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Upcoming Events

See page 13 for the entire official 2017 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2017 official schedule, please contact Eric.

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Code=HSG&linkID=denver&shopperContext=&caller=&appC](http://ev9.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventListgroup?Code=HSG&linkID=denver&shopperContext=&caller=&appC)

Nov 11 (Sat night 7:00) -- Hockey Game : National Champion DU Pioneers vs. St Cloud State. **You can still buy tickets and join us.** There are plenty of seats near us. We are in Section 6, rows 7,8 and 9. Use this link to get to the website to buy tickets.

Dec 3 (Sun): Pub meeting



Al and Barb Slarks' Open Garage

Al opened his garage to us once again, always an interesting way to spend a few hours. Al has a very nice collection of bikes to look at as well as one of the club's better equipped garage/workshops. While we enjoyed the garage and the usual visiting, Barb was busy in the kitchen whipping up a delicious lunch of lasagna, salad and eclairs.

If you weren't there you should plan on going to the next one. I'll let the photos tell the rest.

Rode a Norton

Jack Abeyta
Debbie Johnson
James Lafler
Scott Robinson

Rode something lesser

Mike Powell -- BMW
Tom Tallick -- BMW
Lew Wackler -- BMW

Got there

Eric and Susie Bergman
Jim Colt
Dennis Horgan
Jamie and Michelle Jones
Ric and Joy Landeira
Mark Liu
Bob Martin
Bob Ohman







Everyone loves riding Nortons,
even man's best friend .

Jack Abeyta proudly letting his hair
fly in the breeze while riding his
Vincent Black Shadow. Still runnin'
against the wind.



You older Norton club members all know who **Gary Johnson** is. He has done these two great Norton restorations since last fall. Went back East to pick them up, both as basket cases with lots of new and extra parts. Inspiration to us all. The black one took 2nd at the National in VA. The red one took 3rd at the Rally of the pines in East TX.



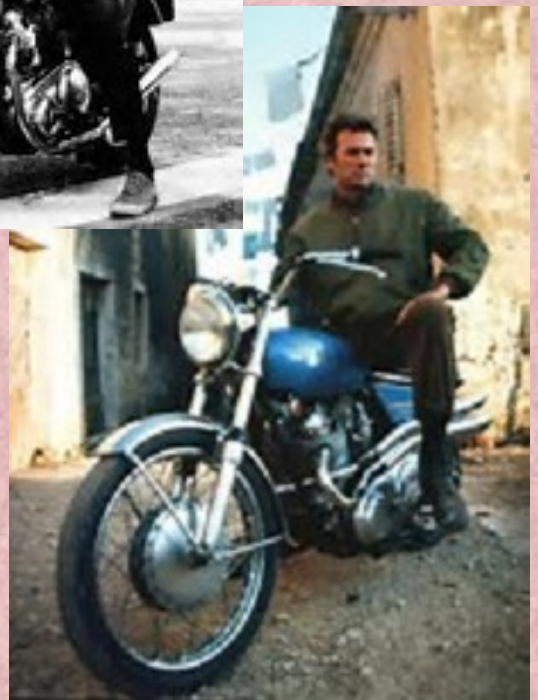
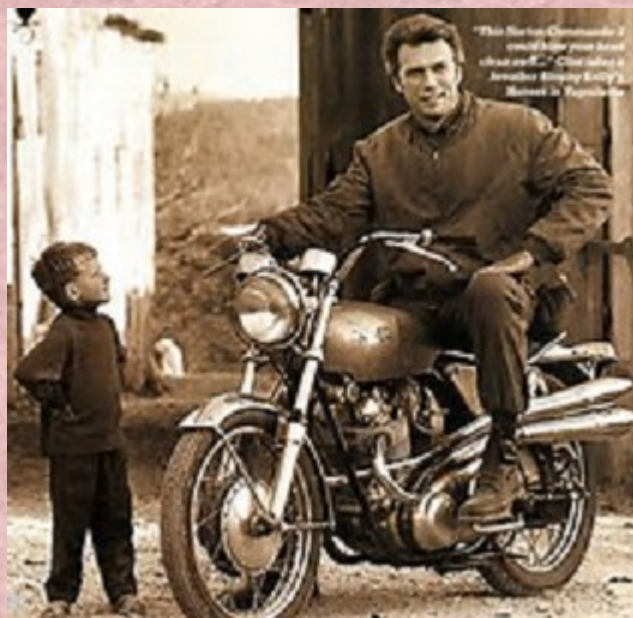
Both are beautiful. I can't decide which one I like better.

Nice job, Gary



Clint Eastwood loves his Nortons

Arnie sent me a picture of Clint Eastwood on a Norton, so I was curious and googled Clint Eastwood and motorcycles. Apparently Clint was well know for his love of cars and motorcycles in the 1960s and 1970s. He especially loved the British marques Jaguar, Austin Healy and Norton. I always thought Clint was cool, but this sure raises his cool level in my book.



The Plains Ride

hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson

This year's Plains Ride was a chilly one. Overnight lows were in the 20's. The temperature, however, warmed to a nice 42° by the time we left the Robinsons' house. Well, as Eric is fond of saying "are we not Norton riders". Eric Bergman, Jack and Peggy Abeyta and Scott Robinson rode Nortons. Rick Black and Julie Robinson followed on their Harleys and Bob Martin brought up the rear in a Mustang convertible, with the top down.



