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Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

May 2018



Upcoming Events

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

May 5 (Saturday): Group Ride & Shop Visit:
Jesse Caraway's

May 20 (Sunday): OBR 16

June 3 (Sunday): BBQ @ Eric & Susie's

Debbie Johnson finally claims her President's Trophy

Spring Tech Session hosted by Bob Martin

Rode a Norton

Jack and Peggy Abeyta
Arnie Beckman
Rick Black
Mike Fields
Scott Robinson

Rode something lesser

Mark Liu -- KTM
Marc Lomax -- Ducati
Mike Powell -- Triumph
Al Slarks -- BMW
Lew Wackler -- BMW

Got there

Eric Bergman
Jim Colt
Dennis Horgan
Debbie Johnson
Tom Tallick
Herb and Karen Varona
Denny Westervelt



Debbie managed to wrestle the President's Trophy away from Jack





Since there were no bikes in need of fixing, we resorted to some other of our club's favorite pastimes, eating, BSing and swapping bad jokes.



With no bikes to work on Debbie and Eric look a little lost.

Jo Teague's Motor

Not a pretty sight, but at least the only thing in need of repair is the bike, and not Jo.

Read Jo's story of how his motor got into this condition.

I was taking a short ride to Ken-Caryl Valley and Deer Creek Canyon on my '75 850 Mark III with a buddy on his Honda CBX (1997



6 cylinder). The anti-drain back valve in my oil line failed when the plastic pieces came apart, losing oil and pressure. The engine made a very slight tapping noise which sounded like a valve. I just turned my head to listen when the rear wheel stopped turning. I pulled in the clutch and steered to the side of the road. Then I saw the oil valve had come apart and there was oil all over the side of the bike. I knew the engine had seized. My riding buddy rode home and came



back with a trailer to get

me home. That's the second time for this bike. At least this time I was close to home and not in Sargents like on the Four Corners ride.

When I went back over the route I found the oil leak had begun less than two minutes before and about 1.2 miles from where the engine seized. The third rider behind me never saw any oil or smoke until I had stopped. The



pictures show the rest. One rod torn in half, the journal scored, and the jug chipped. Luckily I wasn't riding fast as the cases seem OK.



Since I'm still putting my '73 850 IS together I asked Denny Westervelt if he would rebuild the '75 engine for me, which he agreed to do. He said there were no jugs in the parts trailer but there were rods. Denny and I are taking my parts as well as John Kinlin's parts (which Denny is also rebuilding) down to Jim Comstock on Monday, April 23rd.



The future of Norton Colorado? A third generation of Martins enjoying a Norton.

Dan's home from the Marine Corps about a month now. He got a yen to start up the old Norton this morning. Runs good, idles right & sounds like only a Norton can. (and sure put a smile on Dan's face.)



I don't think anyone would mind this young lady being a part of Norton Colorado's future also.

One of our Canadian friends, George McLauchlan, sent this picture of his very nice looking 1976 MKIII. Here's how he describes it.

Changed the airbox to the earlier style from the plastic stock one.

The airbox is from Colin Kelly on Vancouver Island, stainless steel replica.

Changed the front wheel around so the disc is on the opposite side from stock so I could use the extra mudguard stays. Also changed to earlier exhausts from the stock black caps.

Any major work is done by David Sundquist at Redline Norton in Burnaby, BC, the guy that builds the custom Norton's. (Right at the Vancouver / Burnaby border. See the video link next page.)



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Norton and antique parts, "Good guy and good quality ":

<http://customclassiccycleparts.com/>

Here is a free app that will track the maintenance on your motorcycle. Reasonably current IOS only.
bikeminder maintenance

<http://appadvice.com/shareapp/1024640003>

Morgan 3 wheeler across USA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmM1jseeFnI>

V4 RR The TT racer reborn

<http://www.nortonmotorcycles.com/bikes/new-v4.html>

Very cool Norton video:

<https://youtu.be/Th88CPb71p4>

For Sale 1995 Triumph

Thunderbird 900 \$1800

3 cylinders, 3 carburetors

2 seats (stock and Corbin)

Windscreen, small bags, Norton low bars

Approximately 8000 miles

Top end redone by Erico's

Triumph factory shop manual

Stored in garage for last 8 years

Needs battery and carburetor cleaning

Herb Varona 303-420-5107

Norton Parts Depot Deal

We are offering the pair of Norton Atlas wheels in very good condition.

