



WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ALL THERE



# Norton Colorado

## Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

See page 17 for the entire official 2016 events schedule.

December 4 (Sunday) *Pub meeting* at [Pints Pub](#), 221 W. 13th Ave., Denver, at 11 AM.

January 1 (Sunday) *New Years Day Ride*

Lots of open time to fill if anyone cares to lead a ride. Just email Eric and he will broadcast it to the club.



After about 20 years of service to the club, first as newsletter editor then as president Eric Bergman is retiring from his role as our fearless leader.



Frankfurt, 1971  
The hook was set.



# Fall Tech Day

Hosted by Denny and Cathy Westervelt



Rode or worked on a Norton  
Jack and Peggy Abeyta  
Eric Bergman  
Rick Black  
Debby Johnson  
Vern Neuscheler  
Scott Robinson  
Randy Schneider  
David Sheesley



Denny and Vern tearing down the forks.



This year's tech session project belongs to Vern Neuscheler. Today he removed and dismantled the forks with help from several club members. Of course some of the help was more helpful than others.



It was a beautiful day for a ride .



Nice to see Dave's Atlas on the road again



Rode something lesser  
Mike Fields  
Mike Powell  
Al Slark

Got there  
Jim Colt  
Jamie and Michelle Jones  
Mark Liu and Gerry Molettieri  
Bob Martin  
Bob Ohman  
Paul Swenson  
Herb and Karen Verona  
Bob Zimmerman



We were a scruffy yet happy bunch of enthusiastic oddballs loosely conjoined into a motley group called Norton Colorado. We met monthly at a Chinese eatery, the Plainfield Inn near 38th ave. & Federal Blvd. Norton Colorado was conceived by a venerated and talented architect, Rolf Norstag in 1983 who since has "shuffled off this mortal coil", and lives fondly in our memories. One Friday a kind of jovial character with a ready grin and off beat sense of humor showed up. An instantly likable guy, he bought a quite questionable Norton project from a guy who showed up at our monthly meeting to try to unload it. That was the beginning of our own Eric Bergman's odyssey with Norton Colorado.



Eric turned out to be our news letter editor, guiding spirit and finally president. Trying to cajole Norton Colorado in any particular direction has been likened to herding cats or pushing a rope, yet Eric has been instrumental in bringing a loose type of organization to this odd conglomeration of talented intelligent but individualistic humans.

We now have an actual yearly event schedule, a treasury with a little money, t shirts and sweatshirts for sale, a repository of parts, the best newsletter anywhere and a camaraderie that's the envy of clubs everywhere. Norton Colorado has become an important part of many lives. Think for a minute. Were you to need a little help with anything and called a friend odds are that friend would be a Norton club member. Would we have come this far without Eric's devotion and guidance? Of course Eric could not have done this all without a lot of help but he's been the force.



Mancos 2009

I am happy to have had the pleasure of Eric's friendship for these many years. Glad to have seen Katy grow up and now to share in the delight that Ella brings. Glad to have the friendship of my special little buddy Suzy. Glad to have seen the almost miraculous recovery of Suzy from her horrible accident.

Thanks Eric. Hope your quest for the reliable, fast, good looking, good handling Norton continues to dominate your dreams.

Damned hard to find a friend as good as Eric.

Bob

Thank you Eric for the many years of dedicated service!

You are truly an inspiration to all that know you.

Jim Colt







Where do I start to write about Eric's contributions to Norton Colorado? Eric's leadership over the last 20 or so years has made Norton Colorado the successful and fun club it is today.

