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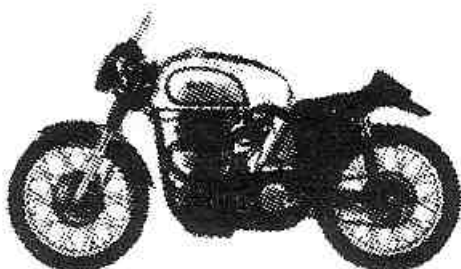
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One of the Francis Beart prepared Manx 500's

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◆ 1999 Club Rides ◆

date	time	alt date	event	meet at	contact
Nov 6	10AM	N/A	All British Ride	(see below)	
Nov 7	10 AM	N/A	Marin Ride	**	
Nov 21	11 AM	N/A	Boulder Creek	Alices	Alan G.

** to be determined

Earn Norton Points by attending OfficialNOC events Ride a Norton: 6 Points, Any other bike: 4 points, Ride on 4 wheels: 2 points Weekend events are tallied by day. At the end of each year the member with the highest point total is awarded the Norton Cup and gets a free year membership.

1999 Club Meetings

The club meets at 8:00pm on the second Thursday of each month at rotating venues.

Nov 11 Harrys Hofbrau San Leandro
 Dec 12 Xmas Party (See Page 6)

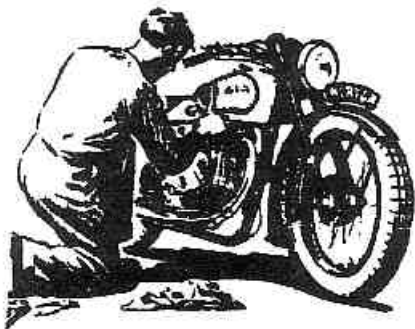
Northern California All-British Ride & Party Tenth and Last annual Don Danmeier 50th Birthday Party Saturday, November 6th 1999

- British Bikes Only- No Exceptions!
- British Bike Club membership required (join a club that morning, applications will be available)
- No Racing, it's not the time or place.
- No Charge

Ride departs 10:00 am sharp at Lyons' Restaurant, 940 Seventh Street, Novato California Please park your bike at the curb, not in the parking lot. For trailer queens there's truck parking at Don's house. Party/Bench racing begins at 1:00

For out of town friends; Travelodge (415) 883-4400
 For more info call Don Danmeier (415) 898-0330 (till 9pm)

Alan's Wrench



At our Annual General Meeting at the Oldtimers picnic, the following nominations for Club officers were made and seconded:

President: Mike Sullivan
VP: Alan Goldwater
Sec/Treas: Alan Mueller
Rides Coordinator: Gar Jorgenson

These were all accepted by all nominees, and none were contested at the following club meeting on October 14, so unless anyone objects or wishes to contest a position, no formal election will be needed. Other Club business discussed included the current Club bank balance (\$1107) and the NOC-UK calendars, which we will be ordering in bulk for sale to members (expected price of \$12). There was also a viewing of Art Sirota's lovely Sunbeam S7 twin, and a discussion of Norton valve guides and seals.

The NOC Christmas party will be held on December 12 at the home of Jerry and Wendy Grainger in Hillsborough. Please see the map elsewhere in this issue, or call Jerry at (650)348-5840 for details. The

party will start at around 1 PM, and will be a pot-luck, so please bring a side dish, desert or beverage. We will also have our traditional luck-of-the-draw 'silly gift exchange'. This is optional, but if you want to join in, bring a motorcycle-related gift of around \$20 value.

The INOA National rally will be in southern Utah next year, well within reach for us. The rally chairman is Tom Kullen, who also hosted the races at Park City last month. Here are the advance details as sent by Tom:

Norton 2000-The Red Rock Rally, Thousand Lakes Campground, Torrey, Utah-July 12-16, 2000. Everyone seems to be pretty excited to get to this part of the USA as many have never been to southern Utah before. Former hideout of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, the location for countless western movies, in the heart of Utah's Color Country, the gateway to 5 National Parks (more than any other state) and did I mention the roads??? In the heart of some of the best sweepers around and at the start of the famous HYWY 12 written about in just about every motorcycle publication in the US and rated one of the top ten motorcycle roads in the US. Details and a website are works in process.

Tom Kullen;Co-Chair INOA Red Rock Rally VP-INOA utahnorton@sisna.com
Please mark your 2000 calendar (as soon as you have one) and make this a part of your vacation plans for next year.

Y2K RIDE SCHEDULE

By Gar Jorgenson, Rides Coordinator

OK all of you club members out there. Time is drawing nigh to set the ride schedule for the last year of this millenium. Yes, popular media hype aside, we don't start working on the third thousand years until 2001, so we have one more year to ride our 20th century stallions in the 20th century. And you have one more chance to be a ride leader in the 20th century.

