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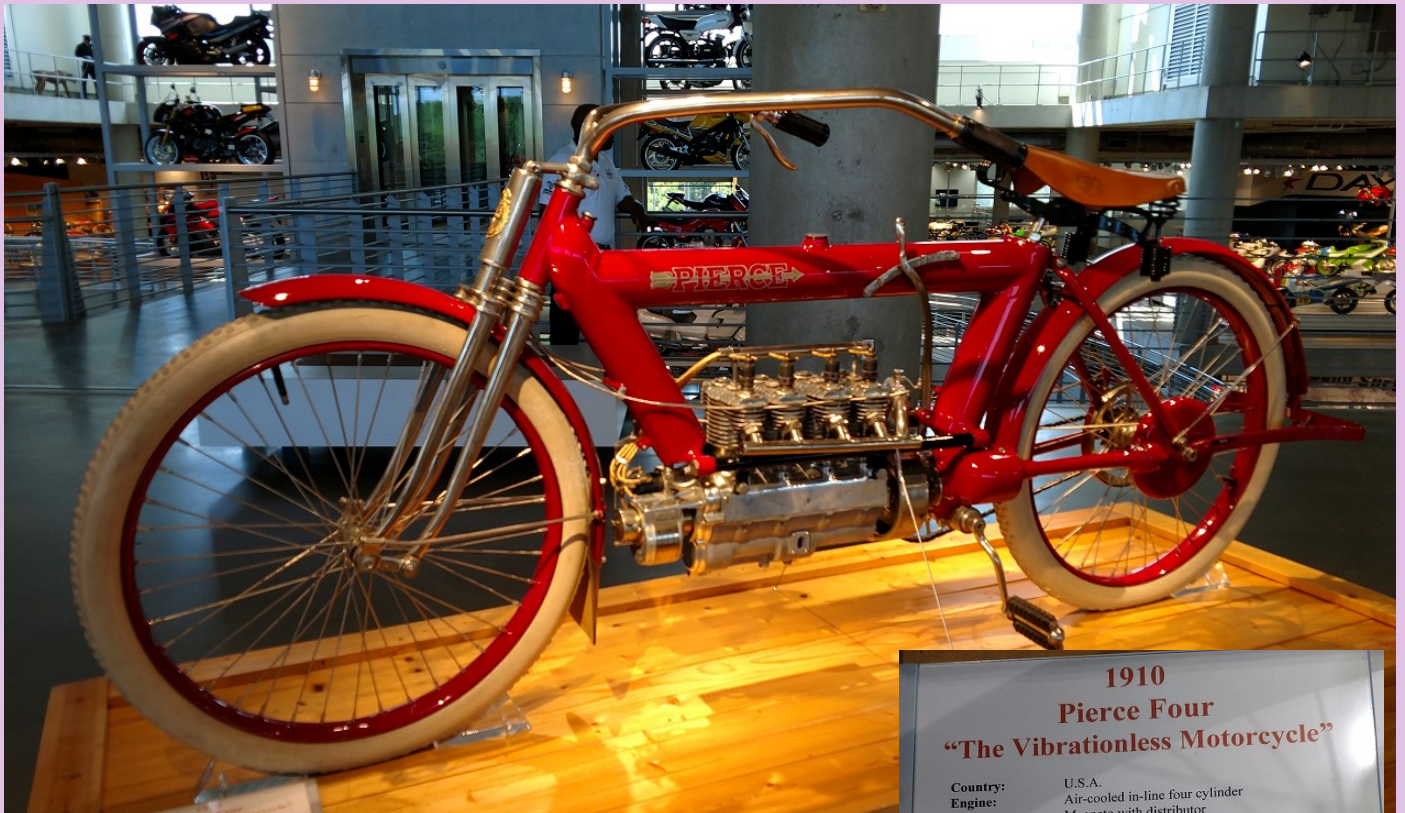


# Norton Colorado

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## 1910 Pierce Four "The Vibrationless Motorcycle"

Country:	U.S.A.
Engine:	Air-cooled in-line four cylinder
Ignition:	Magneto with distributor
Power Rating:	Not available
Bore x Stroke:	2 3/16" x 2 1/2"
Displacement:	42.5 cu. in. (696 cc)
Valves:	Side
Fuel System:	Single Schebler carburetor
Transmission:	Two speed with automatic clutch, shaft final drive
Suspension:	Front leading link fork, rigid rear
Brakes:	External contracting band on rear wheel only
Weight:	186 lbs.
Top Speed:	60 m.p.h.

In 1909 Percy Pierce introduced a four-cylinder motorcycle very similar to the Belgian built F.N. The quality was impressive and so was the price, \$400. In 1910 a two-speed transmission and clutch were added with an even higher price. Sales were low and production ceased in 1913. The Pierce Arrow register lists less than 15 machines that survived. In this short time span the Pierce set new standards in engineering design and quality, but they were just too expensive.



