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# Norton Colorado

## Newsletter

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July/August 2022



This year's President's Trophy goes to  
Eric Bergman

## Upcoming Events

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**August 13 (Saturday)** Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show

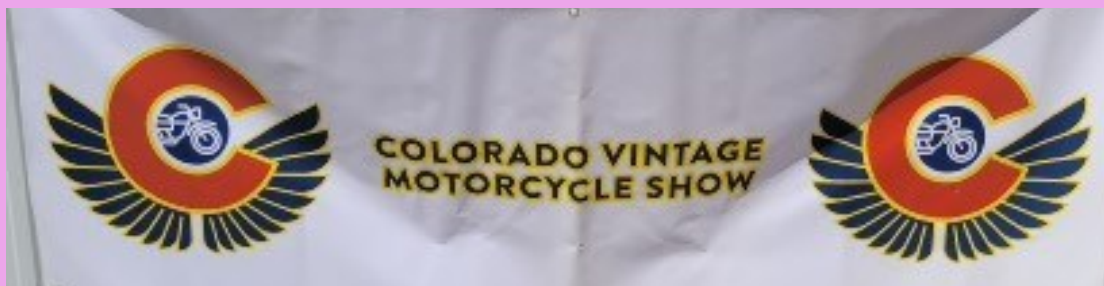
**August 28 (Sunday)** Open garage at Ric and Joy Landeira's place.

**September 11 (Sunday)** Old Bike Ride 19

Look for club emails or check the website for more details about these gatherings.



There was a large gathering for this year's Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show at a new venue up in Erie. Lots of nice bikes and nice people, as usual. Jack, **riding** his Vincent, Rick, on his old Kawasaki, and I, on my Norton made the trip up where we met with about another dozen, or so, Norton Colorado members. I'll let the pictures tell the rest of the story.



### 1963 Moto Guzzi Falcone Turismo

The basic design of the Falcone can be traced back — without fundamental change — to the first Moto Guzzi of 1921. By 1963 the model had a 500CC engine with light alloy cylinder head fed by a Dell'Orto carburetor. It produced 23 BHP at 4500 RPM through a 4 speed constant mesh gearbox. Above all it is famous for its exposed mechanicals: a positive-stop gearshift mechanism, clutch actuator and oil pump, all bolted to the outside of the engine, and most of all its massive flywheel. One long push on the kickstarter will spin the engine through a half-dozen revolutions, and the motor then settles into a remarkably slow idle with an exhaust note like firecrackers exploding in a paint can. The resulting steamroller torque hauls the Guzzi away at very modest revs. This absolutely correct, matching-numbers example came from Italy in 2015 after a factory-certified restoration.













## **Big Tent BBQ** hosted by Eric Bergman and Susie Saarinen

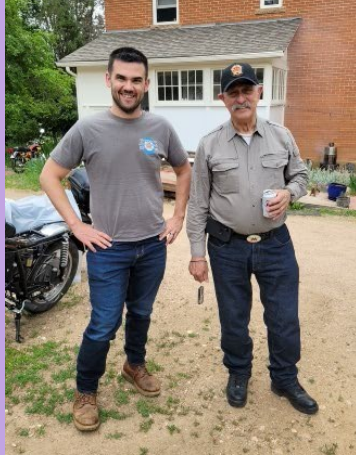
Once again the Big Tent BBQ was well attended and a lot of fun. There was plenty of wonderful food and drink for all. The thunderstorms that passed over didn't do much to dampen our enthusiasm, but did keep the day a little cooler than expected, which was nice. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the President's Trophy. It was decided that the holder of the trophy, Jack Abeyta, would give the trophy to the member of his choice. The criteria simply being that Jack felt the person he would give the trophy to was a deserving member of the club. He chose Eric Bergman for this prestigious honor. Anyone who's been a member of the club for more than 5 minutes would know why. Eric is a huge reason our club still exists. His efforts to come up with events, rides etc. are second to none. He is one of our members who never fails to help another member in need. Good choice Jack. Congratulations Eric.

















## ***Norton Colorado Website Offers Something New*** from Eric Bergman

I have good news for you: the club's website has just been revised by Jerry Doe to add several fora (or forums) for discussions on topics of interest to our members. This effort was stimulated by a group of our members who wanted a place to exchange information about their BSA Goldstars. Thus there is a forum covering all matters BSA-ish. There is also a Norton-oriented forum, of course, and a General Topics forum. If there is demand, we can add others, but I think we will want to see if anyone actually uses the existing fora before doing that.

All fora are visible to anyone on the internet, so be circumspect about casting aspersions (in other words, mind your manners). The link to the fora is under the Members menu on the main page. Here is a direct link to it: <<https://nortoncolorado.org/discussions/>>. You do not need to log in to the website to view the fora. You do need to log in if you want to post something, start a new topic or reply to an existing one. I suspect many of you have forgotten how to log in to our website. Get in touch with me if you need to be reminded of your login and password information.

For the time being, Jerry Doe, David Sheesley and I will be keeping an eye on the fora but we would appreciate having a volunteer for each forum to act as a moderator. Since this is a small, close-knit community I do not expect many of the kinds of problems that often afflict global fora, so the workload of moderators should be very light.

Clearly, there is some overlap between our little Norton forum and the wildly popular AccessNorton forum <<https://accessnorton.com>> that Jerry also created. Use one, both, or none, as you like. I think it will all fall into place.

I'm very curious now to see what you do with this service.

Recently found picture of Julie and me circa 1995 or so.





