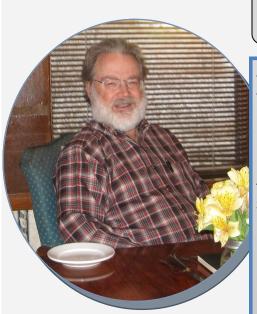
If you didn't make it, you missed a nice party and I suggest you plan to attend next year's event.



Jack's Thank You Speech

When I accepted the Presidents Award I had a Senior moment and forget to mention it was not me alone who earned the prestigious achievement. The deserving participants were at the Tech Days where fellow Norton members like Lew Wackler, Eric Bergman, Bob Martin and countless others help me fix routine things like brakes, speedo drives, kickstands., etc. I also like to thank Rick Black for always answering his phone to tutor me, I had countless dumb questions. As much as it pains me I have to admit the Man (boy) is a wealth of motorcycle knowledge as is all the boys and girls in Norton Colorado. Thank You.

The 2015 Norton Colorado



Eric Bergman President



Peggy and Jack

Banquet Guest List

Arnie & Stepanie Beckman Amelia and Lillian Beckman **Bob Herman** Bob Martin & Sheila Wilson Bob & Claire Ohman Bob Zimmerman Denny & Cathy Westervelt Tom & Camille Tallick **Steve Harris & Charley Gremmels** Kris Geller David & Christine Campbell **David Sheesley Debby Johnson** Dennis Horgan Eric Bergman & Susan Saarinen Jim & Jackie Colt Jack & Peggy Abeyta Jay and Teri Ann Tynes Jim & Marti Fisher John Kinlin & Stephanie Moren Scott & Julie Robinson Karen Bailey-Barber & Steve Lavin Mark Liu & Geri Molettiere Marty White & Lee Maassen + Lincoln Mike Fields & Vicki Borden Mike Gallagher + Christopher Paul Swenson Peter Geise + Grace Rick Black **Skip Foree** Wayne Smiley & Ursula Rechlitz Peter Chronis



Arne Beckman Vice President



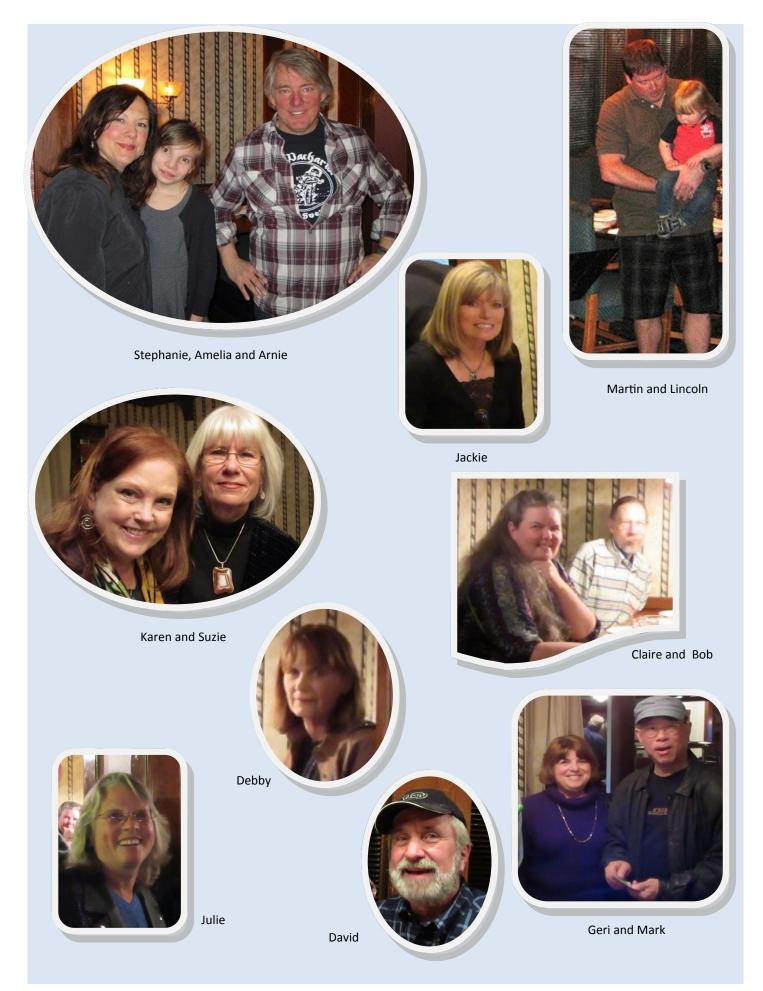
Suzie and Marti



Bob and Sheila



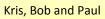
Charley, Mike and Jim







John





Peter









Bob and Lillian

Bruce and the band

The Newsletter has a New Editor

By Scott Robinson

The first thing I want to say is thank you to Bob Herman for editing the Newsletter for the last 5 years. I've looked forward to, and enjoyed, reading every edition. I hope I can continue to produce a newsletter that follows in the tradition of Bob and Eric and others before them.

