

October 2023



# **Upcoming Events**

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.

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

Due to predicted thunderstorms, this year's Old Bike Ride was the shortest and fastest of all the OBR's I've been on. It was, however, just as much fun as any other OBR. Seventeen of us, including 6 or 7 Nortons, left Golden and managed to beat out the rain while enjoying a nice ride in the local mountains. We took a shortcut down US 6, but that gave me a chance to see the results of years of construction on that road. So far, so good. The road is well paved with several added turnouts and parking areas near the local hiking trails and fishing holes. A very nice improvement. Thanks to Eric for organizing this year's ride.









Marc Lomax



John Cheever



From Eric: I want to thank all of you who came out for the Old Bike Ride last Sunday. It was a wellattended event with an excellent turnout of Nortons, including Ron Weaver on his ES2. I have to mention John Cheever riding a very cool 1959 Enfield-Indian 750 (one of two he bought from Arnie Beckman's dad). The ride went smoothly, with a couple minor navigational missteps and a fuel-consumption error that was easily dealt with by the sag wagon. Leading up to this event I found myself wondering if it was still worth trying to organize it, but it looks as if the OBR has a little life left in it after all.

























#### Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

Check out the club websites new photo galleries: <a href="https://nortoncolorado.org/galleries/">https://nortoncolorado.org/galleries/</a>

Here's the link to the discussions page on the website: <a href="https://nortoncolorado.org/discussions/">https://nortoncolorado.org/discussions/</a>

National MC museum in Anamosa, Iowa is closing https://www.rideapart.com/news/640892/national-motorcycle-museum-closing-2023/

Some interesting pics, article is in French Gus Kuhn - Le Dépassionné (over-blog.com)

More on Gus Kuhn Commandos Gus Kuhn Motors

Interesting article Theresa Wallach and her Norton's (ntnoa.org)





#### 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.

Bob Herman 719 256-4527; romomoto@gmail.com

Eric Bergman <a href="mailto:ebergman@csd.net"></a>





Fastback tailpiece

MK3 seat









Highrider seat base



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 Colorado 2023 Event Schedule

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

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 Milliken.

**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 Char ley 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,



### 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 rescheduled 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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