



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



Norton Colorado

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November 2022



Plains ride Group Photo

Upcoming Events

November is open for an event if someone is so inclined to host

December 4 (Sunday) Pints Pub

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

Plains Ride Hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson

This year's Plains ride was a fun one. We started with 17 people for breakfast. Then 13 of us went for the usual ride on the local county roads, ending up in Dacono for lunch. There were **8** Nortons on the ride. Great turnout, great weather, empty roads, what more could you ask for. Thanks to all of you who showed up.



We did, however, have one "casualty". Johnny Iuzzini broke a center stand. Not bad for a bunch of old Nortons.

Great ride today Until it wasn't :) Got to about Louisville on my way home and heard a metal clanking. At first I thought it was the motor so I pulled off quick- revved and didn't hear anything then took off again and it started. Pulled off again and found my center stand had snapped and I was dragging a leg. At least I'll get to practice my welding and it doesn't require a trip to the shop.



Jonathan and Tamara Open Garage

It was a chilly day, but Tamara's chili warmed us up as we wandered around Jonathan's workshop and garage inspecting his bikes and his projects. Jonathan had 3 bike projects, a BSA, a Motor Guzzi and a Norton, on the benches, as well as a Vincent engine rebuild underway. There was a Jaguar in the driveway and we had to look under it's hood as well. Mike Fields drove his old Fairlane which was also a hit. As usual we spent our time eating and visiting. Jonathan and Tamara are excellent hosts and we all had a good time, again. Thank you.

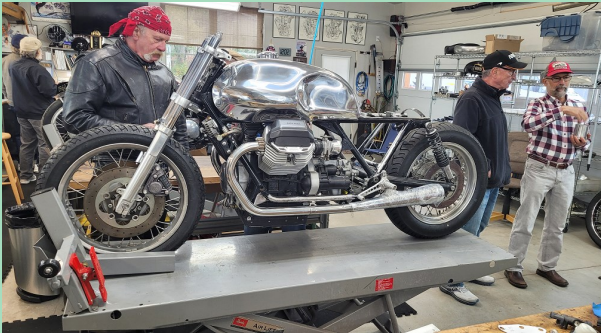


Our hosts



Jack, ever the fashion-ista showing off his latest outfit.



