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Norton Colorado

Newsletter

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Plains Ride Group 2023

Upcoming Events

November 19 (Sunday) **NEW DATE** Fall Tech Day, Host : Eric Bergman
December 3 (Sunday), Pints Pub.

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

The Plains Ride hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson

Once again, the Plains ride was fun and well attended. We had 13 bikes, 5 or so of them Nortons, and Bob's BMW convertible. The weather was perfect, the roads were relatively empty, lunch was nice and the company was excellent. Thanks to everyone who came out today. I had a great time.

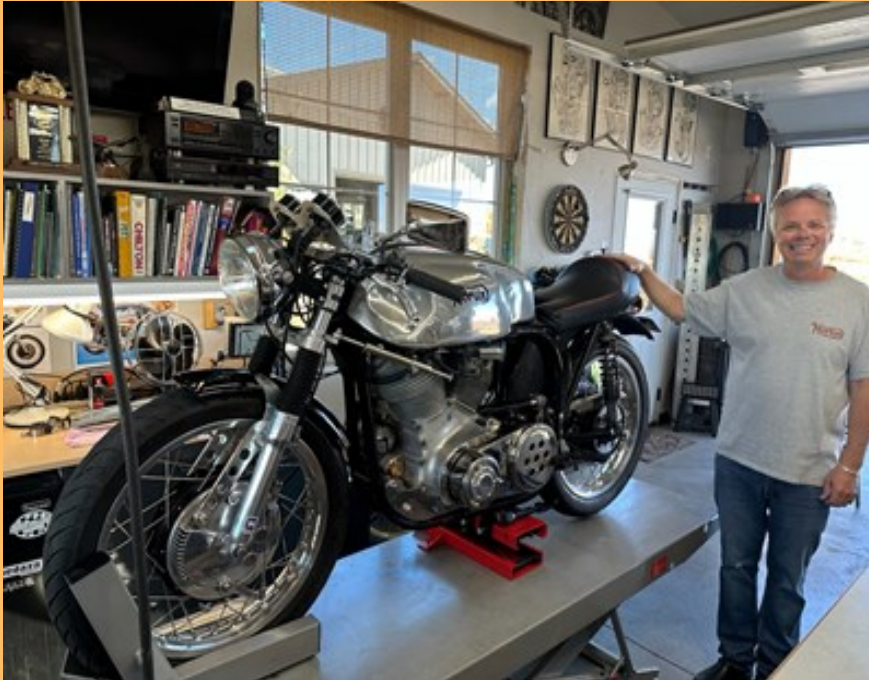


Jonathan, Tamara and Hazel Open House

Beautiful weather, great company, excellent food and motorcycles. What more can you ask for?

Jonathan had a chance to show off the latest addition to his collection, a 1952 Norvin (Norton featherbed frame/ Vincent Black Shadow motor). Quite the beast!

Also, perhaps someone is interested in a bike or bike project... Jonathan is planning on selling a few due to time and space constraints. Contact him for more information. JonathanChaikin@gmail.com Cell-720-447-5991



Ol' Blue Hits the Road Again Part 1

By Frank Puckett



This is a story, as much as I know it, about a Dunstall Commando that came into my possession. I restored this motorcycle, and I will share what little history I have.

I bought the wrecked Dunstall bike from Bob Ohman in the spring of 2020 when Bob was paring down his projects. The story I have so far is that Bob originally owned the bike, and Eric Bergman has a picture of it in 2007 when Bob brought it to a Norton Club meeting. I would love to know if anyone knows when and where Bob got the bike. Sometime later, Matt Baroody had this Dunstall Commando. The story is that Matt was riding it down Santa Fe Boulevard and the carbs stuck wide open. He laid it down, damaging the tank, fairing, and seat. The probable cause was that resin from the fiberglass tank was dissolving from ethanol gasoline and seized the slides in the carbs. I can attest that the slides are glued in the old Amals, absolutely frozen in place.

I believe Bob took the broken bike back with plans to restore it. Since almost all the pieces of the fiberglass bodywork were damaged in some way, he had obtained a tank, fairing, and seat that were to be used as replacements. The replacement parts were not Dunstall pieces, but probably Gus Kuhn parts. I decided that I could repair the original Dunstall parts to use on the bike. The fairing was in pretty bad shape, and I was able to get a NOS Dunstall fairing on Ebay. Then I repaired the tank and seat and the badly damaged dashboard/fairing support. The engine and gearbox were completely refurbished, as were the forks and the wheels.



The Dunstall Commando
in 2007

Bob Ohman at Colorado
Conclave, 2007. Bob passed
away in 2021.





Matt Baroody, I believe, on the Dunstall.
Matt passed away in 2022.



Pictures of the wrecked bike.



The completed restoration, and I have named
her Ol' Blue!

Editor's note: More to come next month
about Frank's amazing restoration.



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:

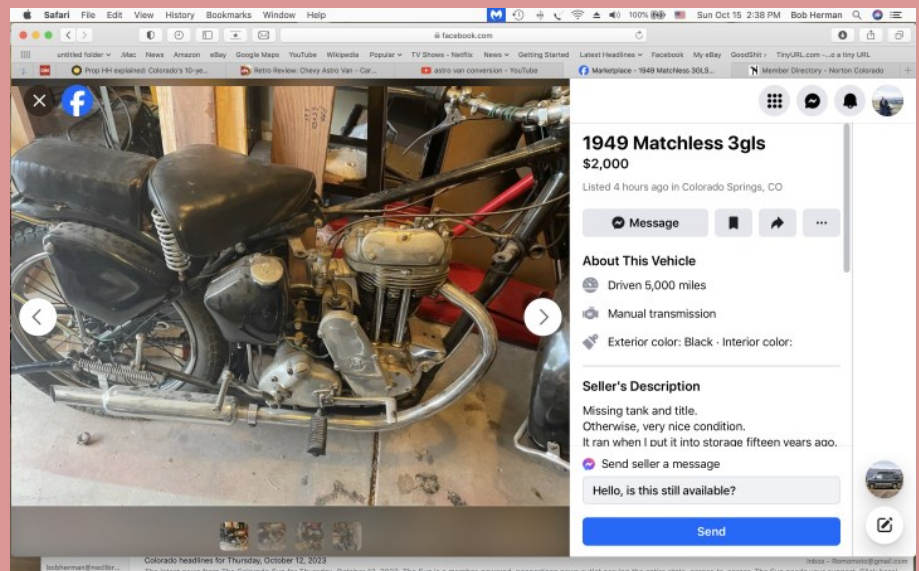
<https://nortoncolorado.org/discussions/>

World Traveler And Trailblazer Mary Sievier

<https://www.advrider.com/mary-siever/>

Gary's square 4

<https://www.carandclassic.com/auctions/1959-ariel-square-four-mk2-g23qen>



Nice side valve Norton

Actual side valve Norton for sale

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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Nice lines



Swedish Hedlund V1000



Bond Girl



No Comment



A Colorado Norton Works bike

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 <bergman@csd.net>



Fastback tailpiece

MK3 seat



Highrider seat base



This bike is up for auction
[1992 Norton F1 Sport \(handh.co.uk\)](http://handh.co.uk)

ALMOST too nice to ride.



Ron Woods Flat tracker

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 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 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 22 (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/>

Solar eclipse as seen in Texas



Featherbed antics

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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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