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



Norton Colorado.org Newsletter

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This year's President's Trophy winner was me, Scott Robinson. I earned 81 points. I attended 16 events, hosting 2, and had 11 solo rides. I logged just under 1000 miles on my 1975 Mark 3 Norton. This is the first time I have earned this prestigious award. I must say it looks good in my garage, maybe I'll make another run for it next year.

Upcoming Events

See page 11 for the entire official 2020 events schedule.

March

- 3/1 (Sunday, 10am): Open Garage @ Ric and Joy Landeira (tire mounting demo by Rick Black)
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Look for club emails for more details about these gatherings.

2020 Norton Colorado Banquet

This year's banquet was a fun one. There were about 60 members, family and friends in attendance. We had music provided by Weatherbee and the Gnarbillys, there was dancing, lots of conversation, bad jokes, good food, and cold beer. I took home the President's Award, which I am rather proud of and also was presented with the plaque I earned from the National for the newsletter. Once again I must say thanks to all of you who contribute and make my job easy and fun. All officer positions were up for grabs, but the present team got a vote of confidence from the club as no one wanted to challenge them for their offices . The fundraiser for Randy Albright was very successful. (I'll let Eric take it from here.)

All 60 raffle tickets for the Triumph were sold, so we collected \$6000 for Randy from ticket sales. The winning ticket was held by Jim Colt who did not want to take possession of the bike himself, and graciously put it up for auction immediately with further proceeds going to Randy. The auction was entertaining and productive, ending with a bid of \$3200 by Dennis Horgan. I turned over \$9200 to Randy and Sharon from the raffle/auction.

We also raised money for Randy at the Winter Banquet with the sale of items donated by club members. Nearly everything sold, resulting in an additional \$1027 which will also be turned over to Randy.



It was a busy night for me. I was also given the award for 2019's best newsletter from the International Norton Owner's Club

Drinking beer, swapping stories, a favorite pastime of Norton club members





Jack spending one last minute with the President's Trophy. He has already stated his desire to win it back next year, instructing me not to lose his picture. I think that is a challenge several of us should accept. Let's get those Nortons out of the garage and give Jack a run for his money.



Bob Martin, with Paula, showing us that at almost 80 years old he still has the moves.









We tried to get pictures of everyone at the banquet, but we missed a few of you. If you're not in the pictures you either hide very well, your picture didn't come out or we couldn't find you, sorry.







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.

As found in a lock up with a receipt for work done and work needed. That was back in 1999. It is a 1962 NSU and the seller thought it was a 175cc Fox. It is wedged and trapped behind other boxes and motorcycles so I couldn't reach the serial numbers. Immediate plan is to clean it up and get it running. The research shall continue. After breaking the elbow I need something to amuse me.

Bob Ohman







Peter Allen's next bike since wife, Mickey, said he could not get a plane. For more info check out this link.

https://www.startupselfie.net/2019/03/29/ lazareth-Imv-496-flying-motorcycle/

Norton Club goes to the Mecum Vegas Auction, January 21-26 By Dennis Horgan



Your fearless correspondent went to the Mecum Motorcycle Auction again this year to see what bargains might be found. And, of

course, to see how our lavish Norton investments are faring in the marketplace. The auction seems to get bigger every year, which made the auctioneers very happy this year. They auctioned 1750 motorbikes over a span of 5 days. One Mecum employee said they planned on auctioning a bike every 50 seconds. The message being – if you want something, you'd better get your hand up early.

A few impressions:

1) Almost by definition, there are no bargains at the auction. This is if you believe in all the boring economic theories we learned at school. But it isn't exactly true, because there is often a large difference in pricing between the same bike offered at different times of day, or color, or who knows what. And the crowd seems to have enthusiasms for first year, last year, over-restored (the crowd loves polish) or anything deemed to be "special". Provenance is also king, so anything that had a race history, was signed by someone famous (or owned by some-



one famous) was going to bring big bucks. For example, there were a bunch of Honda CB750s for sale – typically selling in the \$10k range. But one first year, sand cast (this is evidently a big deal to 750 people) that was low mileage and clean sold for \$30k.

2) There are groups of enthusiasts for everything. They were selling special edition mini-bikes for \$7k, and they were flying across the block. One group was after motorbike art and signage. They sold a wooden Harley dealership sign for \$6k. The "originalists" were there, spending big bucks for bikes that looked like rust piles – but, yes, they were original. One original Harley knucklehead – still had original paint – sold for \$200k compared to lesser restored units that typically sold for \$50k.





3) It was great to get some validation for my addiction from the people I met. I met one guy from LA who claimed to have more than 400 bikes – including 10 Honda CBXs. Even I don't understand the need for 10 CBXs. Another from North Dakota claimed to have a barn with more than 500 bikes. I expect to see him on "hoarders" soon.

4) If you want to bid at the fast pace, you need commitment. At a bike every 50 seconds, if you think you'll wait to see how the bidding is shaping up, it will be too late. I missed out on a couple of bikes, because I couldn't believe the bidding was that low –



but the bike was gone while I was still closing my mouth in disbelief. A clean Ariel Square 4 sold for \$13k in mere seconds, when normally they sell for much more.

5) What of the Nortons. A couple of restored Commandos went for about \$15k, while some rider bikes went in the \$8k range. There was a Manx for sale, and a couple of old single cylinders that I had to avert my eyes to avoid bidding on. Newer bikes like Commandos didn't seem to suffer from lack of originality, and bidders weren't turned off by after-market discs and such. But if you do want to sell your rider Norton at the auction, at least give it a bath. There were many bikes at the show that I was convinced would have sold for several \$thousand more with a bit of spit and polish.



Not sure she was at the auction, but I bet she would go fast, and she would cost way more than the bikes.

In summary, it was frantic, noisy, and exhausting to keep up with so many bikes flying by. But they seem to have at least one of everything for sale, so if there's something you simply must have, the Auction is the place to find it.



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

This shop tool will be of interest to at least a few of you. https://www.stomskiracing.com/products/circlip-injector

Some Norton history https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leicestershire-51311498

Eric Bana to create and star in Mike Hailwood movie <u>https://infomoto.com.au/news/eric-bana-to-create-and-star-in-mike-hailwood-movie/</u>

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 restored, 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 produced almost a quarter of all British motorcycles in World War Two



Peter Allen has decided he is a Honda fan. Not sure whether to join him, I like beer and naked girls as well as the next guy, or get us all together for an intervention? Any thoughts?





Norton had a part in movie (and world) history by appearing in a film of Che Guevara's Motorcycle Diaries

Norton Colorado 2020 Event Schedule

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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 6/27-28 (Sat-Sun): Riverside Run

July

7/5 (Sunday): Mt Evans Ride & Brunch @ David Sheesley 7/18-19 (Friday-Saturday): Overnighter (TBA)

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): Group Ride or Open Garage (need a host) 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 Ride1/17 (Sunday): Pub Meeting at Lincoln's Roadhouse





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 rescheduled through the year. The schedule can be found in this newsletter or check the schedule on the club website:

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

Prez Points Standings Top 10 (2019):

	points	s, events, s	solo rides	
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	

Bobbies on patrol

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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Table 1

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