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Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

June 2021



Upcoming Events

Woo Hoo!!!

Looks like we are restarting our social lives finally.

June 5 - 6 (Saturday - Sunday) Vintage racing, Steamboat Springs, Arnie Beckman

June 13 (Sunday) BBQ at Eric and Suzy's house

June 17-20 (Thursday-Sunday) Four Corners Rendezvous

June 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday) Riverside Ride

There's more information inside. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.
Look for club emails for more details about these gatherings.

2021 Event Schedule

Hi Everyone,

The restrictions on our activities deriving from the COVID pandemic are finally easing and I'm excited to be able to think about scheduling opportunities for us to gather again in person. Many of us have already been vaccinated or are in the process, and the prospects seem good that most adults will be able to be vaccinated within a couple months. The public health authorities are now removing most of the restrictions on gatherings of the sort our club events entail, although we may find that indoor gatherings in pubs and such are still problematic for a while. With the return of clement weather, though, our most important and enjoyable events, i.e. rides, should be safe enough for most of us. Arnie Beckman and I have discussed this and we're ready to start filling in a calendar of events for the rest of 2021.

I am delighted to announce that Susie and I will host the traditional BBQ event at our house in Golden on Sunday, June 13. Normally we would do this on the first weekend in June, but Arnie has a vintage MX race in Steamboat Springs that weekend, so we're leaving that weekend alone in case you'd like to go out to Steamboat and watch Arnie smoke 'em. The following weekend (June 17-20), as you will see from the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter, is the popular Four Corners Rendezvous at Sam Manganaro's place in Mancos. So early June is pretty crowded but we're betting that after a year off you're ready for some catch-up.

David Sheesley has already announced he will host his traditional Independence Day brunch, combined with a group ride over Squaw Pass. I think this will be on July 4, but keep an eye on the event page of the website and the newsletter for possible adjustments.

As many of you know, Bob Ohman has spent that last 5 months in the hospital with a series of health crises. He's been making excellent progress lately and should be home again by the time you read this. I have raised the possibility with him of running The Old Bike Ride this year and I expect a decision will be made within a week or two. There is a chance we will do it on the traditional Sunday after Mother's Day, which is May 16 this year.

At this point I am throwing open the discussion of club events to all of you. After our forced hiatus I have wiped the calendar clean of all other "typical" events for the rest of the 2021 ride schedule. If you have a proposal for an event of any kind, whether it is a reboot of one that we've done traditionally or something brand new, send them in to me and we will see what kind of event schedule can be made of them. If you are wanting to do something with your friends from this club and you're not seeing announcements of the kind of events you like, LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

I am personally delighted in the response to our membership renewal campaign for 2021, nearly everyone has renewed. I take that as an endorsement of your expectations that we will soon be having some fun again. Let's do it!

Eric

Riverside Ride

The Riverside Ride is a go again this year. You are invited to ride along.

No Sponsors. No Clubs. Just friends out for a ride.

Same Time, Same Place, Same Route, Same Cabins. Covid Protocols

WHEN: June 26-27

WHERE: Riders Meeting, 9:00 am Saturday at JJ's Corner Shell Station. 4015 S Taft Hill Rd, Fort Collins.
(Junction of Taft and Harmony)

ROUTE: A Google map of the traditional route is attached below. Some will go their own way. It is a Riverside Rendezvous at the Beartrap Cafe & Bar, Riverside, WY.

LODGING: We are again taking reservations for the Riverside Garage & Cabins on a per cabin basis at \$80 CASH each. There are 10 cabins, most have 2 beds. Due to Covid, we ask that you decide if you want a cabin all to yourself for \$80 or if you are willing to share with another rider for \$40. If you have a preferred roommate, let us know when you sign up. In order to accommodate more long time Phantom Canyon Riders, we will give preference to those willing to share a cabin.

Space is limited... we expect to fill up quickly. We will send a confirmation email.

There may be other lodging available at Cottonwood Cabins (307-327-5151, [website](#)) in Riverside or Vacher's Bighorn Lodge (307-327-5110, no website) in Encampment. Make your own reservations there.

