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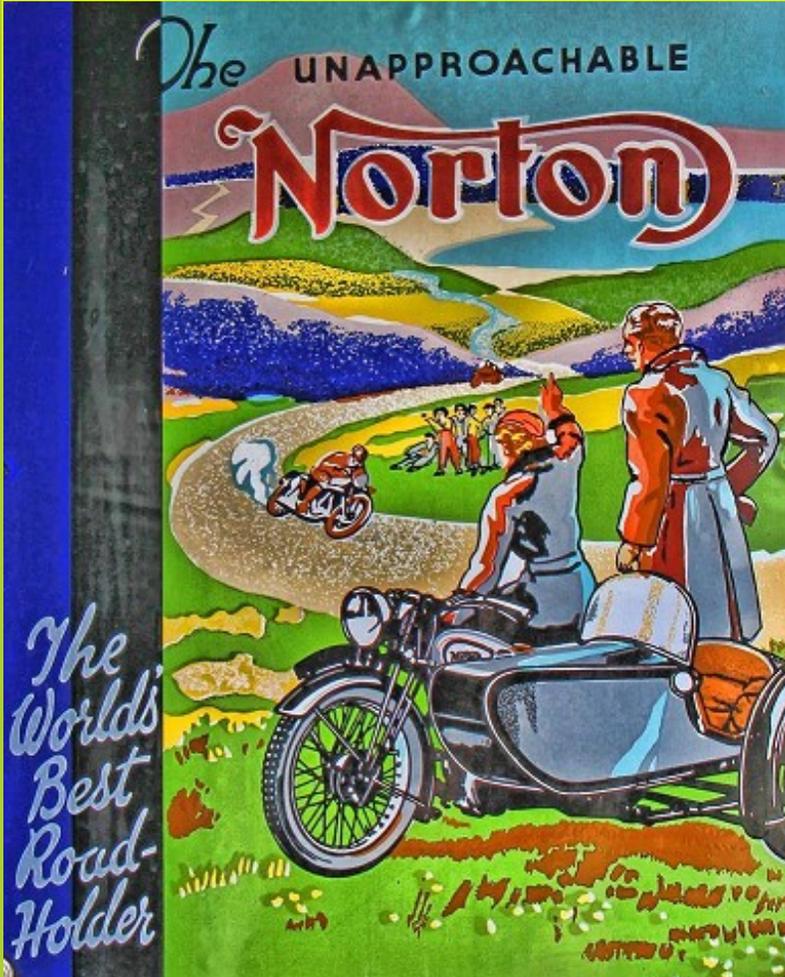


Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

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Happy New Year. Hope 2018 is filled with plenty of Norton riding and whatever else makes you happy.

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Upcoming Events

See page 11 for the entire official 2017 events schedule. If you have any ideas for the 2018 official schedule, please contact Eric.

Jan 1, 2018 (Mon): 9:30 AM
Steuben's Arvada
7355 Ralston Rd.
Arvada CO 80002
(303) 830-0096
<http://www.steubens.com>

Jan 14, 2018 (Sun): Pub meeting

Winter Banquet

Saturday, February 3rd
Rock Bottom Brewery
See Pages 2 and 3 for more information
<https://rockbottom.com/locations/denver/>

Norton Colorado 2018 Banquet Set.

By Arnie Beckman

Norton Colorado's annual Winter Banquet will convene at a new location this year; Rock Bottom Brewery in Downtown Denver at 1001 16th Street (corner of 16th Street Mall & Curtis). We booked half of a private back barroom for the festivities for Saturday February 3rd, 2018 beginning around 5:00 p.m. Drinks and informal socializing begin the evening and we anticipate Bruce Bouck and his ensemble set the evening's tone with their sounds beginning around that time. This time also presents a great opportunity to purchase Norton Colorado swag (calendars, t-shirts, etc.) on sale throughout the evening and for members to renew their dues for 2018 riding season. As in the past, the Club will collect a **\$10** (tentative) charge at the door which covers all food as well as tax and gratuity on the meal. Like last year, drinks will flow as freely as your wallet allows from our own private bar and bartender.



Jack doing a voodoo dance to bless us with a good year of riding at last year's banquet.

We anticipate a buffet style dinner service begins around 6:00 p.m. which will include a variety of entrée, side dishes and salads with options for vegetarians. The final menu selection process is still underway however, the Bergmans and the Beckmans recently enjoyed a great meal there so I am confident the final menu choices will satisfy our group.

After clearing the plates and returning from the bar, the Club President, 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. 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. Any potential candidates interested in any elected Club 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 or myself in advance of the banquet so the candidate's name may be added to the ballot. Any current office holders not wishing to continue in their post should also inform the Club in advance. (Rumor has it that the coveted role of "Road Captain" will be available.)

