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Norton Colorado

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Newsletter

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OBR 21 Group Photo

Upcoming Events *2024 Calendar See Page 12.*

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October 27, 2024 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by Jonathan Chaikin and Tamara Hale.

November 9, 2024 (Saturday), Fall Tech Day.

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



This year's Old Bike Ride was a doozy. It was longer and twistier than any I've been on in the past. The weather was beautiful as was the scenery. There were 21 bikes, about half of them Nortons. Thanks to Eric for planning out the route. Thanks to Hans for leading and actually keeping most of us together in a group for almost the whole ride. Also, thanks to everyone who showed up to make this one fun day.



Check out the ride on Relive, thanks to Jo Teague

['Ohman OBR #21' | Relive](#)

COLORADO English Motoring CONCLAVE



We had 3 winners from the club: Michael Homs got 'Best of Show (Motorcycles)' for his great Super Norton that he's been perfecting all these years! The awards for the Norton marque went to Mike Fields (1st place), Michael Homs (2nd place), and Gene Brown (3rd place)



Mike Field's beautiful Norton receives best Norton of show ribbon



Mike Homs receiving the best motorcycle of show award



Competing advertisements:

Not sure if it's true about a Suzuki, but the guy on the Norton seems to be doing ok





My next door neighbor is Chinese from Singapore. This is a Pic of her parents on his Norton the day they got engaged in 1966. He bought it brand new and had it for several years until they both crashed on it. Both survived but apparently not the bike. See ya!

Hans



From Jim Colt

Most of us have motorcycle that has been sitting the garage way too long without running. My old 1997 Suzuki Holeshot Bandit ran very little in the last 10 years and it would start, but not idle. My carb repair efforts did not change that. Bob Martin told me about a guy on Craigslist that worked on carbs and I found his contact info. As a result, Aston Reynolds took my carbs and ran them through his hydroponic cleaner. He then came out, installed the carbs and did some minor adjustments. He then took it for a 10-minute test drive. Aston is highly skilled at this and it runs like new! I am putting the bike on "Bring a Trailer" and need it to run perfectly. A normal cost for the visit and basic carb work is about \$200.

Aston has been doing this for about 10 years to support his motorcycle racing addiction. He is quite busy and you can schedule a visit on-line.

Jim's Holeshot Bandit: <https://www.holeshot.com/suzuki/bandit/project>

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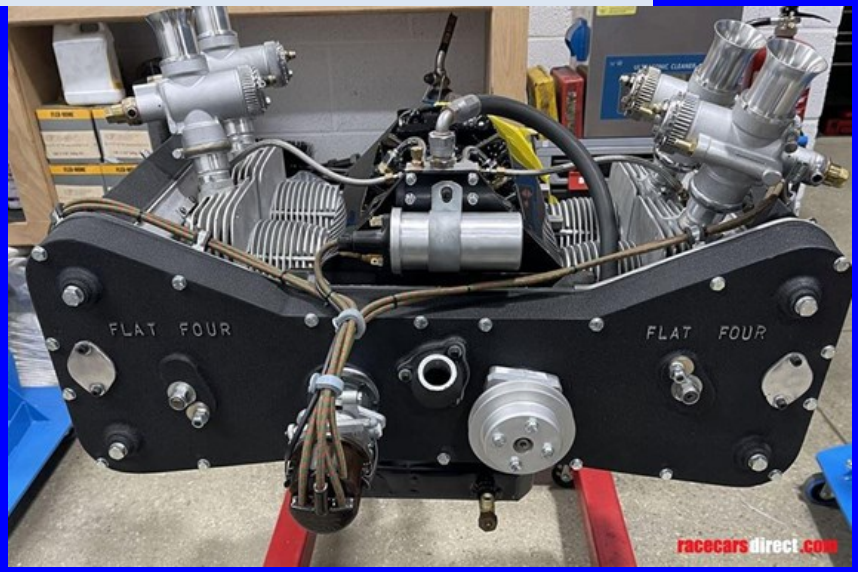
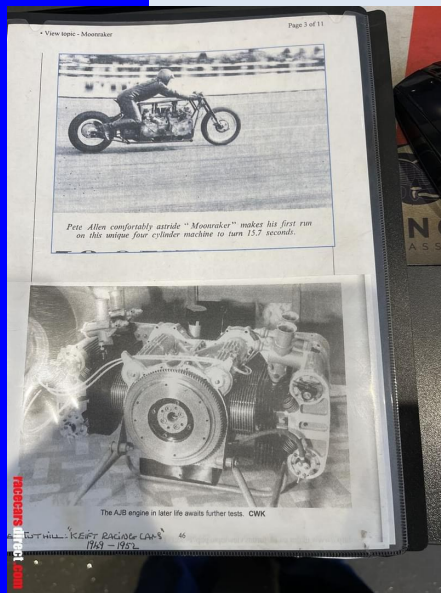
And now for something completely different



Bob Herman's Guzzis



2000cc Manx Norton opposed 4. Amal GP/TT carburetors can work at most any angle using remote float bowl(s) (not installed)





Fart means speed in Swedish. This is a real magazine from the 60s and 70s.



See ya later



This engine was made to replace dominator twin in early sixties but project was abandoned . Its a prototype later rebuilt. Think it is a 650.



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/>

A great article about the gas you use.