CAMPING: Tent camping is available free on the grassy area at the cabins or \$12 at Lazy Acres Campground next door (307-327-5968, www.lazyacreswyo.com) There is a toilet and sink restroom available at the south end of the cabins. Please let us know if you are going camping, we'll leave a light on for you.

To sign up, reply to this email at pcriders8@gmail.com For questions, call Mike Powell at 303-776-0403.

SAG WAGON: We will not be providing a chase vehicle. As an alternative we are looking for volunteers with a truck and ramps or trailer to be "on call" to come rescue any unfortunate souls experiencing a breakdown. I'm sure they would receive compensation and eternal gratitude. Several volunteers would be excellent.

MEETUPS: Due to Covid, we are not encouraging any group meetups for meals or photo ops. Let things happen spontaneously. You all know the drill anyway.

ROUTE MAP: It is a Google map, easily visible in a web browser with internet access.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1LxRrK5kUYHcJuQDH2p74zCYo9v4R8IP_&ouid=108036198696039355588

2021 4 CORNERS RENDEZVOUS

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

When: Thur. -Sun. June 17-20th

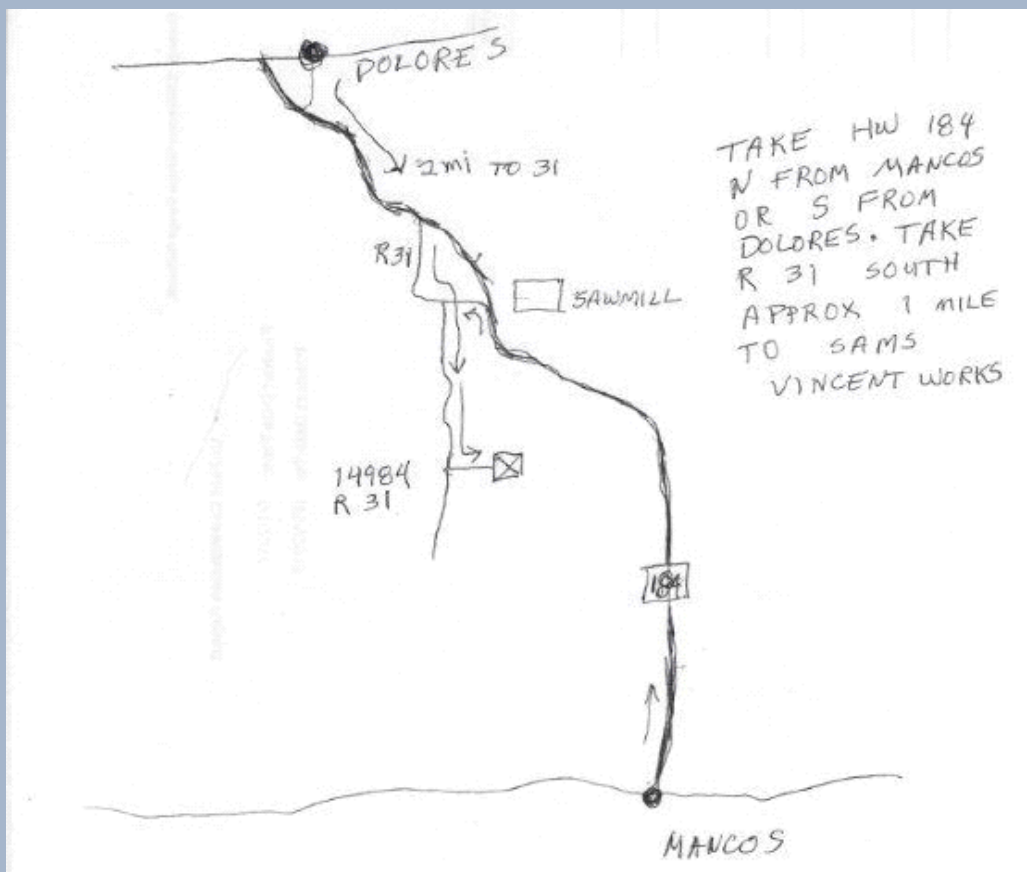
Where: See map for directions to Sam Manganaro's Place 14984 Rd 31, Mancos CO 81328

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

Includes: Fee is \$30.00 for tent camping, morning coffee, good food planned for Friday and Saturday night, door prizes, 50/50 drawing. Frivolous or even serious items for door prizes will be accepted. If you aren't camping there are motels and RV parks close by in Dolores and Cortez. Amazing mountain roads and unbelievable but true campfire stories. Join us and tell a few yourself.

