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Norton Colorado

Newsletter

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He who shall not be named has had 22 solo Norton rides this year. This one took him around Horsetooth Reservoir and to Vern's for lunch.

Upcoming Events

See page 16 for the entire official 2017 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2017 official schedule, please contact Eric.

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

Mar 4 (Sat): Museum Tour TBA

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

New Year's Day 2017 ride

It was a lovely day for a ride! Turnout at The Breakfast King was surprisingly light, but we saw a number of people at The Rockyard, which was busy but not insanely so. A very pleasant day for those of us who got out. Riders included Eric Bergman (Laverda), Arnie Beckman (Hinkley), Pete Chronis (Matchless), Mike Powell (H-D), Pete Holman (BMW), Bob Zimmerman (BMW), Kris Geller, Frank Puckett (Triumph), Tony Hagger and Bob Haggart. Other members who attended were Bob Ohman, Dennis Horgan and Tom & Nora Kruplak.



Lincoln Road House

Paul said "We're a drinking club with a motorcycle problem", which sums up today's event nicely. Our motorcycle problem was that the weather was not conducive to riding motorcycles. As a result we resorted to our old standby -- drinking. We at least spent most of our time **talking** about motorcycles. The following members joined us for this event: Jack and Peggy Abeyta, Randy Albright, Peter Allen, Arnie and Amelia Beckman, Eric Bergman, Peter Chronis, Paul David, James Lafler, Bob Ohman, Mike Powell, Scott Robinson and Denny and Cathy Westervelt.



Norton Colorado 2017 Banquet Set.

By Arnie Beckman

Norton Colorado will again gather at Tony P's on 777 East 17th Ave in uptown Denver for the biggest event on the motorcycling social calendar - the Norton Colorado Winter Banquet! We booked Tony P's private upstairs banquet room for the festivities for Saturday February 4th, 2017 beginning around 5:00 p.m. Drinks and informal socializing begin the evening while Bruce Bouck and his ensemble return to set the tone with their delightful sounds. This time also presents a great opportunity to purchase Norton Colorado swag (calendars, t-shirts, etc.) on sale throughout the evening, as well as for members to renew their dues for 2017 riding season. As in the past, the Club will collect a \$10 charge at the door which covers all food (described below) as well as tax and gratuity on the meal. Like last year, drinks will flow as freely as your wallet allows from our private upstairs bar and bartender.

We anticipate stuffed mushrooms and bruschetta appetizers to arrive just before the buffet style dinner service begins around 6:00 p.m. Available choices include spaghetti and meatballs, baked ziti and sausage, eggplant parmesan, vegetarian lasagna as well as a variety of salads and pizzas. The marinara sauce on the spaghetti does not contain meat and the meatballs will be served on the side so vegetarians in the group interested in a pasta dish might enjoy this option.

After clearing the plates and returning from the bar, the Club President, His Excellency Eric Bergman will lead the business portion of the banquet and open the floor up for discussion on pressing issues. As in years past civility is the preferred decorum. The President anticipates that the recent publication of the Club's new Charter may become a topic of discussion and welcomes any input before voting on the Charter's adoption. As always, elections for any Club Officer may be held during this portion of the evening. This typically results in no activity since for the past several years all Officers maintained their positions unchallenged. However, this year elections will occur due to the fact that Eric will not seek reelection as Club President. Any potential candidates interested in any elected position should send notice of the office they wish to hold, why they wish to hold it and a brief description of their qualifications to Eric in advance of the banquet so he can add their name to balloting process. Any current office holders not wishing to continue in their post, aside from Eric, should also inform Eric in advance.

The meeting culminates in the awarding of the President's Trophy for the most persistent Norton rider in the club over the previous year. The points tally for this year's recipient appears to indicate that Jack and Peggy Abeyta will once again take home the hardware for yet another consecutive victory. As usual much conjecture and anticipation swirls around Jack's wardrobe selection for receipt of this prestigious award.

The infamous "gift exchange" returns this year after a temporary hiatus in favor of last year's auction. For those uninitiated, the "gift exchange" taps into the crudest and most base selfish human behaviors and pits "all against all" in a Machiavellian free for all. The "exchange" rewards theft and deceit as participants attempt to obtain and/or keep the most desired gifts in circulation. Participation only requires an attendee to bring a wrapped gift around \$20 in value which they will exchange for a numbered ticket upon entry into the Banquet. During the gift exchange random numbers drawn from a bowl send the ticket holder either to the pile of unwrapped gifts to select something to open or into the audience to steal a gift already selected and unwrapped by another. A gift may remain in play and available for the taking for two steals before its final recipient is settled. The more gifts for the exchange the livelier the event and gift items that prompt the most desire in patrons keep things exciting. For example, past gift exchange participants seem more interested in whiskey and other mind altering substances than tire irons. It's not uncommon for some exchange participants to undergo an informal barter session after the exchange in a last ditch attempt to acquire their dream gift.