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## Upcoming Events

See page 7 for the entire official 2019 events schedule.

### November

11/23 (Saturday): DU Hockey Night  
(host Scott Robinson)

### December

12/1 (Sunday): Pub Meeting

Look for club emails for more details about these gatherings.

# Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

David Sheesley

Photos by Peter Geise and David Sheesley

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.



David Sheesley on his Atlas

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia by Mark Hawwa. It was inspired by a photo of TV Show Mad Men's, Don Draper astride a classic bike and wearing his finest suit. Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities while raising funds to support the men in our lives. That's the official blurb from the website. The website is clear and well organized. They are very focused on the fund-raising aspect of the ride and provide incentives for getting donations. There is a leader board world wide and locally. Matt Normann (a Norton Colorado member) placed fifth for local fundraising. Over all Denver raised \$26,220, with 354 participants the proceeds going to men's health organizations.



## The Ride

We started in the Erico Motorsports parking lot. I arrived early and there were many very interesting bikes although not that many Nortons. Eric has indicated this will become a regular event and I expect that more Norton Colorado members will attend over the years. There were several speakers who gave an overview of the mission of the organization as well as a description of the route. There were some ride marshals that were attentive and useful guides

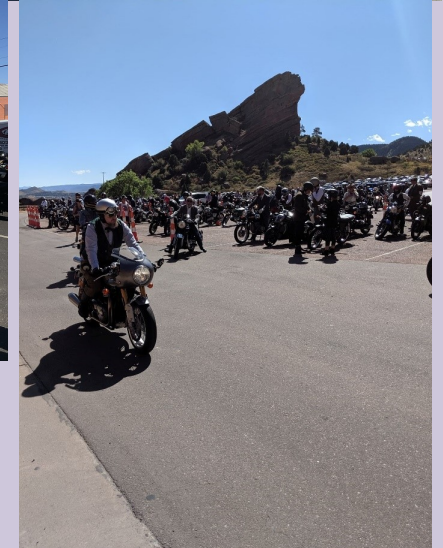


Matt Norman at Red Rocks



when they were around. There were probably not enough for the size of the ride. Also, for the size of the ride and the altruistic goals of the organization, some support from local police would have been helpful. We quickly broke up in to groups due to stop lights and traffic. There were supposed to be signs along the way but I missed them. The route was mostly through Denver and Golden ending up at Rock Rocks parking lot. The official route from there was more or less directly back to Erico. I choose lunch in Evergreen instead. Overall it was a very pleasant day and ride. I look forward to participating again.







## **Plains Ride** hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson

Once again the weather was beautiful, the company was excellent, the ride was relaxing, lunch was nice and a good time was had by all.

### ***Rode a Norton***

Jack Abeyta  
Rick Black  
Jerry Doe  
Scott Robinson  
Randy Schneider  
David Sheesley  
Ron Weaver