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)



Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

U.S. States Ranked For Motorcycle Fatalities

https://advrider.com/u-s-states-ranked-for-motorcycle-fatalities/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=05_13_2021

Failed Norton Facility To Become Luxury Motorsports Hotel - Adventure Rider

https://advrider.com/failed-norton-facility-to-become-luxury-motorsports-hotel/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=05_10_2021

BSA Factory Tour Part 1

<https://youtu.be/II2gBdB3AHU>



Funny place members show up

Hi Folks,

I've run into some problems lately with the basic task of sending e-mail broadcasts to the club membership, resulting from the extreme vigilance of many ISPs to prevent various forms of bad behavior. I'm trying out a new approach which should look exactly the same to you as before, except that the broadcast e-mails from Norton Colorado will come from the address < eabergman@protonmail.com >. If you have a system for white-listing addresses you might consider adding this one.

You are free to respond to the club broadcasts at this address, or you can use any other of my e-mail addresses you've saved.

Cheers, Eric

AMA members beware!!

This warning is for those of you in the AMA who have Roadside Assistance. The other day I had a flat tire on my Norton. I called for a tow. Long story short, they left me stranded in the middle of no where, constantly telling me they were working on it. I eventually found my own way home. The program is useless.

Scott

Norton Colorado 2021 Event Schedule

These are the events planned so far. As you can see there is still plenty of open time for you to host an event. Events can be a ride, a lunch meeting, a tech session or whatever your little heart desires it to be.

May 23 (Sunday) Gentleman's Ride

June 5 - 6 (Saturday - Sunday) Vintage racing, Steamboat Springs, Arnie Beckman

June 13 (Sunday) BBQ at Eric and Suzy's house

June 17-20 (Thursday-Sunday) Four Corners Rendezvous

June 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday) Riverside Ride

July 4 (Sunday) Mt. Evans Ride and Brunch at David Sheesley's

July 31 - Aug 1 (Saturday - Sunday) Wimpy campout hosted by Jamie and Michelle Jones

August 15 (Sunday) BBQ/Tech Day hosted by Bob Martin

September 18 and 19 British Conclave Ride Saturday, Show Sunday

October 3 (Sunday) Plains Ride hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson

November XX Put your event here hosted by your name



Premier & Classic Weekend
June 5-6, 2021
at the Jenny Ranch
Steamboat Springs,
Colorado

Friday, June 4
Dual-Sport Ride

Saturday, June 5
Vintage Trial

Sunday, June 6
Premier & Classic Scrambles

Gate fee: \$10/person per day (under 12 free)
Camping: \$10/night (three night max. charge)

Friday informal dual-sport ride: Meet at 10:00am
Saturday trial sign-up: 10:00am - \$40/class entry
Saturday riders' mtg: 11:45am; **trial:** 12:00-3:00pm
Sunday scrambles sign-up: 7:00am - first entry \$40, second class \$30
Sunday practice: 9:00am; **racing begins:** 10:00am

- Note: this is a stand-alone event - no AHRMA NW Regional points will be offered -

Address: 37850 Routt County Road 45, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

For more info, contact Rob Stickler at (970) 879-0277
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September 2021
18th 19th

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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.



Knuckle mobile



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 (2020):

points, events, solo rides

Jack Abeyta	35
Peggy Abeyta	25
Scott Robinson	23
David Sheesley	17
James Lafler	15
Debby Johnson	12

Jack does it again, for the 6th time!!!!



1930 LAPD Harley VL motorcycles

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