Dunlop rims and includes brake backing plates and axles

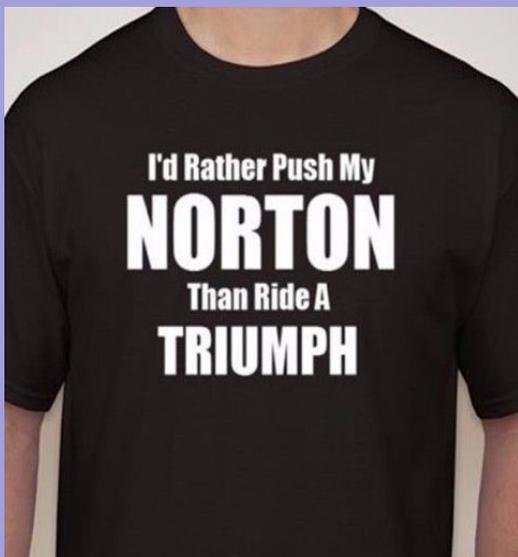
\$150.00 for the pair

Call/text Bob Ohman

303-570-9333

These wheels were donated to the The Cause by Bob Martin.

Thanks Bob!



For those of you who do not agree with this T-shirt, check out Herb Varona's Triumph ad above.

It's about time to start planning your summer riding season.
Check out these event notices.

Jerry D's in Dacono has invited the Norton Club to Bike Nite May 30th, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:10 P.M. We can have a booth, there will be vendors there.

Is there any interest in adding this as an official event?
We'd need a volunteer "host" for this event.
Call Eric or Arnie.

2018
4 CORNERS
RENDEZVOUS

(Yes, it is still going on all these years)

When: Thur. -Sun. June 14-17th

Where: Mavreeso Campground on West Fork Dolores Rd. (same as last year)
From Dolores stay on 145 North (toward Telluride) go 13.4 miles to West Dolores Rd. (the road will widen with a left turn lane and there is a green sign that says Dunton with an arrow on it) turn left go 6.1 miles to Mavreeso Campground. It is on the right. (We will have a group site for camping. If you set up in any other sites, you will have to pay for that site yourself.)

Who: Hosted by Western Slope Norton Riders and Norton Colorado.

Includes: Tent Camping, Morning coffee, Friday night green chili burritos and Saturday night brats and burgers, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and the coveted paper plate awards. Amazing mountain roads and unbelievable, but true campfire stories. Fee is \$30.00 per person.

For further information contact Steve Harris at sharris@frontier.net
or call 970-946-1960.

(Please R.S.V.P. so we can figure food)

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/>

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 rally:

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

Our esteemed member **Bones Engelman** is making a big change in his life and moving to Ecuador soon, so he needs to lighten his load in life. In fact he cannot even take any of his motorcycles there, due to the import laws. His Commando is staying in the family though, going to live with his son. In clearing out all the stuff a motorcyclist collects over time, Bones came up with several Norton-related items that he decided to donate to the club. They are:

- 1) A DVD by Mick Hemmings on how to overhaul an AMC gearbox.
- 2) An INOA Tech Digest (3rd edition)
- 3) A binder with neatly collected reference information about Amal carburetors.



Bob Ohman and I were already thinking about the possibility to start a Norton Reference Library in conjunction with the Parts Depot, and Bones' donation has pushed us off the dime. Soon there will be a bookshelf in the Parts Depot trailer with these items and others that we collect. Many of us have relevant documentation that is either no longer of much interest or perhaps duplicated in our collections. I have several items I will pull out for the Reference Library. If you have something you'd like to contribute, contact Bob Ohman at (303) 570-9333 or <reohman@att.net>.