Eric is always quick with a joke or a story. I've had many a good laugh with him. He has always been there with some ideas on how to troubleshoot an issue with my Norton. There was the time I was jetting my carbs and couldn't find any jets in town. I called Eric and he just happened to have a spare set I could have. The Plains ride, which I lead yearly, was his idea. He and Gary decided that it would be fun to take a fall ride on the flatlands. Since I know the roads well they decided I should lead. Only thing was they never told me about it. Imagine my surprise when I saw the ride announced in the newsletter inviting the club to meet at my house next Sunday at 9:00. The ride's been a club staple ever since. Eric has also been a great source of "stuff" for the newsletter, contributing something almost every month. I couldn't do it without him. All of this sort of makes up for the time he "stole" my bottle of Jack Daniels at the banquet gift exchange (maybe:)).



As for Eric's contributions to the club, well, we wouldn't be who we are without him. It all started when Eric offered to take over the newsletter. He improved on the format and started announcing club gatherings at least once a month. He encouraged others to be more involved as well. He



then set up a system of emailing events and information to the club. At the time his efforts really brought new life to Norton Colorado. Eric led us on rides, organized pub meetings and hosted his June party which gets a huge turnout every year. I think the "White Elephant" gift exchange at the banquet was his idea. He started the counting of the President's Points and the President's Award. Our membership has grown over the years and many more of us are participating in club events. Many of us feel that the Norton Club is an important part of our lives and the friends we've made are friends for life. Eric had a lot to do with that. Thank you Eric.

Scott Robinson







He would like to have this nuclear bomb

Eric is a man with many interests aside from his Norton.



Trains and friends are fun



He dreams of riding around on a tractor



He enjoys riding his Laverda



He likes antique airplanes



But I think he loves Susie the best of all.



I've been thinking back over the few years I've been with the club and from it, come to know Eric (the Great--in my book). In my life I have many stories that are somewhat funny, as I tell them, of various assholes and idiots that I have worked with and known. So, over time, each time I have had the great good fortune to meet an exception to these categories of humans, I have stopped and thanked God. Honestly. The emotional drain of the day-to-day strains of dealing with, or forgetting/ignoring what the first category says and does is the curse of Sisyphus. And then along comes someone like Eric; appearing to be Joe Average/ no one special. Slowly over time his casual good nature and laid back humor reveals a man who keeps his word. A man who is not quick to anger. A man who knows that some things pass and refrains from outbursts. A man who exemplifies the meaning of humility, common sense and deep stability; yet he rides and builds man-eating Norton's. Ok, Laverdas, too.

Because I'm now definitely a true member of the Old Guy Class, I can say with authority: guys like Eric are as rare as Vincent Black Shadows. And because of that, I have for one, have come to enjoy and cherish my great good fortune to know Eric and to count him as a friend.

As to stories I can relate, where to begin. Let's pick a more recent one. A rescue to be exact. It was a beautiful blue Colorado summer day.

On this beautiful Colorado Norton Club Tech. Day I had performed a quick technical inspection in preparation of riding up to the rendezvous, an amazing garage with attached home built onto the side of a Colorado mountain cliff. Because I had been riding to work every day for weeks I was certain that my technical inspection was only necessary to find and eliminate any embarrassing cosmetic warts.

As the British say: "Right".

A few miles after turning north west onto I 36, from I 25, my Norton began to suddenly slow down; just as if I was engaging my front disc brake. But I wasn't. The smoke that began to pour up and over me informed me that, yes the brake IS on, though my fingers are on the twist grip. Veering swiftly over to the generous shoulder area, I turned off the ignition, hopped off and put my gloved hand near, not on, the disc rotor. Holy smokes. I felt the heat before well before my hand could touch it. With Kung Fu speed I wiped out my trusty repair tool of choice, other wise know as my cell phone. With the speed that I gained from past practice I called the one person I knew could, and would, rescue me. He answered and without hesitation said something like, "I'll finish what I'm doing and be right over". As I recall, the finishing had to do with taking possession of a new used truck; how convenient, but more to the point, how generous. In short order, he appeared on the horizon and pulled over; motorcycle ramps and tie downs in hand. After answering a few technically appropriate questions I assured him I had no idea why my brake caliper engaged on it's own and assured him of my deep lack of personal mechanical ability to (definitely) determine the cause and eliminate it but that I also still badly wanted to attend the rendezvous, if for no other reason than to make it clear that my Norton and perhaps my personal mechanical know how, was less than omniscient. The Truth Hurts, chapter 23.