## Mt. Evans Ride / Brunch.

Brunch hosted by David Sheesley and Matt & Mariah Norman

Ride led by Eric Bergman

This ride and brunch is a long time tradition of Norton Colorado. Five of us met in Golden and rode up to Echo Lake near Mount Evans and over Squaw Pass to David's house in Evergreen where we met up with a large group from the club as well as other friends. We were then treated to a huge brunch consisting of too many foods to name here. We were entertained by live music as well as a well stocked bar complete with a young bartender. Thanks David, Matt and Mariah for such a nice gathering. Already looking forward to next year.



Our hosts



The riders





### Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

The Norton Commando was the last Great British Motorcycle

[The Norton Commando was the last Great British Motorcycle - YouTube](#)

Norton Motorcycles: New Factory, New Boss (Factory Tour and Interview with CEO, Robert Hentschel)

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New 2022 Norton V4sv On Track

[New 2022 Norton V4sv On Track - YouTube](#)

Jerry Doe's 750 ride

<https://youtu.be/buXhjf-HOHw>

### New Criteria for Earning the Coveted President's Trophy

After many years of earning the President's Trophy by attending club events and riding Nortons some new ideas have been tossed around. Taking attendance at each event and keeping track of points earned has become a hassle.

Here's a new way for anyone in the club to get recognized. Right now, Jack Abeyta has the trophy. It will be up to him to pick the next recipient based on what ever criteria Jack decides is appropriate. The next person will then give the trophy to the person of their choice.

Please pick someone who has not had the trophy in a while, let's say 5 years. By giving the trophy away in this manner it will give more members a chance to keep it for a year. Spread the recognition to the person who always shows up to events, someone who tells the best stories or the guy who is always there when someone in the club needs a hand or whatever. This year the trophy will be presented at Eric and Susie's BBQ in May.



### **Bikes For Sale-- From Greg Ray**

Anybody wanna buy my 47 knuckle? Looks like good time to sell. I have owned bike since 1986. I have the 48 pan bobber for sale and also bob martins 55 panhead. Also for sale is three titled 1975 honda goldwings. 1 beautiful one, one nice one and a rolling complete chassis. One more gold wing is a titled 1978 full vetter equipped bike. motor turns over but not running. The morgan three wheeler is also for sale. Please call 406-538-3914 for any answers to your questions. More stuff like 2 hot rods and a fire truck! Stay safe, Linda and Greg



## **Norton Colorado 2022 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. Group rides will be announced throughout the season on short notice, based on weather conditions. In the interest of variety, volunteers are solicited to lead group rides on their favorite roads. Likewise, we're looking for volunteers to host an open garage. Tech days are usually scheduled on short notice as they become necessary. Contact Eric <[eric@nortoncolorado.org](mailto:eric@nortoncolorado.org)> for more information or to volunteer.

**February 12 (Saturday)** Open Garage @ Dennis Horgan's

**March 20 (Sunday)** Clancey's

**April 24 (Sunday)** Tech Day/Open Garage at Bob Martin's

**May 22 (Sunday)** Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

**May 29 (Sunday)** BBQ at Eric Bergman & Susie Saarinen's (postponed to June 12)

**June 4 (Saturday)** Colorado Vintage MC Show, Erie

**June 17-19** Progressive MC Show, Loveland

**June 16 - 19 (Thurs - Sun)** Four Corners Rendezvous

**July 10 (Sunday)** Mt. Evans Ride & Brunch @ David Sheesley's

**July 24 (Sunday)** BMAC Picnic

**August 6 -7 (Saturday - Sunday)** Wimpy Campout @ Jamie & Michelle Jones'

**August 13 (Saturday)** Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show

**August 28 (Sunday)** Open garage at Ric and Joy Landeira's place.

**September 11 (Sunday)** Old Bike Ride 19

**September 18 (Sunday)** English Conclave

**October 2 (Sunday)** Plains Ride

**October 16 (Sunday)** Open Garage @ Jonathan Chaikin's

**December 4 (Sunday)** Pints Pub

**January 1, 2023 (Sunday)** New Year's Day Ride

**January 15 (Sunday)** Lincoln's Road house



It's not easy owning a Norton



## 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.

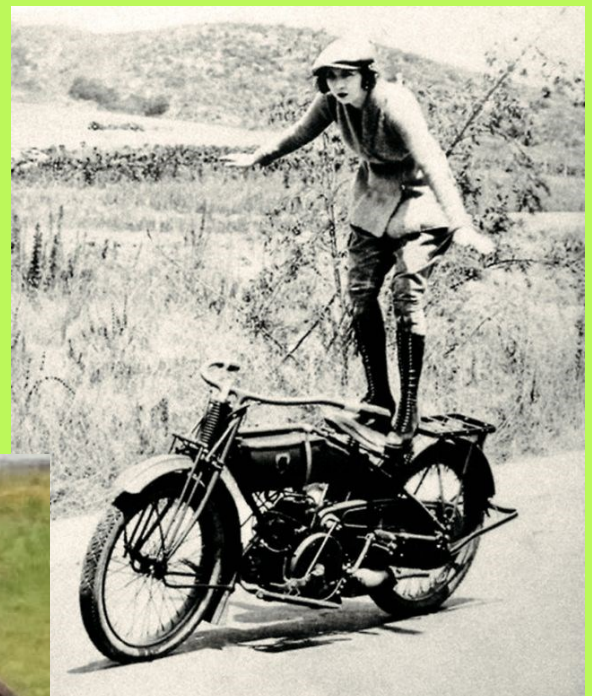
The membership year begins with the Winter Banquet in February. New members who join after August 1 are credited with membership for the following year.

## Club Events

Many events have been scheduled for the 2022 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>

Next year's car show due to gas prices!



Long before there was Indian Larry there was this young lady



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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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