



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



Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

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This year's recipients of the coveted President's Trophy are Jamie and Michelle Jones. Jamie and Michelle are long time members of the Club and earned this award for their many contributions to making this the fun club it is. Congratulations!!!

Upcoming Events

March 18 (Saturday), Spring Tech Day, host Bob Martin

April 16 (Sunday), Group Ride.

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

The Banquet is Back

After a 2-year hiatus Norton Colorado once again gathered for our very popular banquet. There were about 50 or so of us for dinner and drinks. This year we tried a new venue, the African Bar and Grille. It was a nice place, the food was good and there was plenty of it, and the owners were very happy to have us.

Our "business" meeting was brief. Everyone gave our present officers a vote of confidence, so all officers will continue in their roles for another year. The club voted to give Dave Sheesley, the webmaster, and I, the newsletter editor, a free pass on our future dues. We were very excited that we now have "paid" positions in Norton Colorado. Thank you. Eric presented the President's Trophy to Jamie and Michelle Jones for the next year. A very well deserved honor.



A few minutes were spent honoring those who have "gone riding" over the last couple of years. Jack Abeyta spoke of his 50 year friendship with Rick Black. Bob Herman told us of his long friendship with Doug McCadam.

Finally, the highlight of the evening was the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange (and stealing). Alcohol, liquor and wine, seemed to be the favorite gift with almost every bottle getting stolen at least once. There were other gifts as well such as a beautiful quilt Peggy Abeyta made, which Robin took home. There were books, tools mugs, shirts and other stuff.



As usual we had a great time and lots of laughs. Thanks to everyone who showed up and participated in a really fun evening. Already looking forward to next year.





Jack shared a few stories of his long friendship with Rick Black. You could almost hear Rick laughing along.



Once again, Bob Herman served as our master of ceremonies along with his assistant, Hazel.





Robin Webster took home this beautiful quilt handmade by Peggy Abeyta. She did a nice job of hiding it because it never got stolen. Or did we show some restraint because Robin was so excited to have it?



John Kinlin and Bob Herman showing off their bottles of highly sought after Jack Daniels. John, however, did not get to keep his prize for long as soon after this picture was taken David Sheesley was seen proudly posing with his gift for the evening.



Proud parents, Jonathan and Tamara watching Hazel on the stage.





This picture of a slightly younger version of the Jones' is on the trophy



"A handsome beast"

Bob Herman has some Norton parts to sell:

I have several Commando seats and a tailpiece that I don't need, and I'd like to offer them to club members before going to eBay or Craigslist with them I don't know what to charge but will take less from a Norton Colorado member than from an "outsider."

1 nice Mk3 seat with hinge

1 nice 750 seat

1 Fastback tailpiece - good shape except for a small crack (damaged in shipping, easily repaired)

I'm going to bring them up to Golden, they will be at Eric's house so a club member won't need to drive down here or pay a big shipping charge.

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750 Commando seat



Fastback tailpiece



MK3 seat



Highrider seat base

Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Check out the club websites new photo galleries:

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

You will have to plant a lot of trees. Hagerty | Carbon Offset

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[utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23 BR UN UK EML UN UN ECO Launch](https://hagerty.co.uk/carbonoffset?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=23_BR_UN_UK_EML_UN_UN_ECO_Launch)

National MC museum in Anamosa, Iowa is closing

<https://www.rideapart.com/news/640892/national-motorcycle-museum-closing-2023/>



Very interesting story behind it.

<https://daily.jstor.org/why-oklahoma-has-a-panhandle/>



Looking for an excuse to visit our friends up North?

Reaching out to all the clubs to let them know that we are back!

After 4 year hibernation our Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet is back. It is our 33rd event. It is the largest Classic & Vintage swap meet in western Canada and the Pacific NW states. British Columbia has some of the rarest and most unique motorcycles in North America. Just minutes north of the Sumas-Lynden border crossing in Abbotsford BC. 1.5 hours north of Seattle or 1 hour east of Vancouver.

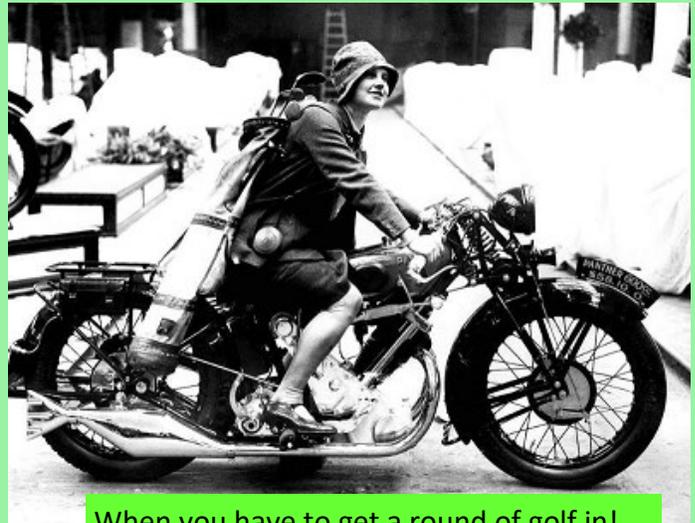
Sunday April 30th.

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Ride a Norton to Norton



When you have to get a round of golf in!



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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Only use the best British valve grinding paste on your British bike and Amazon has it.

Norton Colorado 2023 Event Schedule

This is my first shot at the schedule for 2023, and I think you should all have a chance to comment on it. If you are surprised to see your name listed as hosting an event or the date of "your" event is a problem, get in touch and we'll do what's needed — Eric

February 4 (Saturday), 5pm, Winter Banquet, African Grill and Bar, 955 S. Kipling Parkway, Lakewood CO 80226, <<https://africangrilllakewood.com/>>.

March 18 (Saturday), Spring Tech Day, host Bob Martin

April 16 (Sunday), Group Ride.

May 7 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by Ric and Joy Landeira.

May 28 (Sunday), Big Tent BBQ hosted by Eric Bergman & Susan Saarinen.

June 10 (Saturday), 8am to 2pm, Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show, Erie United Methodist Church, 604 Holbrook St., Erie 80516, contact Bob Kelly (720) 837-9090, <SuperHawk65@gmail.com>.

June 15-18 (Thursday-Sunday), Four Corners Rendezvous hosted by Steve Harris and Charley Gremmels.

June 21-24 (Wednesday-Saturday), INOA Rally, Winthrop, Washington.

July 9 (Sunday), Mt. Evans Ride and Brunch hosted by David Sheesley.

July 23 (Sunday), BMAC Picnic hosted by Frank & Joanne Puckett.

August 5-6 (Saturday-Sunday), Wimpy Sleepover hosted by Jamie & Michelle Jones.

August 20 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by Al and Barb Slarks.

September 10 (Sunday), Old Bike Ride.

September 17 (Sunday), English Motoring Conclave.

October 8 (Sunday), Plains Ride, hosted by Scott and Julie

October 21 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by Jonathan Chaikin and Tamara Hale.

November 11 (Saturday), Fall Tech Day, host TBD.

December 3 (Sunday), Pints Pub.

January 1, 2024 (Monday), Clancy's Irish Pub.

January 14, 2024 (Sunday), Lincoln's Roadhouse.



There will almost certainly be some changes, perhaps some additions, some may occur during the season, but if you put these dates into your calendar you probably won't be too far off.

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 2023 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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