



WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ALL THERE



Norton Colorado

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Beer from a Norton Motor?

If this makes you thirsty and in the mood for Nortons, join us at the Norton Club Banquet, Saturday, February 1st. Rock Bottom Brewery, downtown Denver, 5 PM.
See you there!

Upcoming Events

See page 7 for the entire official 2020 events schedule.

February

2/1 (Saturday): Winter Banquet at the Rock Bottom Brewery, Denver (See page 6)

2/29 (Saturday): Open Garage @ Rick Black (tire mounting demo)

Look for club emails for more details about these gatherings.

New Year's Day Ride by Eric Bergman

Pictures by Dennis Horgan

It was actually very pleasant when I rode from my house down to the coffee shop to meet people, but by the time Ron, Marc and I left Golden a nasty front had moved in and it got very cold and windy for the ride up to El Rancho. It had calmed down again by the time we left El Rancho and my ride home was more pleasant. Well worth a bit of discomfort to get 2020 off to a proper start!



3 hard core riders starting the year right

Rode a Norton

Ron Weaver

Rode Something Lesser

Eric Bergman (Laverda)

Marc Lomax (Ural sidecar)

Got There

David Sheesley

Susan Saarinen

Dennis Horgan

Peter Allen

Jamie & Michelle Jones

Arnie, Stephanie and Amelia Beckman



New year's gang



Randy Albright work party





Rode a Norton
Arnie and Amelia Beckman

Rode something lesser
Dennis Oberwetter -- Triumph
Scott Robinson -- HD



Got there

Jack and Peggy Abeyta
Eric Bergman
Pete Chronis
Jim Colt
Terry Guriel
Dennis Horgan
Debbie Johnson
Jamie and Michelle
Jones
Bob Martin
Bob Ohman
Ron Weaver and Cindy



What's going on in your garage?

Now that winter is setting in many of us are spending more time in the garage. If you are spending your time turning wrenches instead of turning a throttle please send me a picture and maybe even write a paragraph so while we aren't riding we can have something cool to read and look at.

Frank Puckett's workshop in Monument was blessed with a visit from Bob Ohman and Eric Bergman. Parts obtained from Bob are being mocked up on the Commando. Eric is a fan of Moto Morini's, so couldn't keep his hands off the 3 1/2 that Frank couldn't resist at Barber's this year. The Commando is sporting a Grimeca 4 shoe on the front, and will have Bob's Gus Kuhn tank and fairing on it. Winter projects also include an almost finished 1967 P-11.



I couldn't resist adding this beautiful 2005 Triumph to my garage. Bob Martin bought this bike back in 2014. I thought it was the nicest modern Triumph I'd seen. I mentioned to Bob that if he ever parted with it I'd like to buy it. That day came last week when, over breakfast, Bob said he was thinking of trading this in on a new Kawasaki 900. By Saturday it was mine. I did have to promise Bob if I ever parted with it I would sell it back to him.

(Update Thursday PM-- Already burned through my first tank of gas. It's as much fun as it looks.)

Here is a quick summary of what you should know about the Winter Banquet:

There is a cover charge of \$20 per adult, payable by check or cash at the Banquet. Children are free.

We will be in the back half of the Mile High Pool Bar of the:

Rock Bottom Brewery

1001 16th St. 100A Denver CO 80265

<https://rockbottom.com/locations/denver/>

There's a parking garage under the building, just take the elevator up to the ground floor.

Dress is normally pretty casual, but outliers are regularly observed.

The Banquet runs from 5pm until around 9-10pm.

We will be entertained by Weatherbee and the Gnarbillys from 5-7pm

Buffet dinner will be served around 6pm

Club t-shirts will be on sale.

We rarely have much actual business to conduct at the Winter Banquet, but we will have elections of club officers if anyone other than the incumbents wants to serve the club this way. See <https://www.nortoncolorado.org/officers.html>. The one sure thing is the presentation of the President's Award for 2019 to our esteemed Newsletter Editor, Scott Robinson.

We are not doing the traditional Gift Exchange this year. Instead we are having a fund raiser for Randy Albright by bringing "nice things", unwrapped, which will be put out for purchase on a Pay What You Want basis.

In the same spirit we'll hold the drawing for a raffle of a 1972 Triumph Tiger 650.

How'd you like to save a little money? Want to learn how to mount your own tires?

Rick Black has offered to teach us how to mount tires the old fashioned way. Great opportunity to learn a skill that will save you money. He'd like to know if there is enough interest to make it worth his while to clean out his garage and make room for us or if you would like to host this event in your larger, heated garage. If this sounds like an event you would like to attend let him know. 720-885-6410. This event is on the calendar for Saturday, February 29th, 2020



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Counteract wheel balance beads:

<https://www.counteractbalancing.com/products/counteract-for-motorcycles/>

Legendary British motorcycle racer and engineer dies aged 84

<https://www.londonnewsonline.co.uk/legendary-motorbike-engineer-dies/>

Tom Jones - (Ghost) Riders in the Sky with Norton girls!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS7GhiZzLMU&fbclid=IwAR0P0-ZSYQoY1fw0WkrdAZE62eQ2X0AYg_-B9z7RMIumoe2RrpwzczJj46Q&app=desktop

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.