Finally, things wind down by around 9:00 p.m. as members mingle and slowly dissipate recharged and ready for another excellent season of Norton riding. We hope to see you all in attendance on February 4, 2017 at Tony P's.

Official Rules of Norton Colorado's Gift Exchange

- 1) Participation is optional.
- 2) Each person who will participate brings a wrapped gift, which is added to a pile upon entering the Banquet.
- 3) When you add your gift to the pile, you'll receive half of a lottery ticket; the other half goes into the hat.
- 4) Lottery tickets are drawn from the hat randomly by a lovely young lady (all tickets are drawn).
- 5) When your number is drawn you can choose a wrapped present from the table OR you can claim a gift that someone else already unwrapped.
- 6) A gift can only be claimed twice after its initial selection and unwrapping.
- 7) After the last ticket is drawn, the person who drew the first ticket has the option to exchange their treasure with someone else. The fun is mostly in the claiming. In most years it takes a little while before serious claiming begins.

As for the GIFTS, we suggest that a budget range of about \$15-25 is appropriate. No gag gifts please. Gifts that are of interest to motorcyclists, especially Norton riders, are obviously appropriate, but there are many people at the Banquet who are neither, so other sorts of gifts can work well too. We have had success in the past with food and drink gifts, e.g., a good bottle of wine or a less good bottle of whiskey, cheese selections (especially stinky ones!), good sausage, etc. Please, nothing too healthy.

Looks like Scott Shuler is making some progress on his 850 Commando.
(See January 2017 edition for more pics.)



Bob Herman's Winter Projects

I have a number of projects lined up, in progress or seeking attention in my shop this winter.

For one, I'm getting my Commando together after its spectacular blowup in Utah last year. Jim Comstock has done some engine work for me, and I'll have the Phoenix back on the road for the 2017 riding season.



A major priority is to modify the front end geometry of my Triumph Tiger 955i for sidecar use. This bike became a sidecar tug after my Guzzi T3 proved a bit underpowered for hack use, and I put a couple thousand miles on it with Dungan last summer. But as anyone who's piloted a hack rig learns, stock steering geometry on a bike not designed for this function is not the hot setup. In short, the +/- 4" of trail engineered into a solo bike's front end results in very heavy steering; once up to operating speed, the effort required to turn the handlebars is substantial, akin to the hirculean muscle required to turn my Allis-Chalmers AD4 road grader after the power steering pump went out.

The solution is to somehow reduce the inherent trail to about 2 or 2-1/2", which lightens up the steering effort and reduces stress on the steering head bearings and my body. There are several ways to accomplish this, in theory. The best solution seems to be to replace the stock telescopic forks with a sturdy set of leading link forks, like the ones Greeves used back in the day, or Earles forks that BMW fitted once upon a time. But I'm not prepared for the enormous outlay that would involve, so I've looked at Cheap Guy options. One alternative would be to modify rake by cutting and welding the steering head. Not practical for a number of reasons. Another option is to fit modified triple clamps, offset to change the rake. These would have to be custom made, and the Tiger's fairing is too close to the forks for that to work anyway.



Yet another possibility would be to use the existing triples to clamp on a pair of shortened fork tubes that extend just low enough to function as anchor points to attach the forks forward of the stubs using a custom-made pair of clamps that would look kind of like the fork-stiffening braces used on extended chopper forks, but on the front/rear axis, if you catch my drift. This would move the axle forward, reducing trail. But again,



the fairing is in the way. And besides, it would look pretty cheesy. The solution I hit upon is to use existing steering head angle, triple clamps and forks and to move the axle forward using custom-made brackets that bolt on to the fork lowers. Rather than try to describe these brackets, I've attached a photo showing this arrangement on what is probably the only other 955i Tiger used as a hack tug.

I plan on having these brackets fabricated by a shop over in Grand Junction that can water-cut the parts and weld them up with precise location of all the necessary holes to bolt them to the forks and relocate the axle. This also relocates the brake calipers and may require longer hoses, though I'm cautiously optimistic that the existing hoses will work.



Other projects lower in priority but no less interesting include getting my 1966 Suzuki X-6 Hustler up and running. I got this bike from Eric Bergman in a trade a couple years back and it's been waiting patiently for my attention. This old dog has a checkered history, I think. It came with cosmetically challenged expansion chambers sans mufflers, home-made rearsets and a crudely vented front brake, implying some track time along the way. The engine appears to be stock inside, ports are not hogged out. Once I source new base and head gaskets, throttle cables, carb jets and a few other bits I should be able to get it running.

