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# Norton Colorado

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September 2023



## Upcoming Events

September 10 (Sunday), Old Bike Ride.

September 17 (Sunday), English Motoring Conclave.

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

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





## ***Jamie and Michelle Jones Wimpy Campout***

***Photos by Karen Bailey***

Hosts Jamie  
and Michelle











## Summer 2023 Travels by Scott Robinson

Our first trip was sort of a hybrid. We went to Indianapolis for Julie's mom's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Julie flew out so she could spend more time with her mom. I rode my Road King out. After a family birthday party we took Mom's car out to Hershey, PA to visit The home of Hershey's chocolate. We did all the chocolate stuff for a day then



visited the AACA Transportation Museum for a few hours. The museum was very nice and had quite a collection of cars.

After dropping Julie and Mom off in Indy I headed home via southern Illinois and The Ozarks in Missouri. Along the way I crossed the Mississippi at Chester, Illinois.

Chester, I was excited to learn, is the home of Elzie Segar, the man who created Popeye. I'm a big Popeye fan so I spent some time in town visiting the Popeye museum and checking out some of the Popeye character statues.



The next day I spent cruising 300 miles of the roller coaster roads of the Ozarks. So much fun, nicely paved roads, relatively empty, beautiful scenery on a beautiful sunny day. I spent another half day playing and then headed home through southern Kansas on US 50.

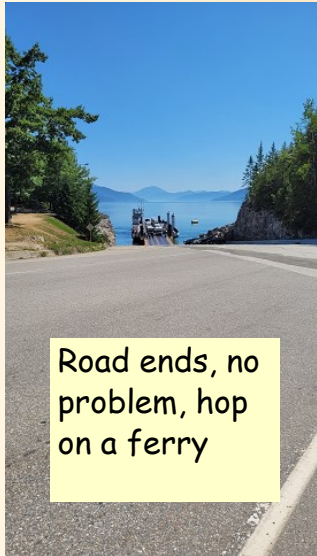
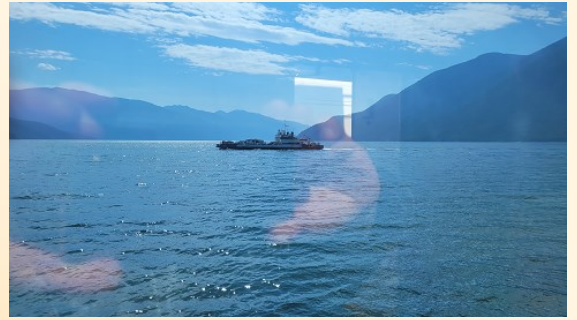


Next up was a return to British Columbia, Canada. On a previous trip the locals said they ride in the Kootenays region. I ended up buying a T-shirt featuring "Ride the Kootenays" with a list of 24 towns. I had 2 goals for this trip. One was to ride a minimum of 1000 miles in Canada (I rode over 1500 miles) and the other was to go through as many of the towns listed on my shirt as I could (22 out of 24). Other than that,

I had no plans. I rode where I rode each day then every night I decided where to go next. I listened to the locals and went where they suggested.



British Columbia is a beautiful place, green, mountainous, plenty of lakes and rivers. It reminds me of Colorado about 30 plus years ago, laid back and empty. The roads are well paved and curvy which makes for fun riding. Other drivers are polite and drive well. Speed limits are rather slow, but most drivers, including myself, seem to



Road ends, no problem, hop on a ferry

consider them a suggestion rather than written in stone. I had no issues on the road at all. One day I rode two hundred miles, round trip, on a beautiful mountain road along the Columbia River and counted about 12 other vehicles along the way.

One of my favorite features are the ferries. Roads end at a river or lake and travelers then board a ferry for the ride across where the road continues. The ferries carry all vehicles, including some very big trucks. They run constantly so there wasn't much of a wait, and they are free.

The weather was perfect, except for one day coming home. My bike was a pleasure to ride. I had all the fun I could handle, wore myself out and came home. I ended up being out for 11 days and rode just under 3700

miles. Another fun and exciting trip.

Plenty of fires in BC. This one was right across the river. I could see the flames, but couldn't catch them in a picture,





## **Motorcycle Stuff on the web:**

Check out the club websites new photo galleries:

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

Here's the link to the discussions page on the website:

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

National MC museum in Anamosa, Iowa is closing

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

### **The great British motorcycle scam – part one**

Norton Motorcycles was once one of the most prestigious brands in motorsport. So how did it become the vehicle for a multimillion pound pension fraud that has left investors penniless? Simon Goodley reports

Read in The Guardian: <https://apple.news/A5dXS6F90QlqrIE83rBclPw>

Tough on Two Wheels

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FrThfS\\_I0k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FrThfS_I0k)

Great tool to have .

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Julian K sent the picture of 3 guys looking at the BSAs in the window. Then Bob H responded with the picture of the 2 cops looking at the adult store window. Now I have that old song "How Much is that Doggie in the Window" stuck in my head . Damn.



... Can you spot the problem?