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 is still out for this year's recipient but it looks as if Jack and Peggy Abeyta's iron grip on the President's Trophy may come to an end this year. Hopefully, Jack still breaks out his Banquet finest from his advance wardrobe even if he is not in the President's Trophy spotlight.

The infamous “gift exchange” returns this year. 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 3, 2018 at Rock Bottom Brewery.



Here's a couple of pictures of Mama Cass on Nortons. I couldn't find any information on whether she actually rode a Norton or just used it as a photo prop. Either way I think these pictures are pretty cool.



Pints Pub

Rode a Norton

Eric Bergman
Mike Fields
Debbie Johnson
Scott Robinson

Rode something lesser

Peter Allen -- Triumph plus
Arnie and Amelia Beckman
Jim Colt -- Honda
Bob Martin -- Triumph
Dennis Oberwetter -- Triumph
Mike Powell -- Triumph
Ken Robinson -- BMW

Got there

Randy Albright
Vern Neuscheler



More Cool stuff



King (Browne) of the ride. The picture is from the 2007 Elephant ride, held annually on Valentine's Day weekend from Grant to Georgetown and back over Guanella Pass. Huge fun if you screw lots and lots of Tek screws into your knob-bies for traction. Not so much fun if you don't (ask Eric Bergman how that worked out for him).

Another fine riding day was had up on a trusty Norton Steed. It escaped to Masonville via Horsetooth Reservoir up through Eden Valley to Chastine Falls over to Big Thompson river and back. 2 other British beauties were flashing their freedom on the same route ! Hope your machine is also on the loose !



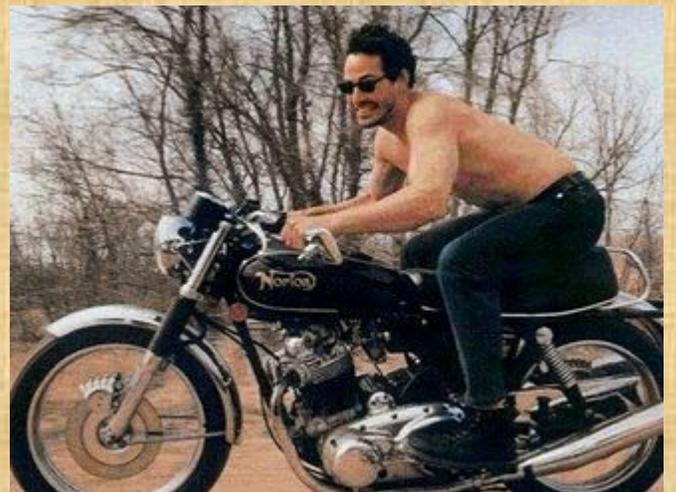
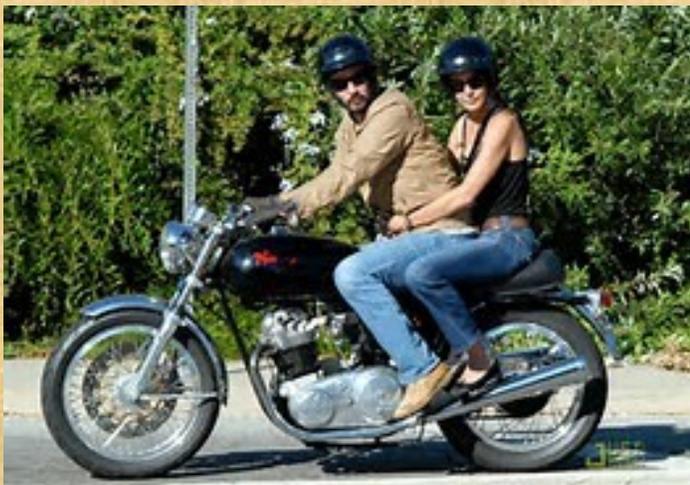
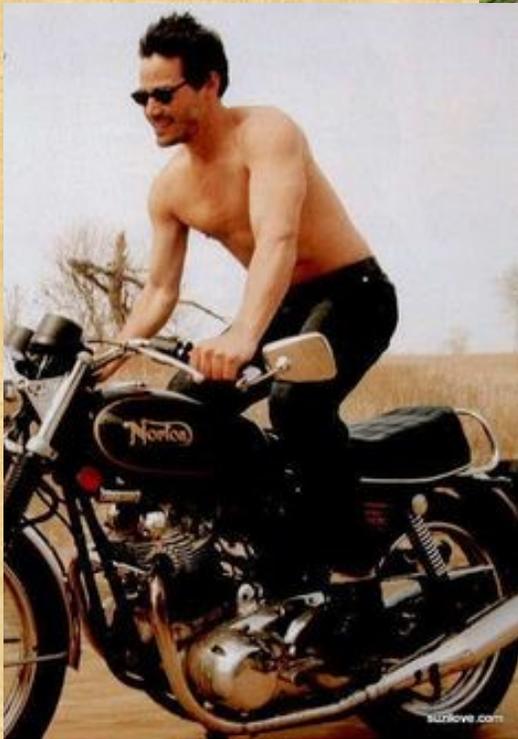
Cool can be as simple as taking the final (maybe?) last ride of the season with your buddies to Santiago's in Johnstown for lunch. We think this was the 3rd or 4th "last ride of the season". Too many days of good weather this fall to waste indoors.