Then there's the ex-Mike Klimo T3. On a whim, I bought this old Guzzi from Bob Ohman a while back. As some of you know, Mike had hoped to build a cafe racer from this bike. Obviously, he never got to it. Sadly, it must have sat for quite some time awaiting resurrection; when I brought it home and cracked into it I found one piston frozen to a worn out bore with flaking chrome plating. The other bore had flaking chrome as well, so major engine work is needed.



A former owner with questionable taste and bike building skills had modified the bike on a Darth Vader theme, rattle-can painting everything - I mean EVERYTHING - in flat black. In order to make this T3 into anything other than an unapologetic rat bike, I will need to tear it down completely. Probably the entire drivetrain will need to be blasted to remove the very tenacious paint. I still haven't decided whether to build the cafe bike Mike envisioned, or to put it back together in stock configuration. Either way it's a major project, and one that will involve way more work than a sober man could justify.

That's my winter. I doubt that I'll be doing anything soon with the old Suzuki T350 or cannablized FJ1200 relegated to long term storage up in the woods. Maybe next year.

Considering your winters are quite a bit longer than winter on the flatlands it looks like you have plenty to keep you busy until spring. Good luck and have fun.

**James Lafler is building a
1929 Harley Davidson this winter!!!**



Hello fellow scooter trash,
Just a bit of an update on my 1929 Harley Davidson JD 74"ci motorcycle restoration project: I realized that I have had 8 other motorcycle projects in and out of my shop over the last 3 years time, 3 years ago is when I first acquired and started the JD project. This is not acceptable to have what I call "The Dump Find Bike" project continue to languish. (my deceased older brother pulled this bike out of a country dump at age 17 in 1967)(too long a story to tell here).
Part of the hard cold reality of restoring a pre-great depression era machine is for me the fact that I started with a basket case and no prior knowledge at all of what a JD is. Ingredients include : tons of research, not good parts availability, TIME (the other day I spent 6 hours restoring one little strap steel compression release bracket for instance), patience, tenacity, courage and lets not forget \$\$\$\$. There is no published "how to" book on this machine. Parts for this machine are literally in some instances as expensive as gold by weight.
Most recently I finished my frame blasting, truing, transmission plate tig-weld repair/build up/re-slot and now it is in primer/ ready for first fitment and mounted to a stand that I built out of recycled materials. My engine is coming along after restoration of the cases, acquisition of the very rare jugs (one cast piece cylinder/head and pocket valve chamber) and other bits. I just ordered another \$2.5K worth of repro parts this week that I still need for engine and steering head...
Determination is the resolution of 2017! This machine has to at least be fully fitted and test ridden this year! To all my chums of 2 wheels and beyond "Ride- Wrench- Repeat" !! "L'Occitane" hand cream is totally the dope for healing those pesky dry cracks in the ends of you fingers !





Looking forward to seeing this on the road.
It's a beautiful machine.



To enjoy the full flavor of life, take big bites.
Moderation is for Monks.
Robert Heinlein

In Memory of Paul Swenson

He was born and grew up in Colorado. He went to high school in Colorado Springs and college in Boulder.

He started riding while in college on a Ducati 175 with a jelly mold tank. He traded up to a plunger frame BMW 500. He was always mechanically inclined and worked on his own machines. He soon had a rep for doing good work and had local BMW riders bringing their bikes to him for work. He always liked to tell stories about how a local municipal judge would bring him his BMW for tune ups and then would tune up Paul's traffic tickets.



Paul got an invite from Uncle Sam to the party in South Vietnam about 1968. When he got back he moved to Minneapolis, Minn. He went to the local BMW shop there to order special factory tools to rebuild BMW motors, transmissions, and rear drives. The shop owner said to him that if he needed those tools, he must know how to use them, and asked if he wanted a job as a mechanic? Well, Paul went to work at Carl's and started a long career working on bikes for a living. He went to a vocational school there to learn how to be a machinist as well.

Paul moved back to Colorado Springs in the early eighties and found plenty of work. He worked on a variety of machinery including vintage Indians and Moto Guzzis as well. He lost his left leg after a couple of bad wrecks. The first was on a vintage Indian Chief about 1990. He was riding up to Cripple Creek at a very fast pace when he hit some damaged road and was thrown into an oncoming truck. It shattered his leg which was put back together by a local orthopedic surgeon. A year or two later, he was on his way to a BMW rally, the Stanley Stomp in Idaho with another rider. Paul was riding his vintage BMW sidecar with a Steib sidecar when he was hit from behind by the other rider. The rig was flipped upside down on top of him. The leg was shattered again. After a couple of attempts to save the leg, it was amputated above the knee.

