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Upcoming Events

2025 Calendar See Page 9

September 7, 2025, Sunday, Old Bike Ride.

September 14, 2025 (Sunday), English Motoring Conclave.

October 12, 2025 (Sunday), Plains Ride, hosted by Scott and Julie Robinson.

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

The Annual British Motorcycle Association Picnic Report and Photos by Frank Puckett

The Sunday, July 20th, picnic at Frank and Joanne's house was a great success. The weather cooperated, which was nice. We had several Norton Colorado members in attendance in addition to BMAC members and motorcycle friends, probably at least a crowd of 40. Gary Hopkins led the morning ride up to Sedalia and Sprucewood with fifteen riders in all. The afternoon feed included hamburgers, bratwursts, baked beans, potato salad, and the always popular ice cream bars. New Bonneville Salt Flat bikes were on display, and a couple were started so everyone could appreciate how loud supercharged, open pipes can be. Thanks to all those who made the journey to Monument!





69' Norton Fastback



The 1969 Norton Commando Fastback is a classic British motorcycle known for its distinctive styling and innovative Isolastic anti-vibration system. It was one of the first models in the Commando range, introduced in 1967, and was initially the sole model available. The Fastback name was used to differentiate it from later models like the Roadster., Commando Fastback pioneered the Isolastic system, which significantly reduced engine vibration, improving rider comfort. The Fastback's styling, particularly the long, sloping tail section, was a departure from traditional designs and was initially controversial. Sent from my iPhone

Jamie and Michelle Jones Open House

Another fine Norton Club gathering. Plenty of good conversation and good food topped off with the traditional homemade ice cream. Thanks to Jamie and Michelle for hosting and everyone else who showed up making for yet another fun Norton Sunday afternoon.



From our European Members



Peter Allens' Model 18 in
West Cork Ireland

Over in Scotland, Gino and Fiona Rondelli have been out "flying the flag".



And a French Motorcycle



For more information about this interesting French motorcycle:
[Cycleweird: Koehler-Escoffier Motorcycles](#)



Norton Pimp: It's from an Hillman imp . ([Hillman Imp - Wikipedia](#)) [Made](#) originally by Coventry Climax as a pump , All alloy 850cc 4 cylinder . From the 1960's

From Bob Herman: Unless I'm mistaken, that engine was also in the Sunbeam Imp - which was, I believe, a re-badged Hillman a la Sprite/Midget. The first car I drove back in around 1965 was a neighbor's Sunbeam Imp with a 4-speed stick. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT8K26FnCs4>

A very rare photo smuggled out of England during the early 60s! It shows a Vicar performing an exorcism on a poor possessed Norton! It is not clear whether the Prince Of Darkness was banished from the Norton? One can only hope it was successful!



An equally rare photo smuggled out from tech day several years ago of Jack Abeyta also trying to exorcise demons from his poor possessed Norton. Jack's antics (and maybe some mechanical help) were successful.

Norton for Sale



1974 Norton 850 Commando for sale. The engine is running and has recently been worked on. Gaskets will need to be replaced though. The motorcycle is currently located in the Denver Metro area. Asking price of \$10,000.

Please contact:

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For more information.



This is the card of Bryan Flanigan, used to work at Vintage Twins. Started his own shop about 6 months ago. I've used him for vapor blasting, good guy. Also works on older Jap bikes. Harder and harder these days to find someone to work on classic stuff, spread the word to the club and bring him your business!

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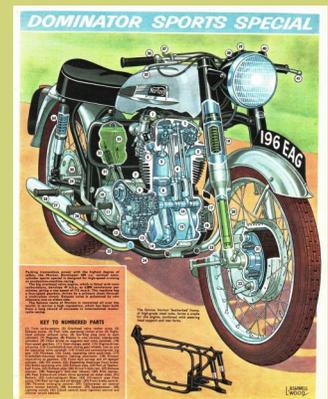
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Motorcycle Stuff on the web:

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/>

OLD MADRAS MOTORCYCLES

[facebook.com/OLD-Madras-Motorcycles-1205710159600368](https://www.facebook.com/OLD-Madras-Motorcycles-1205710159600368) and 1 more link