With the expertise that only comes from deep wisdom and perhaps a little practice, Eric hoisted My Precious into the womb of his truck bed and tied her down. From there we had a wonderful conversation discussing all the problems of the world, the true origins of the Universe and Why We are Here. To keep his attention and not bore him, I refrained from using vulgar language and kept to fourth order para-relativistic flux equations. As luck would have it, I was able to just catch his curiosity and we had a most pleasant ride up to The Cliff Dwelling Garage.

Once there, I found the reason the Norton had put on her brakes. She could see ahead into our near future and saw the loose gravel driveway/ski slope that challenged all comers to attempt a safe entry to the garage entrance. Yikes! Eric, true to his ever present calm, drove down the ski slope like nothing was out of the ordinary. I spent the moments trying to squeeze the door handle in half. Once there, he helped me untie and roll my bike out and into the Emergency Room. After saying hello to our gathered brothers-in-arms he returned to help me with further questions of the kind that can shine a light on the solution. I spent the remainder of the day enjoying the suggestions of the other members, the pleasure of a bike lift, great lighting and almost all the tools I could ever dream of. At the end of the day, Eric helped me push her back into the back of his truck, tier her down and drive her (and me) back to my humble abode. And my garage. He never hesitated to help. He never complained. He never asked for anything. No problem; throw out a large number of the hours of his day to help me out; without complaint; without hesitation.

Acts of generosity like this stick to you. They bond you. And, they brighten not only the day it unfolds but every day that follows when I am frustrated by other people--until I remember that day and Eric's unflinching generosity and kindness. I can only hope he needs my help some other day in the future.

Michael Homs





A few years after I married Eric, he bought a basket case Norton for \$500. That was in Massachusetts, where there was no Norton Club and no great group of guys who could participate in "Tech Day". He had to read directions and fiddle on his own. When we came to Colorado and he joined the Norton Club some of that changed, but involvement in the old newsletter brought him great pleasure, increased exposure and fun as well as tech support. Since then, I've watched him gain considerable knowledge about these old bikes, first as a student and then as a mentor. I'm sure he will not miss the deadlines that he, as the editor had to meet ( Bob Herman and Scott can well understand this), but he will never give up encouraging others to ride more, learn more, enjoy their bikes more, explore great bike roads and laugh more. We'll be around to continue many of the great friendships we've developed over the years, including many spouses these days, and we look forward to participating in Norton events with, we hope, lots of young up and coming club members.

I'm not sure what Eric will do with his time as he contemplates retirement from Norton Colorado! Of course, he could spend a little more time working on one of his Nortons, but the idea that he won't be channeling moto info from hither to yon is a little scary. It might mean that he's around the house at loose ends more often. Please call him for a ride or, at least, a lunch date!!!!

Susie



Thank you Eric for your many years of dedication and service! The effort that you put into growing this club from the very humble beginnings back in the day should be something that you are very proud of. Every year when the vote came around you unselfishly took the job! Everybody that's ever been in this club owes you a debt of gratitude, particularly this year ,as you have had so much on your plate. Your steadfast dedication and good humour will be missed.

Sincere thanks.. and well-wishes!

Martin White



Hate to see you retire from the post Eric. Not that I ever contributed anything or attended any events, however, I doubt if anyone will have the same passion for keeping the club alive. Hell, you even had the balls to suggest events a bit south of the norm. You will be missed.

Tom Kruplak



Eric has been a great leader of our club ever since I joined up five years ago. He recommended the smartest way for me to start riding a Norton not to restore my garage find, but to sell it for parts and use the money to buy one that's running. He was right. Five years later I have finally gathered up all the parts I need and will have enough invested to buy a new one. And I'm still riding a dirt bike to club events.