That's right, this is an appeal to all of you folks there in the back of the pack muttering, "Who thought up this ride? I could do better than this even if I had the flu!" This is directed to you riders who can more quickly identify club members by their backsides than you can by their faces. Or those of you who wonder why the ride is never closer than two counties away from where you live. You know whom you are, so don't make me name names! Uncle Norton wants you!

Here are some of the benefits of being a ride leader:

- 1) You will gain the admiration and respect of your peers.
- 2) You will get an unobstructed view of the highway.
- 3) You will actually, I can't think of any other benefits!

So, now you are asking yourself, "Wow, with all of those pluses, how can I become a ride leader?" Well, it's pretty simple. **Step 1:** Decide you want to do it. **Step 2:** Decide when you want to do it. **Step 3:** Contact the Rides Coordinator (that's me) before the December meeting and I will present your proposal at the meeting. Pretty simple, huh!

As a potential ride leader you have several options for your ride. You may volunteer to lead one of the traditional rides that we go on each year. You may develop a completely new ride. Or you can take the entire club out to an expensive lunch at a classy restaurant, your treat.

As ride leader, the considerable resources of the Club will be at your disposal. Yes, that means the Rides Coordinator will be there for you every step of the way from planning the ride, to writing the ride report at the end of your successful day in the spotlight. This is clearly an opportunity you don't want to miss.

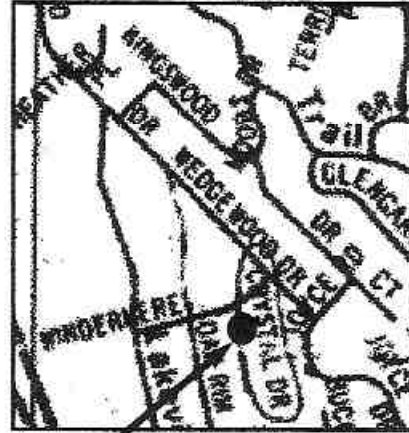
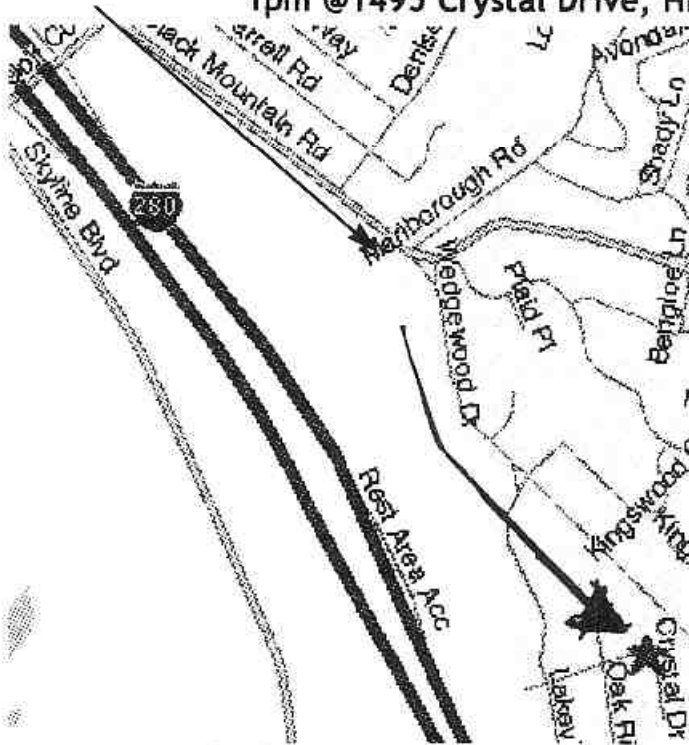
So, throw caution and good judgement to the wind. Give me a call at (925) 634-9395, or e-mail me at losono@mindspring.com You could even write. My address is on page two of the Notice.

Thanks, Gar Jorgenson, Rides Coordinator

NCNOC 1999 Christmas Party!

Jerry Grainger's home on Sunday December 12th

1pm @1495 Crystal Drive, Hillsborough Ca.



From 280 (3 miles North of 92) exit at Black Mountain Road. Turn Right at stop sign 1/2 mile south, (becomes Wedgewood) Bear 1/4 mile at stop sign to Windermere. We're on Windermere between Lakeview & Wedgewood, corner of Crystal Drive, NOT Crystal Springs Road.

It's a pot-luck, so please bring a side dish, desert or beverage. We will also have our traditional luck-of-the-draw 'silly gift exchange'. This is optional, but if you want to join in, bring a motorcycle-related gift of around \$20 value. Call Jerry for more info: (650) 348-5840

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Editors note: We actively encourage non-club members to post ads to sell Norton motorcycles, parts and Norton-specific services. All ads will run for 3 months (unless told otherwise). Please let us know if your item has been sold. Note the expiration date at the end of each ad.