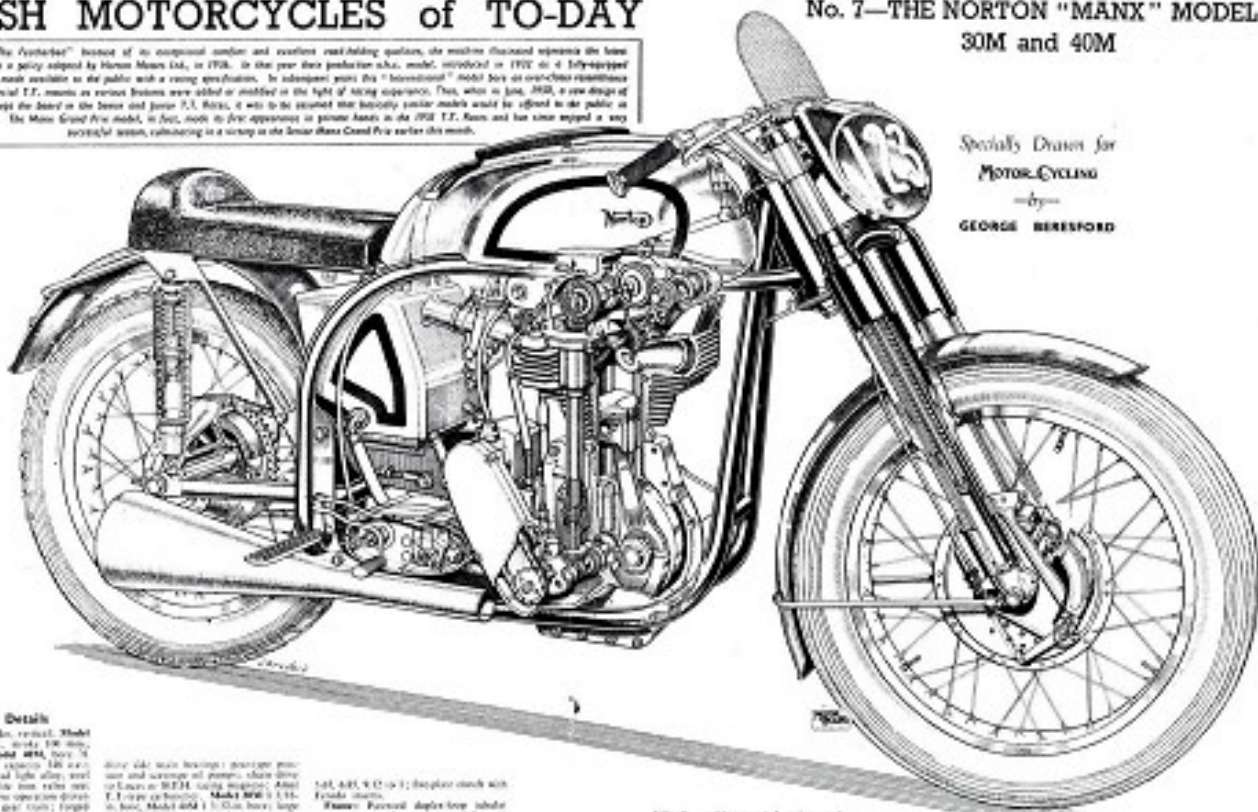


BRITISH MOTORCYCLES of TO-DAY

NORTON "The Victorians" because of its exceptional comfort and excellent road-holding qualities, the machine illustrated represents the latest development in a policy adopted by Norton Motors Ltd., in 1938. In that year their production 400 cc. model, introduced in 1932 as a fully-equipped machine, was first made available to the public with a racing specification. In subsequent years this "International" model has on various occasions won the famous special T.T. events on various occasions. In the light of racing experience, then, when in June, 1955, a new design of "events" came along the line in the form of the 300 cc. model, it was to be expected that this latest model would be offered to the public in the following year. The 300 cc. model, in fact, made its first appearance in private hands in the 1955 T.T. Races and has since enjoyed a very successful season, culminating in a victory in the Senior Manx Grand Prix earlier this month.

No. 7—THE NORTON "MANX" MODELS 300M and 400M

Specialty Driven for
MOTORCYCLING
—by—
GEORGE HERESFORD



Technical Details

Engine: Single cylinder, vertical. Model 300M, bore 75.42 mm., stroke 50 mm., capacity 298 cc.; Model 400M, bore 75 mm., stroke 50 mm., capacity 346 cc. (400 cc. with carburetor fitted and head light alloy, steel cylinder head, American iron valve mechanism, iron valve, valve operation driven by vertical shaft and gear train; forged light-alloy piston, standard compression ratio). Model 300M, 4.67 to 1; Model 400M, 4.06 to 1; with special version for standard fuel, Model 300M and 400M, 10 to 1; forged steel machine — 8" vertical steel connecting rod, light-alloy steel big-end housing with aluminium ends; 1.75 in. diameter hardened camshaft; double-ribbed aluminium-alloy camshaft and cover; three valve overhead 1,125-in. diameter, timing valve, intake, exhaust; timing pin double ball bearing ball and roller.

Drive: Side shaft bearings; gear-type primary and secondary of pump, chain drive of primary to S.E.H. timing sprocket; final T.T. type gear box. 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uncomplicated sophistication

the successful formula of the Norton Commando Superbike.

Just compare the Norton Commando with the other large capacity bikes, it looks so much less complicated. It took a heritage of racing experience and development, plus a clear understanding of what American riders required, to produce a machine with such a high degree of sophistication. Light in weight for one of the big leaguers, the Norton Commando handles with a deftness rare in a production machine. In all conditions, at all speeds, this tour-de-force of engineering skill gives you all you want - and more besides. With superb roadholding, an incredibly flexible power curve reducing gear changing to a minimum, a turbine smooth ride provided by the revolutionary elastastic construction and the easy maintenance offered by the big twin, it is not surprising that the Commando formula for success has been chosen by Britain's "Motor Cycle News" readers free poll as "Machine of the Year".