Jo Teague



My first exposure to Norton Colorado was in 1999, when I rode with Jim Comstock and another Pueblo area Norton owner to the Four Corners rally in Durango. Over that weekend I met a lot of club members, including the club president, whose name currently eludes me.

Heading for home Sunday morning, I asked distinguished elder Frank Snively how to seek admission to this august group, and he simply replied: "Contact Eric Bergman."

Eric had not been at the rally. At that time (and for over a decade) he was the newsletter editor, but as Dr. Snively wisely knew, Eric was the cohesive force holding the club together, titles notwithstanding.

I made the call, joined the club, and have counted Eric a close friend for many years now. Over those years, a number of club members have held the title of president, but over the march of time, Eric Bergman has always been the steady and steadying force holding it all together.

Eventually, inevitably, he agreed to pick up the presidential sceptor. Eventually, inevitably, he has decided that it's time to let someone else enjoy the perks of that lofty office.

I know that the membership shares with me no end of gratitude for Eric's many years of service to Norton Colorado.

Bob Herman



Thank you Eric for directing the most interesting (and amusing) club/newsletter of the three clubs that I belong to. I wish that I had participated more, the drive to Denver was my bugaboo. My loss. Good luck and I hope to stay in touch occasionally.

Ed Johnson





I've known Eric since 2004, when I sent him an email about joining the club. He was the contact person in those days. Hard to believe it's been twelve years now, and he's been serving the club even longer. Well done, old friend!  
Debbie Johnson



Early Banquet, probably about 1997, with Michael Bane who taught me how to produce a newsletter

I first met Eric at the 2007 INOC meet in Torrey UT. I knew who he was from the website pictures and introduced myself. I was taken aback because he knew who I was and welcomed me to the club. Many thanks Eric for all your service through the years. You are an all around nice guy and I always look forward to seeing you again.  
Craig Terry







Sometimes Eric likes to have too much fun.  
Poudre ride 2016



And in closing, as per an  
old tradition, a little  
gratuitous nudity.







Gene Brown brought his bike to the Hilton Head Concours and won a ribbon.

Congratulations Gene.



Recent pix of my original condition, 24 original miles '74 JPN--- after being awarded Best in Class, Preservation, Hilton Head Concours, SC, 11/6/16.



Pic @ 11/6/16, Hilton Head Concours, in Winners Circle. Won "Best in Class, Motorcycles 1952 and Earlier". Note 1974 JPNORTON in Winners Circle too having won "Best Preservation".

A Highway Patrolman waited outside a popular biker bar, hoping for a bust. At closing time everyone came out and he spotted his potential quarry. The man was so obviously inebriated that he could barely walk. He stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, looking for his motorcycle. After trying his keys on five other bikes, he finally found his own bike. He sat on his motorcycle in a good ten minutes, as the other patrons left. He turned his lights on, then off, and again on and off. He started his engine and pulled forward into the grass, then stopped. Finally, he pulled out onto the road and started to drive away. The patrolman, waiting for this, turned on his lights and pulled the man over. He administered the breathalyzer test, and to his great surprise, the man blew a 0.00. The patrolman was dumbfounded. "This equipment must be broken!" he exclaimed. "I doubt it," said the man, "You see, tonight I am the designated decoy... I haven't had a drink all day!"



## ***A message from our President about the future of our club***

I think (hope, really) that all of you are aware by now that I am not seeking re-election as President of Norton Colorado at the next Winter Banquet. I am very happy that my Vice President of the past few years, Arnie Beckman, has expressed willingness to serve as President, so I am not worried about a leadership vacuum, but of course there may well be others of you who will consider running and I encourage it heartily. I've been heavily involved in the operation of the club since about 1997 when I became Newsletter Editor, during which time a great many changes have taken place in what the club does. You may have wondered, now and then, about how things actually work behind the scenes to implement these changes, and the extent to which something like a democratic process is employed to guide the club's activities. The answer is, "not much". What you see at the Winter Banquet is just about the full extent of it. The rest of the time we wing it.