Keanu Reeves is a pretty cool guy, and a Norton rider

But what does Keanu Reeves have to do with motorcycles? A lot, actually. The now 50-year-old is an avid rider who's logged thousands of kilometres behind the bars of his favourite bike, the Norton Commando.

"Riding your bike is one of the greatest things you can do to clear your head and just feel the speed and the motion," said Reeves.

"I started when I was 22," said Reeves. His bike was a canary yellow 1971-ish Norton Commando. He then bought a 1973 Norton Commando—on which he can still be spotted bombing around the streets of L.A. today.





A nice collection

Another nice collection, but probably much harder and more expensive to maintain.



Lifted
by Debby Johnson

Getting old is not easy! Crawling around on the garage floor wrenching on the bikes has become increasingly painful in recent years. When my knee popped out of joint in a wrenching session last month that was the last straw. Time to get a lift and get those bikes up where I can work on them.

Harbor Freight had a great Thanksgiving Weekend sale on their lift. But how to get up there in time, get the 300 lb crate into my truck, and then get it into my shed?

Norton Colorado to the rescue once again! Eric Bergman graciously offered to buy a lift and store it for me until I could come get it. The following weekend was the December Pub Meeting, so I came down to attend the meeting and collect the lift.

Eric had the crate sitting on sawhorses outside his garage. Peter Allen and Randy Albright came over after the meeting and provided the necessary muscle power to get the crate into my truck. We had to break the crate open to see which end was which, and then rotate it around 180 degrees so it would facing the right way for offloading into my shed (no room in the shed to flip it around if it went in tail first).

Loaded into the truck and secured with a ratchet strap, it made the four hour journey to Crestone without incident. I made some phone calls when I got home and a couple of local fellers got it out of my truck and into the shed. They earned some beer money and were happy to help.

Final assembly consisted of putting the wheels on and checking the fluid level in the jack. It was low, so I had to add some hydraulic fluid and bleed it a few times. These lifts typically ship low on fluid and they will not lift unless you do this.

The lift is now in service with this winter's first project onboard: rear suspension work on my DR790. This is the project that made my knee go out when I started it without the lift a while ago. No problems now!

Heartfelt thanks to Eric, Peter and Randy for their help. I couldn't have gotten it done without you guys!



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Keanu Reeves in the motorcycle business:

<http://beta.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-keanu-reeves-motorcycle-20141115-story.html>

Greg Ray is selling some of his collection:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/155432845@N06/EKw9D8>



2018 Land O' the Pines Rallye

The 34th Land O' the Pines Rallye is at Diamond Don's Campground.
September 27th to 30th, 2018

Rallye Chairman - Dennis Tackett

Al Lamb is our Rallye Grand Marshal.

Aug 2017, for the first time ever Al Lamb and the World's Fastest Motorcycles competed on the Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia. The world's largest salt flat, at an elevation of 12,000ft. Al Lamb was on a quest to surpass his own 262.471mph FIM World Fastest Sit-On Motorcycle Record and break the 300mph barrier. However a competitor Ralph Hudson had the same idea. It was an epic fight for the title of "FIM World's Fastest Motorcycle". Al will be going back to Bolivia in July to break the 300mph barrier.

The rallye draws over 300 people displaying over 150 of the finest vintage motorcycles anywhere in the country. Join us at Diamond Don's Motorsports & RV Park which is just one mile outside of Jefferson, Texas. Participate in Friday's Field Events, display your bike in Saturday's bike show and ride in the Rolling Concours. Come enjoy a weekend full of great entertainment and fun.

This is a beautiful campground located in the woods of East Texas. It is only 1 mile north of Jefferson on Highway 49 with all its antique shops, stores, and restaurants. The campground sits on 100 acres and has 50 RV hook ups along with a dump station. There are clean restrooms and free Wi-Fi. The center of the campground has a huge covered pavilion with a stage, sound system, lighting, and a bar with a fridge. There is a large central open area that is perfect for our new field events being held on Friday and for our traditional bike show and rolling concours to be held on Saturday. As an added attraction there is a fenced in alligator pit!