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mail, John Gowan 11/99)

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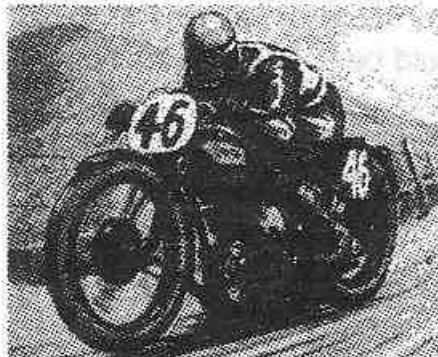
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NCNOC Meeting Minutes for October 1999

The October meeting of the Northern California Norton Owners Club was held Thursday eve the 14th. The meeting was held at Harry's Hofbrau in Mountain View. There were 19 members and guests present, 6 of them rode their Nortons.

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Goldwater at 8:45 PM. The slate of officers was discussed with nominations going to Mike Sullivan, President; Alan Goldwater, Vice-President; Alan Mueller, Secretary/Treasurer; Gar Jorgenson, Rides Coordinator; Notice Editor, still undecided. All of these nominations were unopposed, therefore, elected by acclamation.

The Christmas Party will be held this year at Jerry Grainger's home on Sunday December 12th. More details and a map should be in this months Notice.

Treasurer Alan Mueller gave a report. We have around \$1100 in the bank at this time. We are holding our own with returning members and new members.

A much deserved thanks was given to Mike Sullivan for all the work he did to put the Old Timer's Ride together. It turned out to be a very successful event.

New Rides/Coordinator, Gar Jorgenson is asking for volunteers again this year to help with rides. It seems to be a good idea to have club members host rides and help with organizing of them. This way we can get a better variety of events on the calendar. Those of you who have suggestions please call Gar.

We will try to organize another event with the Southern Cal group. Either Morrow Bay or Lake Cachunga was suggested.

The national NOC meet was discussed briefly, it will be in July and held in Southern Utah.

It was decided to order NOC calendars again. We will probably sell them for \$13 to members and \$15 for non-members. Get your orders into Alan Mueller (650)591-5444.

Mike Holbrook said his farewells to the club. He will be moving to Idaho. Good luck Mike.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Mueller secretary/treasurer.



THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NORTON OWNERS CLUB

Membership Application

The Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC) was started in San Francisco in the early 1970's and grew geographically larger to become the Northern California Club.

Club membership is typically limited to Norton Owners, but we look the other way all the time, at least as long as you would like to own a Norton, own other British bikes, or are just a great person to be around. So if you like to ride, repair, eat, drink and be merry and admire Norton motorcycles, it will cost you \$20 to join. The club has monthly rides (some times more frequent), monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month (at rotating venues) and award winning Newsletter and a website. If you would like to learn more about your Norton and how to take care of it, would like to buy a Norton or just want to have a good time with other club members, join now!

The NCNOC maintains a relationship with the U.S. Norton Owners Association (USNOA, also known as the International Norton Owners Association or the INOA) as well as the original club in England. Our club secretary will tell you how to join the U.K. organization if you have an interest.

The USNOA hosts a North American Rally each year and publishes a fine quarterly magazine called the *Norton News*. This gives you access to national want-ads and to merchants all over the country who advertise in the News as well as a national membership list. It is well worth joining and will cost another \$20. Send that to: Dian Stark, 12603 BelAire Circle, McCalla, AL. 35111 Phone: (205) 477-4340. We look forward to seeing you and your Norton on the high road.

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
 Motorcycles Owned
 Make Year Model Engine/Frame/Plate Numbers

Attach additional sheet to list more.

I hereby apply for membership in the Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC). Check One: New Membership Renewal application.

The undersigned application certifies that he or she is a legal resident of the U.S. over the age of 18, has a valid motorcycle drivers license, and will use legally required safety equipment in connection with club activities. Participant does hereby execute this release waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself and his or hers successors, representatives, and assigns, and hereby agrees and represents as follows: To release the Northern California Norton Owners Club ("The Club") and it's officers, agents and members from any and all liabilities, loss, damage, cost, claims and/or cause of action, including but not limited to all bodily injury and property damage arising out of participation in the Club's activities, it being specifically understood that such activities include the use by applicant and others of motorcycles. The applicant further agrees to indemnify the Club and it's officers, agents and members and hold them harmless for the results of the undersigned's participation in those activities. This indemnification also includes attorney's fees in defending any claim or judgment in the negotiation of any settlement. It is understood and agreed that the undersigned will have the opportunity to consent to any settlement; provided however, that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

I have read and agreed to the additional terms and conditions set forth on all parts of this application. Other affiliated clubs an organizations are also represented and protected by this release.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Send all applications or inquiries to: Alan Mueller, 128 Windsor Ct. San Carlos , CA. 94070
 (415) 591-5444