I recall one of the first meetings I ever attended, a spring Tech Day, probably in 1996, at which Bob Martin and a few of the "greybeards" of the club adjourned to the dining room to make some revisions to the club's Charter, which ostensibly defines the governance of the club. I did not see it then and I have never seen it since, but I'm sure there's a copy around somewhere. Maybe several different versions exist and I'm not sure how we'd know which one is official. Anyway, my point is that for the last 20 years or so, the club has operated on the basis of an oral tradition derived from a Charter dating from the mid-1990s. The people who have served as officers in that period did what they thought was best for the club, as it existed at the time, and that's how it still works.

Although I think the club has generally operated pretty successfully with this seat-of-the-pants approach, I do think it is a good time, with a new President coming in, to set down some guidance about the tasks that need to be fulfilled in order for the club to continue operating more or less in the mode it has been. One good reason for this is that I have personally been handling a number of tasks that should not be the responsibility of the President. The historical reason for that arrangement is simple: I initiated many of those responsibilities. In the future, if the club wants to continue doing the same things, those tasks are going to need to be distributed between a few more people, and those tasks and the responsibilities of the people handling them need to be defined to some extent.

Therefore I have written a document describing how I think the club should now be organized in order to continue operating more or less as we have in recent years, but without one person doing so much of the work. I think of this as a draft of a Charter for Norton Colorado that could be adopted by a vote at the next Winter Banquet. Between now and then there is time for discussion and revisions. Arnie Beckman has been very helpful in reviewing and revising this draft, but I take full responsibility for it as it stands.

The governance of the club presently appears to lie with the full team of officers. On the website you can see nine positions mentioned as contributing to running the club. Perhaps you think of this as a Council that debates and votes on all the matters of policy that come up. It is not. Substantive decisions about club activities have been made in nearly all cases by no more than two people: the President and one of the other "officers" who has direct responsibility for some aspect of the club's business. Frequently it has been me talking to myself. In other words, the club operates like a small business with a half-dozen or so employees, each with his or her area of expertise and responsibility, overseen by an office manager. Some clubs seem to have an abundance of members who are eager to jump up and debate every aspect of the club's life. For better or worse the culture of Norton Colorado has been one in which the members are content to let one person set the tone and direction and a few members are willing to volunteer some time to help out in one regard or another. The draft Charter reflects this reality by reducing the number of "Officers" who are truly involved in setting policy to three, while allowing for Staff positions to be defined as needed to carry out specific tasks. If the club can find three Officers who all participate wholly in governance, it will be more democratic than it has usually been. The key is to find officers who are comfortable communicating via e-mail and who are responsive to each other's messages. This is not as simple as it sounds. In the alternative model of a large set of collegial officers with different responsibilities there is a danger of the club becoming ungovernable, especially if more of the tasks that I have heretofore done myself are distributed among more individuals.

I understand completely that this sort of thing is brain-deadening to most people, especially the kind of people who are interested in old motorcycles. I do not enjoy it either. Nevertheless I hope you will all take the time to read the draft Charter and think about these issues a little. I'll be glad to discuss this with you. I expect there will be some revisions to the draft before a final version is put before the membership for a vote at the Winter Banquet. I would like to get that final draft into the January edition of the newsletter.



# Norton Colorado Motorcycle Club, Inc.

## Governance and Organization

### **I. Mission:**

Norton Colorado Motorcycle Club, Inc. (hereinafter “the Club”) consist of individuals who ride, restore and race Norton motorcycles and in so doing preserve and perpetuate this historically important marque.

### **II. Organizational Structure:**

The Club’s organization structure shall consist of both leadership and staff positions. The “leadership” positions shall consist of three “Officers” and the “Staff” positons may be created as deemed necessary, as set forth below.