Norton Colorado: INOA 2025 Norton Motorcycle Rally - Day 1 (of 3) - Fantastic Nortons - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkI4ZPWUWs>

Norton 650 Unified Twin Prototype introduction - on the bike lift, ready for work to commence!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe8P5BOoSck>



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 2025 Event Schedule

Here is the first draft of the club's 2025 event schedule. I've taken the liberty (based on past performance) of listing you as a host for an event. Please have a look and let me know if you are still willing to host an event, or if the date needs to be changed. Also, if you would like to host an event of some sort, please contact Eric.

February 8, 2025 (Saturday), 6:30pm, Winter Banquet,
Mickey's Top Sirloin, 6950 N. Broadway

March 23, 2025 (Sunday) Museum.

April 19, 2025 (Saturday), Group Ride.

May 18, 2025 (Sunday), Open Garage / Tech Day
hosted by Al and Barb Slarks.

June 1, 2025 (Sunday), Big Tent BBQ hosted by Eric
Bergman & Susan Saarinen.

June 7, 2025 (Saturday), 8am to 2pm, Colorado Vintage
Motorcycle Show

June 12-15, 2025 (Thursday-Sunday), Four Corners
Rendezvous hosted by Steve Harris and Charley
Gremmels.

June 16-21, 2025 (Monday-Saturday), INOA Rally,
Quincy, Cal

July 13, 2025 (Sunday), Mt. Evans Ride and Brunch hosted by
David Sheesley.

July 20, 2025 (Sunday), BMAC Picnic hosted by Frank & Joanne Puckett.

August 3, 2025 (Sunday), BBQ and open garage hosted Jamie & Michelle Jones.

September 7, 2025, Sunday, Old Bike Ride.

September 14, 2025 (Sunday), English Motoring
Conclave.

October 12, 2025 (Sunday), Plains Ride, hosted by Scott
and Julie Robinson.

October 26, 2025 (Sunday), Open Garage, hosted by
Jonathan Chaikin and Tamara.

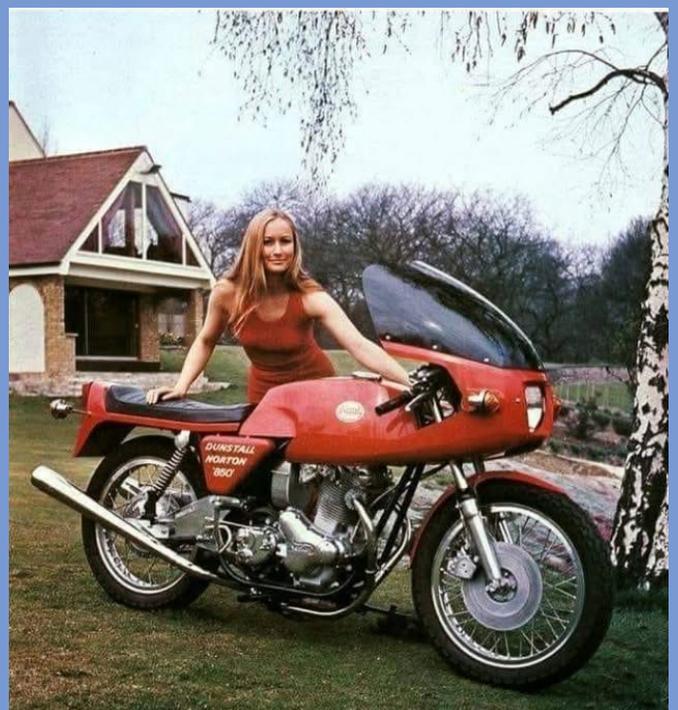
November 8, 2025 (Saturday) Tech Day

December 7, 2025 (Sunday), Pub meeting.

January 1, 2026 (Thursday), Clancy's Irish Pub.

January 18, 2026 (Sunday), Pub meeting.

February 7, 2026 (Sat) Winter Banquet.



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/>



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