If you are interested here's a link to follow to more information about the rallye:

<http://www.ntnoa.org/18loprallye.htm>

News Flash: 2018 INOA Tall Timber Rally in Elma WA.

Flash: - INOA Rally website is up and running at <http://nortonrally.com/>

Flash: - Registration form and on-line registration are available.

Flash: - Discounted motel reservations available at the StayBeyond Motel in Elma. Ask for Norton Rally. This motel SELLS OUT in July. The rooms are on a first come, first served basis only, we are unable to reserve a block of rooms, so make your reservation EARLY. Reservations can be made NOW!

You can always cancel. The StayBeyond has a 24 hour prior cancelation policy.

Check out the Norton Rally website under Accommodations for more information on lodging possibilities.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 INOA Tall Timber Rally!

For most frequent updates, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/450097545355918/> or <http://nortonrally.com/>



The old way , this was how they used to load bikes on to the Isle of Man ships pre 1970 I remember it and they took all your petrol out and then rolled the 50 gallon barrels onto the ship and sold it back to you as you got off at a cheap rate but you did get the two stroke mix as well. Three nice racing manx's



Someone has a project on their hands. I wonder how this happened?



Jack and Peggy looking good in a pink convertible while visiting Cuba



Is this hot rod in your future??

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

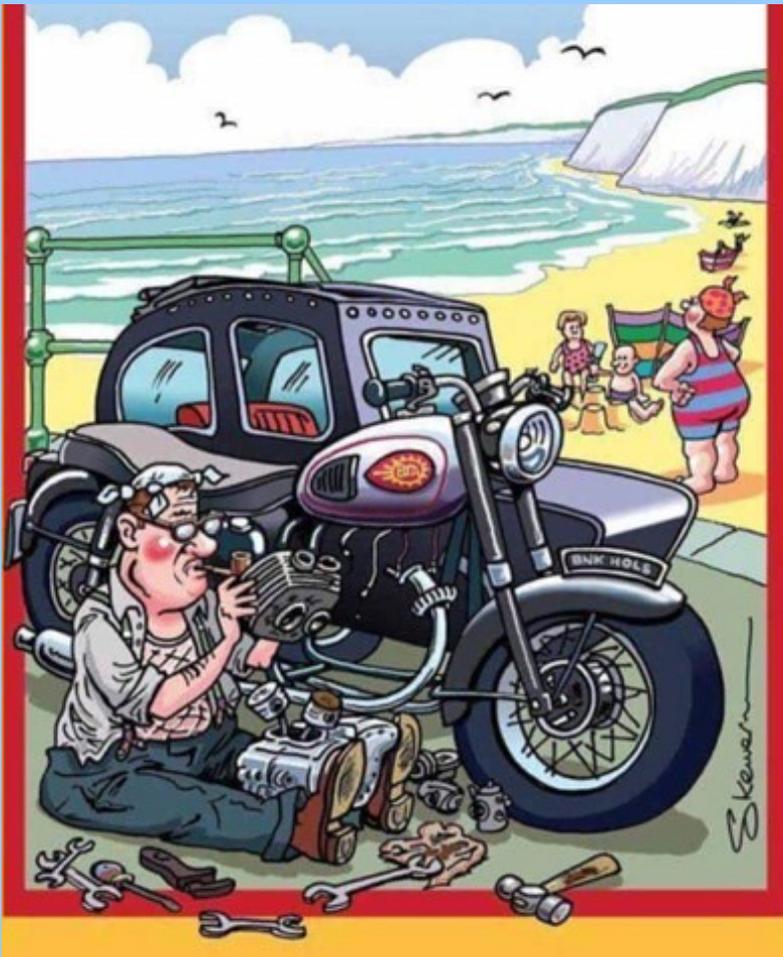
Many events have been scheduled for the 2017 season, usually about 2 per month. Participation in these events will be counted for the President's Award. Events may be added, dropped, or re-scheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

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

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2017):

points, events, solo rides

Debby Johnson	89	14	25
Eric Bergman	82	18	18
Jack Abeyta	70	18	5
Scott Robinson	65	14	5
Peggy Abeyta	48	13	4
James Lafler	47	10	17
David Sheesley	41	9	9
Rick Black	37	8	0
Mike Fields	34	8	4
Bob Martin	30	18	0



Looks a lot like Debbie may reclaim the President's Award this year. There are still 2 more events and you can have up to 25 solo rides to attempt to catch her.

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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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