#### **A.Officers/Leadership**

Three Officers shall conduct all governance activity for the Club, to generally include establishing all formal club events for the events calendar, performing all administrative duties, publishing the Newsletter and web-site, collecting dues and tracking membership.

##### **1.The President (First Officer).**

The President shall perform the following duties:

- a. Monitor the performance of the other Officers and Staff and assist them as needed in the performance of their duties
- b. Develop the agenda for the Winter Banquet, attend the Winter Banquet and serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet
- c. Engage in and develop event planning for the Club

##### **3.The Secretary (Second Officer)**

The Secretary shall perform the following duties:

- a. Maintain the list of paid members, as advised by the Treasurer
- b. Update members' contact information
- c. Maintain or delegate to Staff the maintenance of the Club website.
- d. Oversee publication of the Club newsletter.
- e. Send Newsletter Editor and Webmaster membership lists for publication
- f. Maintain the e-mail broadcast list and send out broadcasts from other Officers, Staff, Club members and others deemed appropriate.



## 2. The Treasurer (Third Officer)

The Treasurer shall perform the following duties:

- a. Manage the Club bank account
- b. Manage all financial activities of the Club
- c. Pay legal fees, domain registration, website hosting, etc.
- d. Accept dues payments from members
- e. Accept proceeds from any and all sales to include but not limited to the sale of Club swag (t-shirts, calendars, stickers, etc.) and motorcycle parts
- f. Advance money for production of Club swag, as directed by Officers
- g. Reimburse event expenses, as directed by Officers
- h. Submit periodic audits and accountings to the Officers

## B. Elections and Transfer of Power

1. Each year during the annual Winter Banquet the attending members shall elect the three Officers. Officers may be elected and reelected an unlimited number of consecutive years.
2. In the event of incapacity or prolonged absence of the President, the Secretary shall act in place of the President for the duration of the incapacity or absence or until the next election at the Winter Banquet, whichever comes first. In the event the Secretary cannot or will not act in place of the President then the Treasurer shall act in place of the President for the duration of the incapacity or absence or until the next election at the Winter Banquet, whichever comes first. In the event both the Secretary or Treasurer cannot or will not act in place of the President an immediate vote of all current members shall fill the Presidential vacancy as soon as practicable. Such a vote may be conducted via electronic communication or any other medium available to expeditiously fill the Presidential vacancy.
3. In the event of incapacity or prolonged absence of either the Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall appoint a replacement Officer for the duration of the incapacity or absence or until the next election at the Winter Banquet, whichever comes first.
4. The annual club “dues” shall be waived for all Officers during the time they serve in the capacity as Officers

## C. Staff

1. Officers, at their discretion and as they deem necessary, shall appoint Staff and delegate tasks to those Staff Members to assist in governance activity. Multiple staff positions may be held by a single person, including Officers.
2. Officers shall create and fill no more than five (5) Staff positions. Staff positions do not engage in governance activities.
3. Staff may be appointed and dismissed by the President at any time, with the consent of at least one of the other two Officers.



4. The Staff shall perform any duty reasonably related to a legitimate Club activity as directed by any Officer to include, but not limited to:

a. Newsletter Editor, who shall produce the monthly Norton Colorado Newsletter with contributions from members, and send a PDF version to the webmaster and the Secretary.

b. Webmaster, who shall maintain and develop the club website

c. Ride Coordinator, who shall develop the schedule of regular events with the President, send the list of events to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, prepare reminders for upcoming events, which are forwarded to the Secretary for broadcast, consult with the President about last minute changes of plan (e.g., weather-related) that are forwarded to the Secretary for broadcast, keep the totals for President's Award from regular events and solo rides, which are reported to the Newsletter Editor.