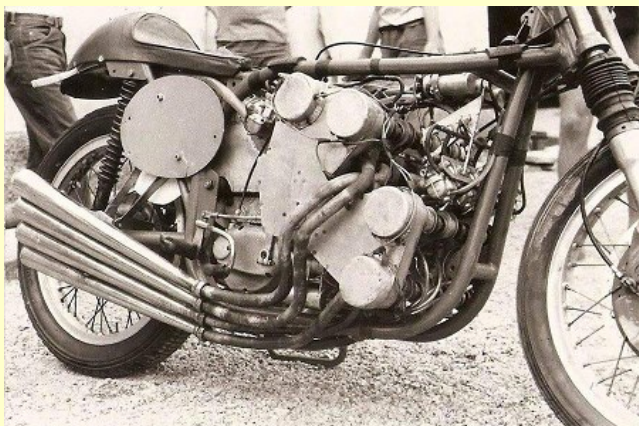


Something old....



Something new

A Norton V-8 ?





## ***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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Fastback tailpiece

MK3 seat



Highrider seat base



# Sunflower AMCA National Road Run

September 11- 13, 2023  
El Dorado KS

Ride the Kansas Flint Hills

Rendezvous with the Cannonball  
in Augusta KS September 14

Register at [www.antiquemotorcycle.com](http://www.antiquemotorcycle.com)  
Details at [www.sunfloweramca.org](http://www.sunfloweramca.org)

Greetings from Greg Ray: Linda and me all signed in and room reservations acquired at host hotel. Lots of aviation history in Wichita area. Sunflower chapter full of good people who will help you push your bike to start it! Be there or be square, Gregorio

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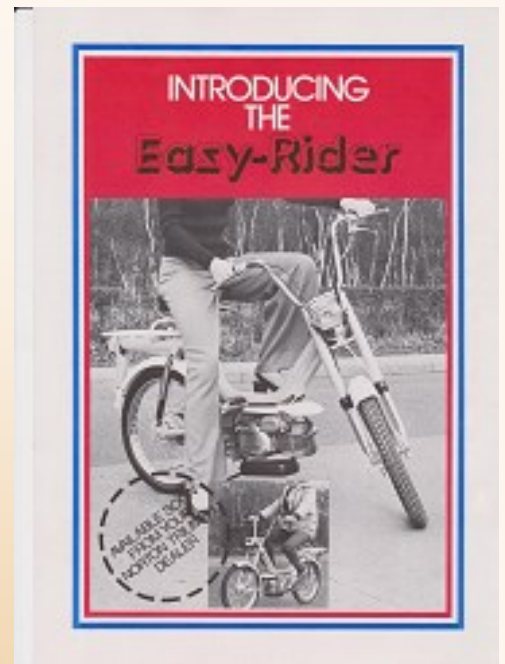
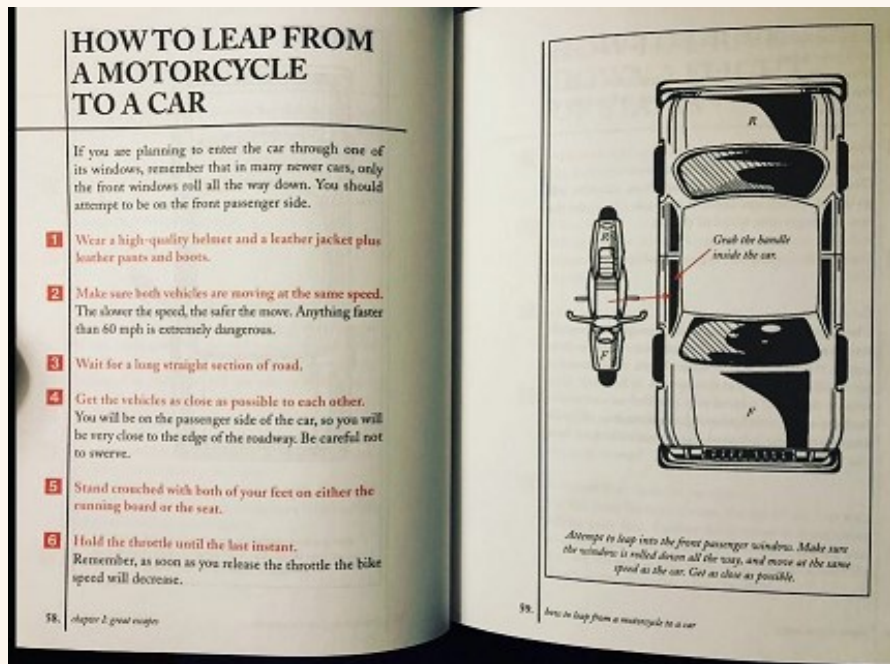
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Girls and their Nortons!!







Now that Jim Colt had turned 80 he is studying for his new career as a stunt man. Or, maybe, he's watching too many Fast and Furious movies?

No scooters for Jim.

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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Norton's new V-4





## Norton Colorado 2023 Event Schedule

**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 27 (Saturday)**, AHRMA Vintage Motocross races at Miliken.

**June 4 (Sunday)**, Big Tent BBQ hosted by Eric Bergman & Susan Saarinen.

**June 10 (Saturday)**, 8am to 2pm, Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show, Erie United Methodist Church,

**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 Robinson

**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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