I met Paul at the 1993 Husker rally in Nebraska right after his leg had been cut off. He was getting around the rally grounds on the one leg and a pair of crutches. He didn't have a peg leg yet. He had ridden to the rally on his four cylinder watercooled BMW/EML sidecar rig. I was living in Nebraska at the time and ended up moving to Colorado Springs in 1994. Paul and I started riding to rallies and traveling together in 1998. We traveled to rallies right up to last year, putting in probably close to a hundred thousand miles together. He always rode with skill and enthusiasm on that old war wagon sidecar rig. I saw him do things on it that left me slack-jawed with amazement many times. He knew how to get the most out of that bike and how to keep it running.



He had a group of friends who brought him plenty of old BMWs to work on so he always had a project in the works. Everywhere we went, whether it was the Pure Stodge rally in Iowa City, the Arizona Road Runners Rally in Az, the Beartooth Rally in Montana, or anywhere else, he would always introduce me to the heavy hitters and I always had instant Cred because I was a friend of Paul's. I am proud to say he was my friend AND my mechanic. Smooth roads and safe riding my friends.

Bob Zimmerman

"A True Norton Rider" by Eric Bergman

"When I knew him, Paul Swenson rode BMWs, but I never thought of him as a BMW Rider. He was a Norton Rider, in the spirit I have always tried to encourage for this club. When he joined Norton Colorado he basically told me he recognized that spirit in our group and was attracted to it. I'd rather have one Paul Swenson on his BMW/EML sidecar, out-riding many solo motorcycles, camping in foul weather and drinking and smoking whatever gets within arm's reach than a hundred venture capitalists with museum-quality Manxes, Vincents, green-frame Ducatis or whatever in the vault."

Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Good Lord, we're fashionable! Thanks to Michael Homs for bringing this to our attention.

http://www.nortonclothing.com/norton_es/men/t-shirts#/page=1&top=1&page=0&

Concerned about ethanol in your gas? Read this.

<http://www.cycleworld.com/real-world-look-at-alcohol-in-your-tank>

American Flat Track, NBCSN join forces for 2017 season

<http://portal.criticalimpact.com/vm2/badcdb868f65f5a5/25900/a5c065b660a65a47a6473c7b9fa19141>

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

The first rule of intelligent tinkering
is to save all the parts
Paul Ehrlich



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 Charter and think about these issues a little. I'll be glad to discuss this with you. The "final" copy of the charter is on the next 3 pages.

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.

Tentative schedule for 2017

Feel free to contact Eric or the new ride coordinator to suggest more ideas or to volunteer to host an event

Feb 4 (Sat): Winter Banquet

Mar 4 (Sat): Museum Tour TBA

Mar 19 (Sun): *Pub meeting* at [Streets of London Pub](#), 1501 E. Colfax, Denver, 2 PM.

April 2 (Sun): *Spring Tech Day* at [Bob Martin's](#), 11838 W. 108th Dr., Broomfield, 9 AM.

April 23 (Sun): Tea Party - host Debby Johnson

May 6 (Sat): Palmer Lake Ride

May 21 (Sun): [Old Bike Ride 15](#), hosted by [Bob Ohman](#), Golden, 8 AM.

June 4 (Sun): *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 15-18 (Thu-Sun): *Four Corners Rendezvous*, at [Mavreeso Campground](#), near Dolores, hosted by [Steve Harris & Charley Gremmels](#).

July 2 (Sun): *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 (TBA): INOA Rally, Buena Vista, VA

July 15-16 (Sat-Sun): Century Ride

July 29 (Sat): Shop Tour (3-4 Brit-bike shops)

Aug 5-6 (Sat-Sun): *Wimpy Campout*, hosted by [Jamie & Michelle Jones](#), 10800 S. Oehlmann Ave., Conifer.

Aug 20 (Sun): *Breakfast Ride* hosted by [Jim and Marti Fisher](#), 1374 Greening Ave., Erie, 11 AM.

Sept 8-10 (Fri-Sun): *Up The Poudre Without A Paddle* at [Archer's Poudre River Resort](#), west of Fort Collins.

Sept 17 (Sun): [English Motoring Conclave](#), Oak Park, Arvada.

Sept 30 (Sat): *Open Garage* at [Al & Barb Slarks'](#), 6299 Sunshine Canyon Dr., Boulder, 11 AM.

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

Oct 29 (Sun): Fall Tech Day - host TBA

Nov : Sat night 7:30 DU Hockey game outing! (Date TBA)

Dec 3 (Sun): Pub meeting

Jan 1, 2018 (Mon): New Year's Day Ride

Jan 14, 2018 (Sun): Pub meeting

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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 for info on upcoming WSR events

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2016):

points, events, solo rides

Jack Abeyta	87	18	9
Peggy Abeyta	71	16	3
Scott Robinson	69	15	9
James Lafler	52	9	22
Mike Fields	50	11	6
Debbie Johnson	47	10	15
Bob Martin	41	17	0
Rick Black	40	10	0
Denny Westervelt	38	10	8
Eric Bergman	33	17	0

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