We followed the usual route through Adams and Weld Counties ending up at Jerry D's in Dacono for lunch where we were joined by Martin White and Steve Siler on their Nortons. A good time was had by all.



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Huge auction in March, check it out:

<http://www.jwoodandcompany.com/>

Kim Newcombe and Konig 2 stroke racing motorcycle. Interesting

<http://www.odd-bike.com/2013/04/konig-500-gp-outboard-powered-underdog.html>

Video getting up close and personal with a new 961 Commando:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AucJ9ipBF6E>

Looking for a new career that involves Nortons?

Here's 2 possibilities for you.

Read this ad that Michael Homs found on a Texas based Norton dealership website; it is a real ad! (not the only opening)

Live-in Domestic Housekeeper for Donington Hall

Donington Hall the home of the iconic British brand Norton Motorcycles (UK) Limited is looking for a live in Domestic Housekeeper. We would also consider couples with ability for gardening/maintenance work. The housekeeper will be responsible for the running of the owners private accommodation and also the overall tidiness and cleanliness of the Hall, which is the centre piece of many activities and functions such as product launches, weddings, conferences and black tie balls. The person or couple must be experienced in all aspects of professional housekeeping and be flexible and adaptable. Duties will be varied as it includes looking after the owners interests and accommodation along with the Hall events that occur from time to time. Independent living accommodation will be provided along with a competitive salary commensurate with experience. Please apply in writing with an up to date CV via email to HRmanager@nortonmotorcycles.com.



Or maybe you would like to be a bartender
in this Bratislava, Slovakia bar?

Jo Teague's got a new toy !!

Not quite as cool as a new motorcycle, but pretty close.

Buddy Jo Teague just bought this Miata with a 480 HP Corvette LS3 engine. Six speed gear-box, Cadillac rear end & mods to the brakes & frame stiffening. Very fast! I got to drive it Saturday. Thanks Jo. Bob

So Jo Teague shows up for the Cars and Coffee in Lafayette today in a really nice racing green Miata. When he pops the hood there is a LS3 440 hp Corvette V8 stuffed inside. I have never seen so many people drool over an engine! Makes whatever you own "just a car".

Jim

p.s. The Cars and Coffee is the first Saturday every month. It's is an un-organized car show and you can bring anything you want. I have never seen so many "interesting" cars in one place. My guess is that more than 600 cars were parked this first Saturday in October. It starts at 7 am and is mostly over by 10 or so. No one shows up on rainy or snowy days. It's located on the NW corner of South Boulder Road and Main Street (Old US 287) in the Flatiron church parking lot.



Does this car make these guys look cool, or what?



Fall Tech Session

Hosted by Denny and Cathy Westervelt

Rode or worked on a Norton:

Jack Abeyta
Arnie Beckman
Eric Bergman
Debbie Johnson
Scott Robinson

Arnie's P11 had carb issues, so that was the big project of this year's Fall tech session. Arnie installed a new carb, which he and Denny decided was faulty. The old carb was adjusted, cleaned and reinstalled with some new parts and off Arnie rode. Another successful tech session project.

Rode something lesser:

Jim Colt -- KYM
Mark Liu -- KTM
Bob Martin -- HD
Al Slarks -- BSA

Got there:

Stephanie and Amelia Beckman
Greg Boechler
Jamie and Michelle Jones
Bob Ohman
Herb and Karen Varona



And the tech session crew gets another pat on the back for a job well done, after all we all helped, didn't we?

DYNAMITE ON WHEELS!



New 750cc OHV Norton P-11 Scrambler.....

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Trade enquiries invited

Some Miscellaneous Stuff



This isn't exactly Norton related, but do you care? ---->



A Halloween Story

A Dark and Stormy Night, This will Make Your Day

Bob Hill and his new wife Betty were vacationing in Europe...as it happens, near Transylvania . They were driving in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late at night and raining very hard with thunder and lightning.

Bob could barely see the road in front of the car.

Suddenly, the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree. Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog.

Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious, with her head bleeding! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance. Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house.

He approaches the door and knocks.

A minute passes and a small, hunched old man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?"

"I'm sorry," replied the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. But my master is a doctor; come in, and I will get him!"

Bob brings his wife in. An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist.. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had a basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory." With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely.. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried.

"Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion."

Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail , and Bob and Betty Hill both passed away.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly.

Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house. Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight! Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory.

He Bursts in and Shouts to his Master, "Master, Master"

"The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music!"

Happy Halloween 10/31/17

Schedule for 2017

Feel free to contact Eric Bergman or Jack Abeyta 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 Glenn Echo 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 11: Sat night 7:00 -- Hockey Game : National Champion DU Pioneers vs. St Cloud State

Dec 3 (Sun): Pub meeting

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

Jan 14, 2018 (Sun): Pub meeting

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 official club membership list is posted on the club website. Please let Eric know if there is 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 2017 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>

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2017):

points, events, solo rides

Debby Johnson	70	11	21
Eric Bergman	56	14	8
Jack Abeyta	53	14	4
Peggy Abeyta	42	11	4
David Sheesley	40	8	9
Scott Robinson	40	9	5
Laf	39	9	14
Rick Black	35	7	0
Mike Fields	27	7	2
Bob Herman	26	2	14



This is one badass Norton

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I also want to say thanks to others who sent me things I will use in future editions.

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