I first joined Norton Colorado in 1985 after buying a 1971 Norton Commando, which I learned later was actually a 1970 S model. I knew almost nothing about Nortons other than they were fast and what I considered a "biker's bike". After joining the national club I received a phone call one day inviting me on a local club ride up Flagstaff Hill in Boulder. I had fun and asked to be invited on other club rides. My next involvement with the club was in Steamboat Springs when I ran into several members at the vintage races. Having nowhere to sleep that night, I was invited, along with my family, to stay in the condo rented by several members of the club. I was informed that the club met monthly at a local bar and I was invited to attend. I started going to meetings regularly and have been involved ever since.

During my time with the club I have been club secretary/newsletter writer and served as vice president. Back then officers were chosen differently than they are now, usually the future officer went to the rest room and came back to the table to find out they were voted in to office by those present at the meeting. So, by choosing to edit the newsletter, this is the first time I have actually volunteered to be an officer.

Three years ago my wife, Julie, and I bought Ernie's 1975 Norton. As a result of having a dependable Norton I have been more involved with the club and out riding a Norton quite a bit more than in the past. Compared to many of our members I still don't know much about Nortons, but I do know they are fast and fun, a "biker's bike". Lately I've been enjoying the club and wanted to be more involved again. I'm about to retire after 30 years of teaching and think editing the newsletter will be a fun hobby.

As past editors have said, this newsletter is only as good as the stuff the club provides for it. So, please send me pictures, articles, comics or whatever you want to see in the newsletter. Let's hear from some of you about how you ended up in Norton Colorado or tell us about your favorite ride. My email is <u>mister.r@comcast.net</u>.



This is my first Norton, a 1970 S model with roadster pipes and some young kid back about the time I joined the club

A MIDWINTER CLASSIC

by David Campbell



It was a sunny, beautiful Sunday in January, the kind of day that makes Colorado different from the majority of winter climes, and the kind of day a motorcyclist is hard pressed to miss. A Norton rider can scarcely risk not getting the bike out on a day like this, to prevent the inevitable "sumping" that occurs if one doesn't get his steed out regularly. I was decked out in full black leathers, with my Campbell tartan scarf showing under my silver helmet.

In front of me in the turn lane was a striking vintage Porsche 911 SC in Guards Red. We had come up

the road side by side for a mile or more and I could see him looking at me in his mirror. I sensed he would try to renew the age old contest between sports car and café racer. As the light turned green he gunned his air cooled flat six, but he didn't find my 40 year old parallel twin wanting. I short shifted through the gears at five thousand rpms and clung to his bumper like cheese to a hamburger up to



70 mph when I decided 15 mph over the limit was all the ticket I was willing to risk today.

He continued on the gas for a bit then led the way as we both headed closer to the mountains. It was a pleasure to give the Commando a good run, and I'm sure he enjoyed the view from his Teutonic classic. The big difference being as I looked at my Smiths clocks I could see the blue sky with puffs of white clouds reflected in my chrome headlight bucket. A pleasure indeed.

Authors note: The Porsche 911 SC was made from 1979-83 and got roughly 180-190 bhp from its flat six, good for a 0-60 mph time of 6.5 to 7 seconds. <u>http://www.adelgigs.com/911performance.shtml</u>

Period tests of the 1973 850 Commando would get to 60 in 5 seconds. *Cycle* June, 1973 and *Motorcy-clist Illustrated* Sept. 1973.

It was a chilly and foggy London night when a local Constable happened upon a stranded helmeted motorcycle rider. The biker told the officer the bike would not start. The officer inspected the bike and said "Your carb is frozen, just pee on it." The biker responded that was not possible. The officer not wanting to open a possible can of worms said move aside and he performed his civic duty on the carburetor. One kick and the biker was gone into the cold foggy night. Three days later the officer receives a letter from a grateful father, it said, I want to thank you for helping my daughter start her Norton the other night.

2015 Schedule of Events

January 1 (Thursday) *New Year's Day Ride*, brunch at David & Christine Campbell's, 9436 Wolfe Dr., Highlands Ranch, 11 am, followed by a ride to Palmer Lake, weather permitting.

January 10 (Saturday) Pub Meeting at The Burns, Broomfield, 11:30 am.