Norton Colorado 2020 Event Schedule (Proposed - See next page)

Here is my first shot at an event schedule for next year, which starts with the Winter Banquet on Feb 1 at the Rock Bottom Brewery in Denver. I have taken the liberty of turning most of the "group rides" into "open garages" with certain people pencilled in as hosts. I converted the spring Tech Day at Bob Martin's to an Open Garage because that's what it has mainly been in recent years, but if there is work to be done, it can still be a Tech Day. Any Open Garage event can also function as a Group Ride if desired. The hosts for the Open Garages are people who have expressed an interest in hosting an open garage event in the past. If you find yourself so designated for a date that won't work for you, or if you've had second thoughts about hosting at all, just let me know and we'll make the necessary changes. There is still a "Group Ride" scheduled for April 29 (or thereabouts) that could be turned into an Open Garage event. Any takers? The entire schedule (other than the Winter Banquet) is subject to revision at this point. Please send constructive comments on any aspect of it. ---Eric

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February

2/1 (Saturday): Winter Banquet

2/29 (Saturday): Open Garage @ Rick Black (tire mounting demo)

March

3/15 (Sunday): Pub Meeting: Streets of London

April

4/5 (Sunday): Open Garage @ Bob Martin

4/19 (Sunday): Group Ride

May

5/2 (Saturday): Open Garage @ Al & Barb Slarks

5/17 (Sunday): OBR 18

June

6/7 (Sunday): BBQ @ Eric & Susie

6/18-21 (Thur-Sun): Four Corners Rendezvous

July

7/5 (Sunday): Mt Evans Ride & Brunch @ David Sheesley

7/18-19 (Friday-Saturday): Overnighter to Walden

August

8/1-2 (Saturday-Sunday): Wimpy Campout @ Jamie & Michelle Jones

8/16 (Sunday): Open Garage @ Dennis Horgan

September

9/11-13 (Friday-Sunday): Cotopaxi overnighter

9/20 (Sunday): English Conclave

October

10/3 (Saturday): Open Garage @ Ric & Joy Landeira

10/18 (Sunday): Plains Ride (Scott & Julie Robinson)

November

11/1 (Sunday): Tech Day at MotoWorks Denver

TBA (Saturday): DU Hockey Night

December

12/6 (Sunday): Pub Meeting at Pints Pub

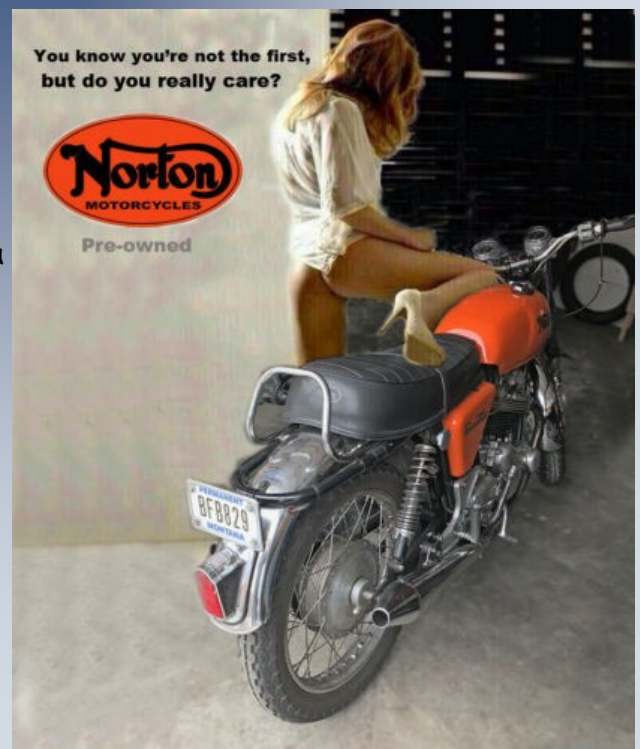
January 2021

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

1/17 (Sunday): Pub Meeting at Lincoln's Roadhouse



Michael Wilson
out for a ride



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.

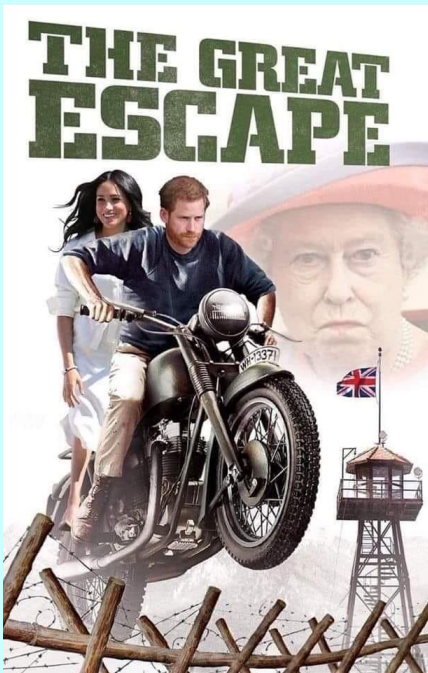
Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2020 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):

	<i>points, events, solo rides</i>		
Scott Robinson	77	15	10
David Sheesley	59	13	10
Ron Weaver	59	13	0
Jack Abeyta	50	14	0
Mike Fields	39	9	4
Eric Bergman	34	19	0
Jamie Jones	33	9	0
Jerry Doe	29	8	1
James Lafler	27	5	13
Peggy Abeyta	26	10	0



Time to pay our 2020 Dues

Norton Colorado's membership year begins with the Winter Banquet, which is scheduled for February 1 in 2020. We try very hard to convince everyone to pay their dues before the new season starts, because the club subsidizes the Winter Banquet to a significant extent and it represents a big hit on our Treasury. I hate it when Charley cries! Membership is still a paltry \$20 for single memberships, \$22 for couples/families. On the website <https://www.nortoncolorado.org/membership.html> you can pay your dues with a click of the PayPal button or find the address to which a check may be sent:

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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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