I think the Library will end up consisting of two departments, one of which is a permanent, stationary set of documents that should not leave the Parts Depot. This would be mainly Parts Books and documentation that helps in identifying the stuff in the Parts Depot. The second section would be things that could be borrowed by club members, and for those things we would have a sign-out book. For these kinds of items, Workshop Manuals, for example, having duplicate copies would be advantageous.



At a later date we will post an initial inventory of the Reference Library in the newsletter. As always, your comments on our plans are greatly appreciated.

Eric and Bob

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."



Schedule for 2018

Please check this out and feel free to contact Eric Bergman to suggest more ideas or to volunteer to host an event

February

2/3 (Saturday): Winter Banquet

March

3/3 (Saturday): Group Ride or Museum Visit, depending on weather

3/18 (Sunday): Pub Meeting: Streets of London

April

4/8 (Sunday): Tech Day @ Bob Martin's

4/21 (Saturday): Group Ride & Shop Visit: Jesse Caraway's

May

5/5 (Saturday): Group Ride

5/20 (Sunday): OBR 16

June

6/3 (Sunday): BBQ @ Eric & Susie's

6/14-17 (Thur-Sun): Four Corners Rendezvous

July

7/8 (Sunday): Mt Evans Ride & Brunch @ David Sheesley's

7/28 (Saturday): Group Ride

August

8/4-5 (Saturday-Sunday): Wimpy Campout @ Jamie & Michelle Jones'

8/19 (Sunday): Group Ride

September

9/7-9 (Friday-Sunday): Campout

9/16 (Sunday): English Conclave

October

10/7 (Sunday): Plains Ride (Scott & Julie Robinson)

10/21 (Sunday): Tech Day

November

11/4 (Sunday): Open Garage

TBA (Saturday): DU Hockey Night

December

12/2 (Sunday): Pub Meeting

January 2019

1/1 (Tuesday): New Year's Day Ride

1/13 (Sunday): Pub Meeting



Membership

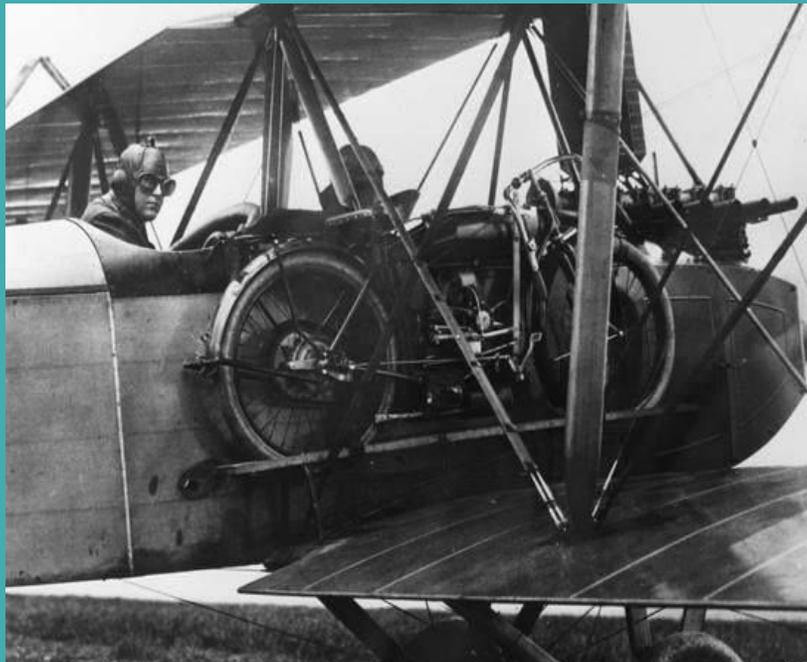
Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever.

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.

Peter Allen on his way to the Norton rally



Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2018 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 (2018):

points, events, solo rides

Jack Abeyta	16	4	0
Scott Robinson	15	4	2
Arnie Beckman	13	4	0
Mike Fields	12	4	0
Peggy Abeyta	11	3	0
Rick Black	10	2	0
Bob Martin	8	4	0
David Sheesley	7	2	1
Eric Bergman	6	4	0
Tom Tallick	6	4	0

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