d. Swag Boss, who shall keep charge of the swag, and maintain an inventory, forwarded periodically to the Leadership, set prices for swag, in consultation with the President and Treasurer, organize sales of swag, send proceeds periodically to Treasurer, develop new swag in consultation with the President and Treasurer and supervise production of swag, in consultation with President and Treasurer.

e. Parts Depot Despot, shall manage the Club's holdings of used Norton parts, inventory parts (to a reasonable extent), set prices for parts, in consultation with President and Treasurer, arrange for access by members to the parts depot, transfer proceeds of sales to the Treasurer, keep a record of sales, forwarded periodically to the President and Treasurer, consider acquisitions (or disposal) of parts in consultation with President and Treasurer.

#### D. Membership

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

2. Membership dues shall be set by the Officers at a reasonable rate currently set at \$20 per year individual and \$22 for a couple or family unit.

3. Dues are payable to "Norton Colorado" and sent to the Treasurer, whose contact information shall be published on the last page of the Newsletter.

4. 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.

5. An increase in the amount for annual dues of more than 10% must be put before the members for a vote and shall only increase upon an affirmative vote of the majority of voting members.



## **Motorcycle Stuff on the web:**

**Motorcycles, girls, music**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEbUVL8XnHs>

**How to build a Rover Motorcycle**

[www.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D6m8PmMQK76s&h=fAQGUTFETAQHvfZo9E26XSKaYw9dexD9AZXsQX-zhx5I6aA&enc=AZOaaINevcZiT17wV2f5U-saJEDjofm5dU7zFD7oD4prXRrHew1Z4A-LUrxCRdUM3GwoZTqDTiHSgX3ju-LcSWskoS3bS7qajiPDxvkJOw9wCdF7VrmO6aVz3YiNWGXxITLWF6K2VbXQQC5dJVFO-BiHXLQT91RDmp2NFTjxyJKM9HflLwW0tf9Tdc2ptLjrVcvElmDFGOXKe\\_6kn2k5UY&s=1](http://www.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D6m8PmMQK76s&h=fAQGUTFETAQHvfZo9E26XSKaYw9dexD9AZXsQX-zhx5I6aA&enc=AZOaaINevcZiT17wV2f5U-saJEDjofm5dU7zFD7oD4prXRrHew1Z4A-LUrxCRdUM3GwoZTqDTiHSgX3ju-LcSWskoS3bS7qajiPDxvkJOw9wCdF7VrmO6aVz3YiNWGXxITLWF6K2VbXQQC5dJVFO-BiHXLQT91RDmp2NFTjxyJKM9HflLwW0tf9Tdc2ptLjrVcvElmDFGOXKe_6kn2k5UY&s=1)

### ***From the President : Next Year's Calendar***

It's time to start thinking about the event schedule for next year. We try to strike a balance between "tradition" and "novelty", as well as appealing to the interests of people who like to ride their Nortons long distances and camp, at one end of the spectrum, and also those who prefer to ride a short distance to a nearby pub and drink beer, on the other end (I like both). There are other dimensions as well, of course, such as having Tech Days to keep more Nortons on the road versus attending more Vintage Motorcycle Shows, where you can just park a shiny Norton that may not even run and discuss the esoterica of restoration. We are always glad to have any feedback whatsoever on the club events. There is no right or wrong answer, but those who speak up are more likely to find their preferences being catered-to.

Eric



Norton sighting up Poudre Canyon



This Norton was seen at Gunther Toody's.



These Norton club members were seen out trick or treating. Never saw Jack or Peggy in helmets before. Great costumes.

## 2016 Schedule of Events

February 6 (Saturday) *Winter Banquet*, [Tony P's Bar & Pizzeria](#), 777 E. 17th St., Denver, 5 PM.

March 5 (Saturday) *Museum Tour* at [Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum](#), Denver, 10 AM.

March 20 (Sunday) *Pub meeting* at [Streets of London Pub](#), 1501 E. Colfax, Denver, 2 PM.