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all with the elastastic super-ride

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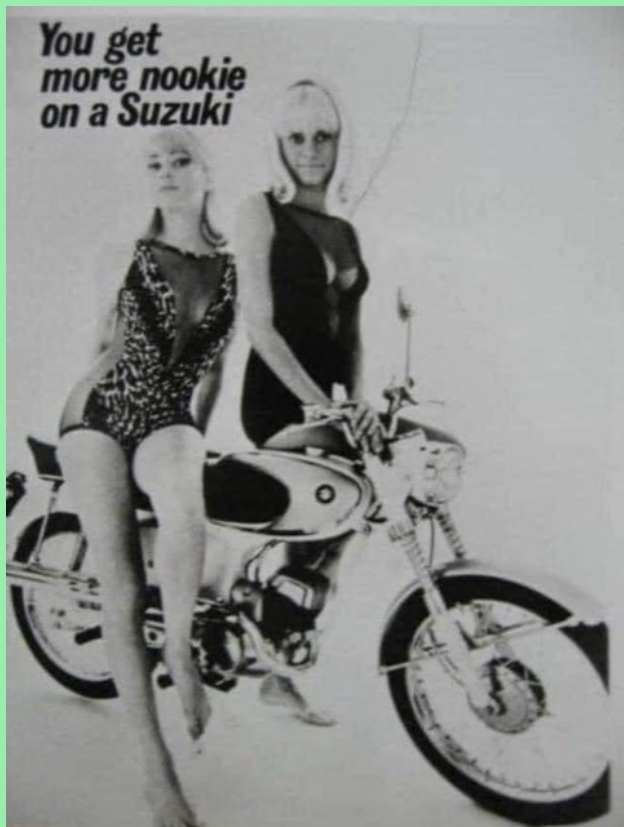


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Norton Colorado Website Offers Something New from Eric Bergman

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.

Jesse Carraway mentioned that he recently acquired most of the used parts, and possibly a number of new ones, from Matt Rambow at Colorado Norton Works. Matt is no longer building complete bikes so he doesn't need that inventory. Jesse had previously purchased the inventory of the club's Parts Depot when we lost our storage site and he already had a large inventory of his own parts, so at this point I think it is safe to say Jesse has the largest inventory of Norton parts in Colorado. He is glad to help out fellow club members who are in need:

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Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Check out the club websites new photo galleries:

<https://nortoncolorado.org/galleries/>

Mike Homs found this article and thought it would be excellent for the club to read about. It is a bit long but Angel's many efforts and involvement's with almost every motorcycle brand are wonderful, interesting, and informative. And includes Norton's!

[Sonny Angel An American Original | Cycle World | MARCH 2007](#)

The Norton Challenge P86 | Cosworth 746cc Twin

[https://www.mcnews.com.au/norton-challenge-p86-cosworth/?](https://www.mcnews.com.au/norton-challenge-p86-cosworth/?fbclid=IwAR0RK4_mEUY1UzEdqTqq7nr5pRir3rlbnFQjPPER-uZfmZCztGTwNV4CBg)

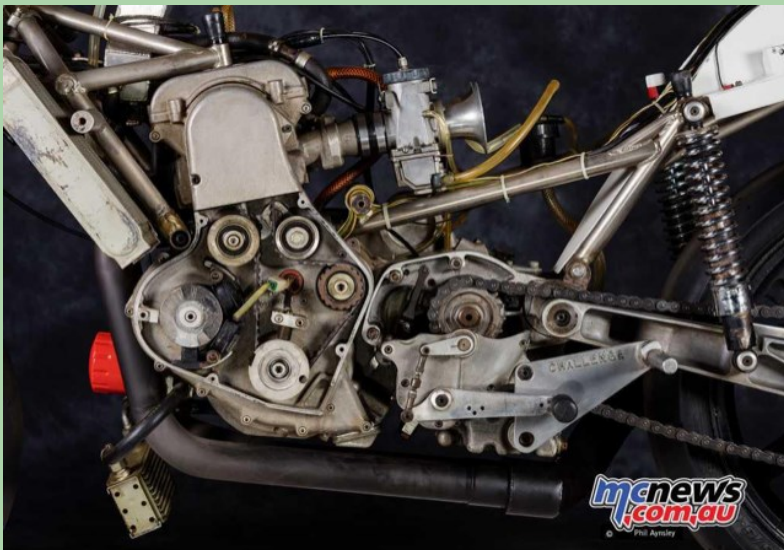
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Link for a Japanese vintage bike meet called "Triumph Riot".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vk97zl4UxU>



What's going on here?



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> 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'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 9 (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



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:

<https://nortoncolorado.org/events/>



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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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