<https://www.advriders.com/octane-what-it-is-and-what-it-means-to-you/>

Up close. Norton 588 rotary race bike. Manx Grand Prix special

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yfy53n0OzWI>

Bonhams Cars : The Autumn Stafford Sale - The Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show

https://cars.bonhams.com/auktion/29728/the-autumn-stafford-sale-the-classic-motorcycle-mechanics-show/?sortBy=lots_virtual_sort_price_desc&page=11

How Do You Read A Motorcycle Spark Plug?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_M5jwSx6jc

Good doc but note he is talking about racing. Most racing is done using high octane leaded fuel. Lead is the most common way to raise the octane. It also creates most of the coloring on a spark plug.

Unleaded fuel will not produce a ring at the same position and it is difficult to determine the correct ratio using this method. A wideband ox. sensor is the best way to know when the mixture is correct when using unleaded fuel. [and Nortons need to be pretty rich to help keep them cool] Jim Comstock

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:

Jesse Carraway

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Stop light cameras in Colorado city to be adjusted to issue citations for speeding as well

By Dillon Thomas

August 29, 2024 / 7:41 PM MDT / CBS Colorado

The City of Fort Collins will soon begin issuing citations for people caught speeding through intersections with traffic cameras. The city will be turning on the speed detection function on their intersection cameras, which before only monitored drivers for running red lights.

The change comes after Colorado lawmakers changed state law to allow automated systems to issue citations to drivers for speeding.

Prior to the new law many cities, including Fort Collins, owned and operated speed enforcement cameras. However, they had to be monitored by a human while in operation.

The new law now allows cities to modify their current cameras to issue citations for speeding without human supervision.

CBS

"Our traffic unit is small, there are only six assigned officers. So, we can't cover the entire city alone," said Michael Avrech, a lieutenant for Fort Collins Police Services.

Avrech said the department has often had to rely on patrol officers to also help enforce speed laws due to their traffic unit's size. Now, with the assistance of the cameras, officers will be able to focus more of their time on other traffic infractions or crimes.

In order to utilize the cameras, Fort Collins Police had to provide statistics and surveys that showed the corridors being monitored had histories of traffic safety issues and concerns.

In collecting their data, **the city identified 21 thoroughfares that could use the help of camera monitoring.**

Avrech noted that a majority of the major roadways through the city, including Harmony Road, Mulberry Street, College Avenue, Lemay Avenue, and Timberline Road.

The city has used a fleet of Jeep vehicles to issue speeding citations in the past. However, they were always manned.

"We have had a speed program since 1997," Avrech said. "Previously, it required a person to be in the vehicle during that enforcement period."

Avrech said the city plans to start placing the Jeep vehicles for enforcement without human presence. Those vehicles will start issuing \$40 citations to people driving more than 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. Anyone going over 25 miles per hour over the limit will have an officer sent to their home to receive a citation.

The city is also planning to deploy much smaller boxes on the sides of roadways that will do the same type of enforcement. All cameras, including those at intersections, are clearly labeled with signs warning the public of upcoming monitoring.

The cameras already installed at intersections will soon be switched over to also enforcing speed laws.

Those cameras will enter a 30-day warning period, where those who are caught speeding in the first month of operation will receive a warning. After that window closes citations will be issued in the same manner as the other cameras.

Avrech said the new capabilities of the cameras will allow his officers to focus on other infractions while freeing time to work more closely with the community on other needs.

"It gives more opportunity for our officers to focus proactivity on crimes," Avrech said. "Fort Collins has a vision zero plan to reduce and eliminate serious injury crashes and fatalities, so this is directly related to that."

FCPS said it will be creating a resource of its website that will allow the community to monitor statistics from the cameras including the number of citations issued and the amount of money they bring in.

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>](mailto:bergman@csd.net)



Fastback tailpiece

MK3 seat



Bob Herman's Royal Enfield Bullet
(Not sure if this is for sale?)



Highrider seat base



Norton Colorado 2024 Event Schedule

February 4, 2024 (Sunday), 5pm, Winter Banquet, African Grill and Bar.

March 23, 2024 (Saturday), Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum, Colorado Springs.

May 19, 2024 (Sunday, 10-1), Open Garage hosted by Ric and Joy Landeira.

June 2, 2024 (Sunday), Big Tent BBQ

June 8, 2024 (Saturday), 8am to 2pm, Colorado Vintage Motorcycle Show,

June 13-16, 2024 (Thursday-Sunday), Four Corners Rendezvous hosted by Steve Harris and Charley Gremmels.

June 17-21, 2024 (Monday-Friday), INOA Rally, Woodstock, New Hampshire.

July 7, 2024 (Sunday), Mt. Evans Ride and Brunch hosted by David Sheesley.

July 21, 2024 (Sunday), BMAC Picnic hosted by Frank & Joanne Puckett.

August 3-4, 2024 (Saturday-Sunday), Wimpy Sleepover hosted by Jamie & Michelle Jones.

August 18, 2024 (Sunday), Open Garage.

September 8, 2024, Sunday, Old Bike Ride.

September 15, 2024 (Sunday), English Motoring Conclave.

October 6, 2024 (Sunday), Plains Ride, hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson.

October 27, 2024 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by Jonathan Chaikin and Tamara Hale.

November 9, 2024 (Saturday), Fall Tech Day.

December 8, 2024 (Sunday), Pints Pub.

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday), Clancy's Irish Pub.

January 12, 2025 (Sunday), Piper Inn.

February 1, 2025 (Saturday) Winter Banquet. (Ideas for a new venue? Contact Eric)



Membership

Membership in Norton Colorado is open to anyone, regardless of whether they own a Norton, or any motorcycle whatsoever.

Dues are \$25 per 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 2024 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/>

**Did you know that every tire comes with a preinstalled GPS chip so you can be located in 5G networks?
If you don't want to be tracked, you have to cut off the little antenna that sticks out.**



The arrows point out where the oil is going to leak out



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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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