### ***Rode something lesser***

Eric Bergman -- Laverda  
Kris Geller -- BMW  
Bob Martin -- BMW



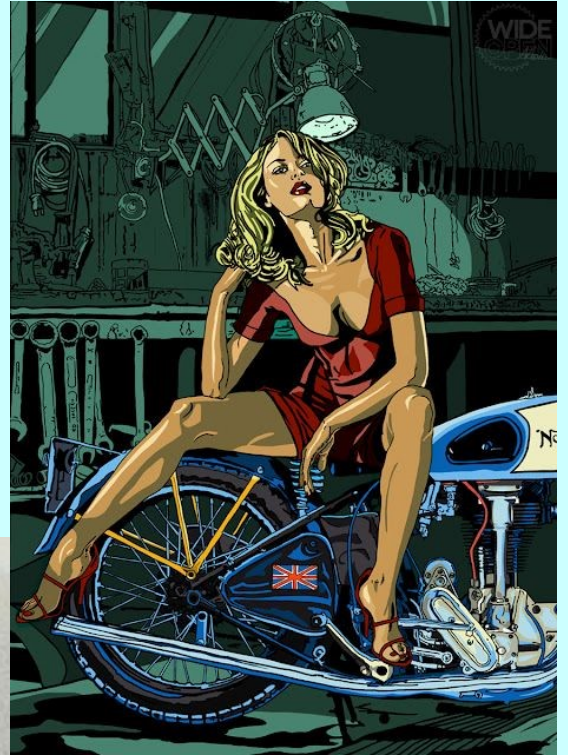
### ***Got there***

James Lafler  
Mike Powell

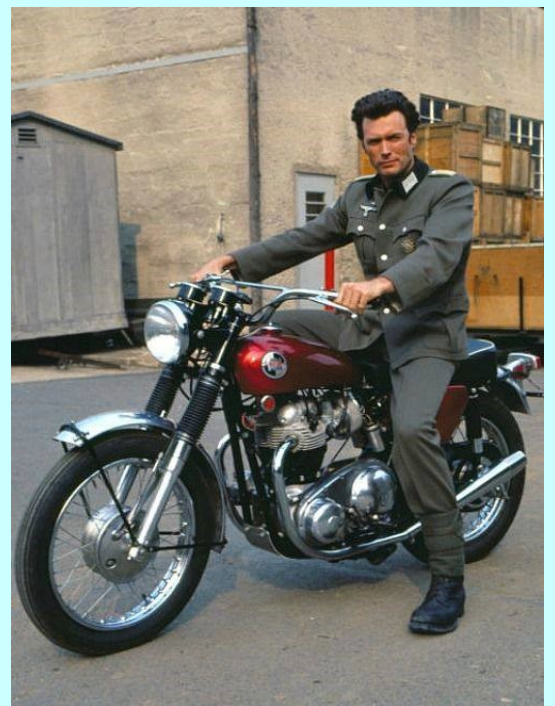


***Why do men need a Doctor?***  
***Self physical exam for old guys***

Go outside and pee in the garden.  
If ants gather -diabetes.  
If you pee on your feet - prostate.  
If it smells like barbecue- Cholesterol.  
If when you shake it your wrist hurts - osteoarthritis.  
If you return to your house with your penis out -  
Alzheimer's.  
I just saved you an office visit.



Here's a couple of  
pictures of Clint  
Eastwood on his  
Nortons.





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

For the Norton owner who has everything.

<https://www.brilliantneonsigns.com/order-form27557013>

1962 Norton 650SS - Jay Leno's Garage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IICP7S-jpvA>

Norton Motorcycles Factory Tour with John McGuinness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs1PtICKotc>

### Are you a fan of **Classic Bike Magazines** ?

Rick Black is ready to part with his collection. He's got them all from the 1980's to the present. They are yours if you are willing to come and get them.

(720) 885-6410



### **For Sale : 1969 BSA Rocket 3**

Rick Black has decided to put his Rocket 3 up for sale. It's partially re-stored, runs, but still needs some work. The price : Expensive.

Call Rick if you are interested.

720-885-6410

**Editor's note:** This is a BSA Rocket 3, but it is **not** Rick's.

For sale; 1946 chase truck

8,000 dollars.

[Greg Ray](mailto:montanagreg@midrivers.com) <montanagreg@midrivers.com>





# **Norton Colorado 2019 Event Schedule**

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

## February

2/2 (Saturday): Winter Banquet at the Rock Bottom Brewery, Denver

## March

3/2 (Saturday): Group Ride, Parts Depot Work Party or Museum Visit, depending on weather

3/17 (Sunday): Pub Meeting: Streets of London

## April

4/7 (Sunday): Tech Day @ Bob Martin's

4/20 (Saturday): Group Ride

## May

5/5 (Sunday): Group Ride

5/19 (Sunday): OBR 17

## June

6/2 (Sunday): BBQ @ Eric & Susie's

6/13-16 (Thur-Sun): Four Corners Rendezvous

## July

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

7/20-21 (Saturday - Sunday) : Century Ride

## August

8/3-4 (Saturday-Sunday): Wimpy Campout @ Jamie & Michelle Jones'

8/18 (Sunday): Group Ride

## September

9/6-8 (Friday-Sunday): Cotopaxi

9/15 (Sunday): English Conclave

9/28 (Saturday): Group Ride

## October

10/13 (Sunday): Plains Ride (Scott & Julie Robinson)

10/27 (Sunday): Tech Day at MotoWorks Denver

## November

TBA (Saturday): DU Hockey Night (host Scott Robinson)

## December

12/1 (Sunday): Pub Meeting

## January 2020

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

1/12 (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.

## Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2019 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 (2019):

*points, events, solo rides*

Scott Robinson	56	11	9
David Sheesley	47	9	10
Jack Abeyta	42	10	0
Ron Weaver	39	9	0
Jamie Jones	32	8	0
Mike Fields	32	7	3
Eric Bergman	26	14	0
Peggy Abeyta	23	7	0
Debby Johnson	22	7	7
Jerry Doe	22	6	0



There seems to be a friendly competition going for this year's President's Trophy. So far it seems to be up for grabs. Keep riding and we'll see how it all turns out in February 2020.



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**Credits:** Thanks to Jim Colt, Peter Geise, Dennis Oberwetter and David Sheesley for their contributions to this newsletter.

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

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