February 7 (Saturday) Winter Banquet, The Old Neighborhood, Arvada, 5 pm.

March 7 (Saturday) Museum Tour at Shelby American Collection, Boulder, 10 am.

March 22 (Sunday) Pub meeting at Streets of London Pub, 1501 E. Colfax, Denver, Noon

April 4 (Saturday) Group Ride to Idaho Springs and Argo Mine Tour

- April 19 (Sunday) Spring Tech Day at Bob Martin's, Broomfield, 9 am.
- May 3 (Sunday) A Day at the Races (Bandimere Speedway)

May 17 (Sunday) Old Bike Ride 13, hosted by Bob Ohman, Golden, 8 AM.

May 31 (Sunday) Tea Party and Group Ride, hosted by Debby Johnson, Louisville, 10 am.

June 4 (Thursday) First Thursday at GB Fish and Chips, Sloan's Lake, 5 pm.

- June 14 (Sunday) *Big Tent BBQ* hosted by Eric Bergman and Susie Saarinen, Golden, 1 pm. We welcome members of the BMAC, the Rocky Mountain Chapter and the Phantom Canyon Chapter of the AMCA, and other riders of vintage motos.
- June 18-21 (Thursday-Sunday) Four Corners Rendezvous, Dolores.
- July 5 (Sunday) *Mt. Evans Ride*, followed by brunch at David Sheesley's, in Evergreen, start at Eric Bergman's house in Golden at 10 am.
- July 13-17 (Monday-Friday) INOA "Norton Carolina Rally", Asheville, NC.
- July 18 (Saturday) *The Wild Beast Within Us Ride* at The Wild Animal Sanctuary, Keenesburg, leave Denver at 8 am.

August 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday) Wimpy Campout, hosted by Jamie & Michelle Jones, Conifer.

August 15-16 (Saturday-Sunday) The Century Ride to Gunnison and back.

August 29 (Saturday) Yester Year Farm Show, Longmont.

September 11-13 (Friday-Sunday) Up The Poudre Without A Paddle at Glen Echo Resort, west of Fort Collins.

- September 20 (Sunday) English Motoring Conclave, Oak Park, Arvada (date unconfirmed).
- October 4 (Sunday) Breakfast Ride hosted by Jim and Marti Fisher, 1374 Greening Ave., Erie, 11 am.
- October 17 (Saturday) Plains Ride, hosted by Scott & Julie Robinson, 1711 E. 83rd Pl., Denver, 9 am.

October 25 (Sunday) Open Garage/Tech Day hosted by Scott Shuler, 1105 W. Oak St., Fort Collins, 10 AM.

November 8 (Sunday) Fall Tech Day TBA

December 6 (Sunday) Pub meeting at Pints Pub, 221 W. 13th Ave., Denver, at 11 am.

Membership

Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever.

Dues are \$20/ year individual, \$22 for a couple or family unit, payable to "Norton Colorado" and sent to the Treasurer, whose contact information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.

The list printed in this newsletter is the official membership, as understood by the Newsletter Editor on the date of publication of the newsletter. Please let me know if I have made an error.

The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

Western Slope Riders

Many Norton Colorado members live in the western part of the state, and finally have noticed that it's I inconvenient to ride 500 miles for High Tea on the Front Range. Said members have formed a loose confederation known as the Western Slope Riders, and are having their own High Tea and other fun times.

All Norton Colorado members are welcome at these Western Slope events, so if you city kids want to find out what the shoe feels like on the other foot, plan to ride out and join the Western Slope contingent.

Contact: Gary Bolduc, President @ 970-676-1078 for info on upcoming WSR events

Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2015 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or rescheduled through the year. The schedule can be found on page 8 or check the schedule on the club website:

<u>http://www.nortoncolorado.org/</u> <u>meetings.html</u>

Final Prez Points Standings (2014):

points, events, solo rides Eric Bergman 91 17 17 Jack Abeyta 85 15 11 Debby Johnson 62 10 19 Scott Robinson 9 47 6 James Lafler 36 8 3 Martin White 31.5 10 0 Peggy Abeyta 30 8 1 Rick Black 6 30 0 Bob Martin 29 13 0 Wayne Smiley 22 6 0 Bob Herman 21 3 8 Bones Engelman 21 4 0 Dave Campbell 21 3 14 Mike Fields 20 5 0

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Credits: Thanks to Jack Abeyta for his speech and his joke, David Campbell for his excellent article, Martin White for the video and Peter Chronis, Steve Harris, Charley Gremmels and Eric Bergman for their nice photos. I also want to say thanks to others who sent me things I will print in the next edition.

Thanks to Martin White for this very cool video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BDedZ-sbrs

Grand Wazoo

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