April 3 (Sunday) *Spring Tech Day* at [Bob Martin's](#), 11838 W. 108th Dr., Broomfield, 9 AM.

May 15 (Sunday) [Old Bike Ride 14](#), hosted by [Bob Ohman](#), Golden, 8 AM.

June 5 (Sunday) *Big Tent BBQ* hosted by [Eric Bergman](#) and [Susie Saarinen](#), 1900 19th St., Golden, 1 PM.

We welcome members of the [BMAC](#), the [Rocky Mountain Chapter](#) and the [Phantom Canyon Chapter](#) of the [AMCA](#), and all other riders of vintage motos.

June 16-19 (Thursday-Sunday) *Four Corners Rendezvous*, at [Mavreeso Campground](#), near Dolores, hosted by [Steve Harris & Charley Gremmels](#).

June 25-26 (Saturday—Sunday) *Riverside Ride*, [phantomcanyonriders@gmail.com](mailto:phantomcanyonriders@gmail.com)

July 3 (Sunday) *Mt. Evans Ride*, followed by brunch at [David Sheesley's](#), 28204 Meadow Dr., Evergreen, (303) 670-7258, (303) 670-7258. Start at [Eric Bergman's](#), 1900 19th St., Golden at 9 AM.

July 11-16 (Monday-Saturday) [INOA "Feather River Rally"](#), Quincy, CA.

July 17 (Sunday) *Open Garage* at [Al & Barb Slarks'](#), 6299 Sunshine Canyon Dr., Boulder, 11 AM.

August 6-7 (Saturday-Sunday) *Wimpy Campout*, hosted by [Jamie & Michelle Jones](#), 10800 S. Oehlmann Ave., Conifer.

August 20-21 (Saturday-Sunday) [The Century Ride](#)

August 27 (Sunday) [YesterYear Farm Show](#), Longmont. Meet at 9 AM at [Great Scott's Eatery](#) in Broomfield.

September 9-11 (Friday-Sunday) *Up The Poudre Without A Paddle* at [Archer's Poudre River Resort](#), west of Fort Collins.

September 18 (Sunday) [English Motoring Conclave](#), Oak Park, Arvada.

October 2 (Sunday) *Breakfast Ride* hosted by [Jim and Marti Fisher](#), 1374 Greening Ave., Erie, 11 AM.

October 15 (Saturday) *Plains Ride*, hosted by [Scott & Julie Robinson](#), 1711 E. 83rd Pl., Denver, 9 AM.

November 6 (Sunday) *Fall Tech Day* hosted by [Denny and Cathy Westervelt](#), 12406 Columbine Way, Thornton, 9 AM.

December 4 (Sunday) *Pub meeting* at [Pints Pub](#), 221 W. 13th Ave., Denver, at 11 AM.

## 2017 Schedule of Events

January 1 (Sunday) *New Years Day Ride*

January 15 (Sunday) *Pub meeting* at [Lincoln's Road House](#), Denver, 11 AM.

February 4 (Saturday) *Winter Banquet*, [Tony P's Bar & Pizzeria](#), 777 E. 17th St., Denver, 5 PM.





## 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.

## Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2016 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or re-scheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

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

## Western Slope Riders

*Many Norton Colorado members live in the western part of the state, and finally have noticed that it's 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: Charley Gremmels and Steve Harris 970-946-1960.**

**[NoNortons@gmail.com](mailto:NoNortons@gmail.com) for info on upcoming WSR events**

## Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2016):

*points, events, solo rides*

Jack Abeyta	81	16	9
Peggy Abeyta	70	15	3
Scott Robinson	63	13	9
Mike Fields	50	11	6
James Lafler	49	8	19
Debbie Johnson	47	10	15
Bob Martin	40	16	0
Rick Black	40	10	0
Denny Westervelt	37	9	8
Eric Bergman	28	14	0
Arnie Beckman	23	6	0

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